

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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\$500,000 grant may bring water to 250 (Marshall County Tribune)

Nearly 250 Marshall County residents may get water service at home through a project starting next spring because Gov. Phil Bredesen has authorized a grant of \$500,000 to the county's Board of Public Utilities. It's in response to the second request for help to extend water service to residents along Milltown, McLean, Reynolds and Wilson School roads as well as Anderson Lane, according to Lisa Cross, a community development specialist with the South Central Tennessee Development District Office in Columbia. The county's rural water utility received word of the grant this month. "The decision was made by Gov. Phil Bredesen, but state lawmakers sent letters in support of the project," MCBPU Project Coordinator Judy Crowson said.

<http://www.marshalltribune.com/story/1477992.html>

Latest traffic management center aims to keep freeways flowing (CA/Charlier)

To the state and local officials who dedicated it Thursday, the \$37 million SmartWay transportation system now serving Greater Memphis is like having a whole new freeway built on the cheap. The Tennessee Department of Transportation unveiled the third intelligent-transportation system that it has built across the state. This one is designed to enhance traffic flow on 85 miles of highways across Shelby and Crittenden counties. The SmartWay system features 115 traffic cameras, 42 electronic message signs and more than 350 traffic-flow monitors, all feeding data to a Transportation Management Center that bears some resemblance to NASA's Mission Control. The system will "use technology more effectively" to alleviate congestion, TDOT commissioner Gerald Nicely said. <http://www.commercialappeal.com/news/2008/nov/13/tdot-launches-smartway-system/>

TDOT launches SmartWay in Memphis (Memphis Business Journal)

The Tennessee Department of Transportation launched its \$36.8 million SmartWay transportation system for the Memphis area Thursday. The system will use 115 traffic cameras, 42 message signs, monitoring stations and a new city-wide highway advisory radio station, AM 1660, to monitor and inform motorists of traffic conditions. The department will use its Transportation Management Center on Boswell Avenue to manage the system which covers 85 miles of interstate. TDOT Commissioner Gerald Nicely said in a statement SmartWay has the potential to add 15 percent capacity to the interstate system without widening the roadway. SmartWay was started in Nashville in 2003, followed by Knoxville in 2005. It is currently being installed around Chattanooga.

<http://memphis.bizjournals.com/memphis/stories/2008/11/10/daily25.html?surround=ifn&brthrs=1>

Dam being built for new West Tenn. Lake (AP)

Construction is under way on a dam that will impound a new 1,000 acre lake in West Tennessee. A luncheon in Huntingdon on Wednesday celebrated the beginning of the project. The Jackson Sun reported Carroll County Lake is expected to be completed in 2011. Grading work is being done for

the Reedy Creek Dam that will create the lake, intended for fishing and water recreation. The paper reported one-third of the lake will be reserved for fishing boats. Huntingdon Mayor Dale Kelley said forecasts show the lake will have an economic impact of as much as \$58 million in its first decade. Construction costs are estimated at \$14 million.

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