

Tennessee Infrastructure In The News

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Monterey Depot awarded grant (Herald-Citizen)

Construction of a replica train depot in the Town of Monterey is one step closer to reality with the recent awarding of a nearly \$300,000 grant from the Tennessee Department of Transportation. The project to rebuild the depot, which is being headed by the Monterey Depot Historical Society, was one of 36 across the state to be awarded funds through the competitive TDOT Transportation Enhancement program, which provides cities, counties and state organizations funds for activities such as the restoration of historic facilities, bike and pedestrian trails, landscaping, streetscaping and other non-traditional transportation projects... "The unfortunate demolition of the Monterey Tennessee Central Depot in the 1960s left the town without its original depot," said Gov. Phil Bredesen in a release. <http://www.herald-citizen.com/index.cfm?event=news.view&id=E64EC0E8-19B9-E2E2-67A15AB16E2F4AAB>

Memphis airport gets \$5.5 million FAA grant (Memphis Business Journal)

The Federal Aviation Administration announced Thursday a \$5.5 million grant for improvements at Memphis International Airport. The grant will help complete the second phase of construction on the cargo apron and help the Memphis-Shelby County Airport Authority update its master plan. The grant will also reimburse the airport for construction of the new airplane taxiway. <http://memphis.bizjournals.com/memphis/stories/2008/08/18/daily26.html?surround=fn>

Chattanooga: Bridge company to contest penalties (Times-Free Press)

The office manager for Seminole Equipment Inc. says his company did not act negligently or in error to cause the May 16 accident that killed one employee. Jim Klimis said he plans to contest a citation and fine assessed in connection with the incident. He will speak with the Tennessee Occupational Safety and Health Administration later this month, he said, to determine why the department fined his Tarpon Springs, Fla.-based company \$4,000 and issued a serious violation for failing to properly secure a cable that resulted in the death of Antonios Diassakos. "They really didn't find anything against us that we did wrong," Mr. Klimis said. "The employee himself did something that he shouldn't have." <http://timesfreepress.com/news/2008/aug/22/chattanooga-bridge-company-contest-penalties/?print>

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