

## 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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### **[Bridges Inspected Before and After Floods \(WTVC\)](#)**

Before the rain, before the floods, an all-call page went out to Tennessee bridge inspectors. It warned them about the massive amount of water headed our way and the damage it might do. It's called the Tennessee Department of Transportation Bridge Watch program.

<http://www.newschannel9.com/news/floods-984916-inspectors-bridge.html>

### **[Census Reveals Effects Of Recession On US \(NPR\)](#)**

More people are taking public transportation. People are taking longer to commute because they are taking public transportation or are carpooling because it ...

<http://www.npr.org/templates/story/story.php?storyId=113084375>

**-Across the State Line-**

### **[Traffic Trouble on I-81: Future of Rail \(WHSV\) VA](#)**

More than 50 governing bodies in Virginia and [Tennessee](#) have voted in support of rail. "The key to make a rail system of this size work is to do it across state boundaries," says Harrisonburg Mayor Kai Degner. The proposal is called a 21st century steel interstate. If implemented, truckers would literally drive onto the rail system and be transported through the Valley. There would also be increased passenger rail.

<http://www.wHSV.com/news/headlines/60487042.html>

### **[Hartsfield to Welcome New Asian Cargo Airline \(Global Atlanta\)](#)**

As the economy recovers and cargo hauls increase, the airport hopes Singapore Airlines will eventually expand its presence here. For now, Atlanta is "very excited" have them here, Mr. Jones said. Singapore Airlines Cargo is the 12th cargo carrier to operate flights into Hartsfield-Jackson. The Atlanta airport, the world's busiest by passenger traffic, ranks 30th in the world in terms of cargo volume. Tonnage dropped 9 percent in 2008 compared to the previous year, according to Airports Council International, an airport trade group. According to Hartsfield-Jackson statistics, the cargo that moves through the airport sustains 255,000 jobs and \$44.7 billion in business sales in the six-state Southeastern region including Georgia, Alabama, Florida, North Carolina, South Carolina and Tennessee.

<http://www.globalatlanta.com/article/21346/>

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