

Tennessee Infrastructure In The News

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Attorney general finds no legal barriers to WWTA repair plan (TFP/Wilson)

The Hamilton County Water and Wastewater Treatment Authority won't be breaking the law if it sends contractors onto private property to repair sewer lines, an opinion from the Tennessee attorney general states. "The provisions of (state law) effectively eliminate the need for a utility easement when the objective is to reduce sanitary sewer overflows, as long as the private property owner provides consent and agrees to hold the municipality harmless for the work," the opinion states. The question arose in reference to an authority plan to inspect and repair lateral lines — sewer lines that run from the main line under the road to the home. The authority has approved and soon may implement the plan, which includes an \$8 monthly fee for about 24,000 gravity sewer customers in Red Bank, Soddy-Daisy, East Ridge, Lookout Mountain, Signal Mountain, Lakesite, Ridgeside and some unincorporated parts of the county.
<http://www.timesfreepress.com/news/2008/sep/09/attorney-general-finds-no-legal-barriers-wwta-repa/?local>

Loan would fund Rutherford road, school projects (Tennessean)

Rutherford County may borrow \$44 million to pay for two road projects, an elementary school and part of two middle schools. The Rutherford County Commission will consider the funding when it meets at 6 p.m. Thursday at the County Courthouse in Murfreesboro on the public square. The commission's Budget, Finance & Investment Committee approved the concept Friday night. The construction projects call for: • Opening Brown's Chapel Elementary School on Baker Road northwest of Murfreesboro by 2009-10; • Opening a middle school near Buchanan School on U.S. 41 southeast of Murfreesboro by 2010-11; • Opening a middle school on DeJarnette Lane across from Oakland High School's back side in northeast Murfreesboro by 2010-11; • Widening Halls Hill Pike and Florence Road.
<http://www.tennessean.com/apps/pbcs.dll/article?AID=/20080909/COUNTY07/809090358/1350/COUNTY>

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