

## Tennessee Infrastructure In The News

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### ***A daily roundup of news stories and opinion pieces about Tennessee transportation, water and flood control infrastructure***

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#### **Madison-area greenway needs funding to finish trail (Tennessean)**

**PROBLEM:** Bill Hennessee walks almost every evening at the Peeler Park Greenway with his boxer, Sophie. "It's wonderful," he said. But he has a concern. At its farthest point, the loop trail crosses a swampy area. He thought a boardwalk was to be started almost two years ago to make traversing that easier. **ACTION:** The boardwalk and many more improvements are planned for Peeler Park Greenway, but all are awaiting funding. However, parks officials have contacted Hennessee about forming a TrailWatch unit and hope to encourage others to get involved with the Madison-area park and greenway, one of the lesser-known treasures in the city's growing greenways system. Peeler Park Greenway was part of the 2002 Parks & Greenways Master Plan, a \$60 million push for more parks and green spaces during Mayor Bill Purcell's administration. Purcell opened the park by leading a 1.5-mile walk June 17, 2007. Over a 10-year period, a total of \$3 million in spending is planned for the park, which will include a nature center, additional paved trails, permanent restrooms, an equestrian trailhead and parking, and a river overlook. So far, \$1.75 million has been set aside for improvements, with \$549,000 in the first phase complete.

<http://www.tennessean.com/apps/pbcs.dll/article?AID=2008809170433#pluckcomments>

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#### **Editorial: Another bailout: Highway fund gets \$8B (Knoxville News-Sentinel)**

It's been a tough summer for the free marketers of the Bush administration who believe that the economy is best served when the government keeps its hands off. It began with the Fed underwriting the sale of financial giant Bear Stearns. Then Treasury Secretary Henry Paulson took control of mortgage providers Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac. And Treasury is helping broker the sale-troubled Lehman Brothers, the nation's fourth largest investment bank. Now the White House has acquiesced in a congressionally authored infusion of \$8 billion from the Treasury to the fast dwindling highway trust fund, which President Bush had earlier threatened to veto as "both a gimmick and a dangerous precedent." The critical distinction is that the money in the Treasury comes from all taxpayers, while the money in the trust fund comes from highway users, principally in the form of a tax of 18.4 cents on gasoline and 24.3 cents on diesel fuel.

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