

Tennessee Infrastructure In The News

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Lack of support leads TDOT to shelve toll road (Tennessean/Sanchez)

Hadley Bend project cut from proposal list The state pulled the plug on a proposed Nashville-to-Hendersonville toll road because not enough people said they wanted it. A lack of public support for the Hadley Bend Connector led the Tennessee Department of Transportation to cross it off the list of possible toll projects to present to the General Assembly in January. What started as eight proposals is down to three. The 6.4-mile road could have cost as much as \$400 million, crossing the Cumberland River three times and linking Vietnam Veterans Boulevard and Gallatin Road in Hendersonville and Briley Parkway in the Music Valley area. A 2007 state law requires the Tennessee Department of Transportation to propose one new roadway and one new bridge to be built as pilot projects in the state's proposed tolling system. "The General Assembly has been very clear that any tolling project that we would recommend would have to have a very strong level of public support," said Julie A. Oaks, spokeswoman for TDOT.

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City to contract with TDOT to improve four intersections (Leaf Chronicle)

The city is poised to enter a contract with the Tennessee Department of Transportation to improve four congested intersections. Under the contract, the Clarksville Street Department will improve the efficiency of four local intersections, mostly by adding additional turning lanes. Those intersections are: Richview Road and Madison Street, Madison Street and Martin Luther King Jr. Parkway, state Highway 48/13 and Riverside Drive, and Dunbar Cave Road and Wilma Rudolph Boulevard. A resolution authorizing Clarksville Mayor Johnny Piper to enter into the contract was approved Tuesday by the city's Finance and Administration Committee. The authorization must still be approved by the full City Council. Under the proposed contract, the Street Department will pay the up-front costs of work at the intersections, and would then be reimbursed by TDOT.

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