

Tennessee Infrastructure In The News

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

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Advocacy group says Tennessee airports need infrastructure (Commercial Appeal)

An advocacy organization for public bricks-and-mortar is calling for increased spending on bigger and better airports in the state. The Tennessee Infrastructure Alliance's new report estimates that airports across the state will need \$4.6 billion in improvements by 2030 to remain safe and competitive. While 36 percent of the money is expected to come from the state Department of Transportation, projections indicate that most of the funds will be spent on safety and modernization projects. According to the report, "The greatest area of need was determined to be in expansion and enhancement. This category received the least amount of funding in 2005 and is projected to receive the least amount of funding in the future TDOT budgets as well." The report emphasizes the importance of airports as economic engines for metropolitan areas and small towns alike. It notes Memphis International Airport is responsible for more than one-fourth of the city's jobs and had an impact of \$20.78 billion in 2004.

<http://www.commercialappeal.com/news/2008/oct/07/airports-need-infrastructure-to-soar/>

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