

Tennessee Infrastructure In The News

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Proposed Tennessee River Bridge Meeting Is Thursday (Chattanooga.com)

A public meeting regarding the proposed Tennessee River Bridge will be held Thursday at 6 p.m. at Snow Hill Elementary School, 9042 Career Lane in Ooltewah. The meeting will be conducted by the Tennessee River Bridge Committee, Hamilton County Commissioner Bill Hullander, representatives from the State of Tennessee, and the Tennessee Transportation Division. Citizens are invited to attend and will be given the opportunity to ask questions, or address any concerns they may have. http://www.chattanooga.com/articles/article_138437.asp

Illinois: attorney general to investigate rising road salt prices (Associated Press)

The Illinois Attorney General's office is investigating the steep price of road salt in some areas of the state, which has caused some municipalities to cut back on purchases. Doug House, Moline general manager for municipal services, says the city's salt prices rose 300 percent over last year. He says as a result, the city won't be buying as much salt to melt snow and ice on roadways. Attorney General spokeswoman Natalie Bauer said Monday it's too early to determine why salt prices have spiked for some counties, and not others. Bauer also said wouldn't speculate on whether the investigation could lead to legal action. Emergency salt supplies were depleted by last winter's storms, causing high demand in the Chicago region this season. Salt suppliers say the increased size of orders is behind the price increases. <http://www.qctimes.com/articles/2008/11/04/news/local/doc491048ab01e81249958399.txt?sPos=2>

Minnesota: Last report due on Minn. bridge collapse (USA Today)

Federal accident investigators next week will issue their final report on last year's fatal highway bridge collapse in Minneapolis. The findings are likely to spur calls for greater spending on bridges across the nation, according to civil engineering groups. The National Transportation Safety Board (NTSB) is expected to focus blame for the Interstate 35W bridge collapse — which killed 13 people, injured 145 and crippled Minneapolis' transportation system — on a design flaw that left the steel structure weak at critical points, according to a preliminary announcement from the agency. At the same time, the investigation has uncovered evidence that bridge inspections may have missed signs of problems and raised questions about how well the span was maintained, according to engineers who have followed the investigation. "It did focus attention on the conditions of bridges across the country," said Andrew Herrmann, an engineer at the firm Hardesty & Hanover and a member of the American Society of Civil Engineers board of directors. http://www.usatoday.com/news/nation/2008-11-06-minnesotabridge_N.htm

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