



**STATE OF TENNESSEE
DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION**

REGION 2 DISTRICT 27

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September 9, 2026

Keith Strain
1786 Short Mountain Hwy.
Smithville, TN. 37166

**Re: Request for Entrance at SR 146 L.M. 5.283 and 5.401 LT
DeKalb County**

Dear : Keith Strain

This letter is in response to a request for an entrance permit at the subject locations. The TDOT District Engineering office in Cookeville has received a conceptual site plat for the property located along State Route 146. The plat dated December 11, 2025 was prepared by Christopher Blake Sexton, PLS and was received by TDOT on DATE 08/31/2026. TDOT has inspected the segment of right-of-way located along State Route 146 and is amenable to allowing one residential access to Tract 1 and one residential access to Tract 2 based on the conceptual site plat.

This letter of conditional approval is valid as long as the sight distance is maximized at each access point on State Route 146. The sight distance should be maximized by the location of the driveway, clearing of any vegetation, grading work, or by any other means that could increase the sight distance. If the property lines need to change, this letter shall be considered null and void, and the revised plan will need to be reviewed and approved by the TDOT District Engineering Office before a permit can be issued.

When the property owner or owners wish to begin the permitting process for driveways onto State Route, please contact Dawn Whitaker. she may be reached via email at dawn.whitaker@tn.gov or by phone at (931)520-2407.

Kind regards,

Seth Clinard
District 27 Team Lead
DeKalb, Putnam, White County