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[Wider Highways Coming To McMinn, Polk Counties \(Times Free-Press/Higgins\)](#)

A summer of roadwork is bringing what will become a loop of four-lane highways through McMinn and Polk counties. Work began this season to widen a portion of state Highway 30 between Athens and Etowah, and the project to widen U.S. Highway 411 from near Etowah through Benton continues. U.S. Highway 64 from the Bradley County line toward the Ocoee River gorge also is being widened. And while all this work on the ground goes on, so does planning for an eventual Corridor K through the Ocoee River gorge. "I understand people have been looking forward to this (the widening of SR 30) for a long time," said Teresa Brick, who works for project contractor Wright Brothers Construction Co. Her job is keeping highway traffic separated from giant earthmovers crossing a Highway 30 intersection in McMinn County. The deficiencies of Highway 30 caused Etowah to lose an industrial prospect, a distribution company, because there was no four-lane link to I-75 from the site, said Durant Tullock, executive director of the Etowah Area Chamber of Commerce.

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