

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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[\\$450,000 Grant Announced For Airport \(Sparta Expositor\)](#)

A grant for almost a half-million dollars has been approved for Upper Cumberland Regional Airport and will be used for a new T-hangar at the facility. Grants are made available through Tennessee Department of Transportation's Aeronautics Division. Tennessee Aeronautics Commission, which is comprised of five members who are charged with policy planning, reviews grant applications and regulating changes in the state airport system plan. In a press release last week, Gov. Phil Bredesen said investing in Tennessee's airports helps them remain competitive and efficient at meeting the needs of businesses and travelers. State Representative Charles Curtiss and State Senator Charlotte Burks helped secure the funds for the airport.

<http://spartaexpositor.com/articles/2009/10/12/news/doc4ad32df1c765c915018698.txt>

[State Moves Ahead With Bypass \(Jackson Sun\)](#)

Project would bypass part of U.S. 412 near Lexington A planned Henderson County highway project is slowly moving along as the state buys land to make way for the bypass. The Tennessee Department of Transportation is a little more than halfway through acquiring rights of property, having closed on 62 of 103 tracts where the eight-mile U.S. 412 bypass project is planned for, said State Rep. Steve McDaniel, R-Parkers Crossroads. The other tracts are in various stages of acquisition, which could easily take another year before being completed, said McDaniel, who represents Henderson, Chester and parts of Decatur and Wayne counties. The four-lane, divided highway would run south of Lexington and stretch from Broadway Road at U.S. 412 Lexington to Airways Boulevard at U.S. 412 east of Lexington. McDaniel said when funding for construction will be found depends on when the acquisition process is finished and environmental permits are in place.

<http://www.jacksonsun.com/article/20091013/NEWS01/910130307/1002/State-moves-ahead-with-bypass>

[Taking Off: Aerotropolis Moves From Concept To Cash With Infusion From City Government \(Memphis Daily News\)](#)

Aerotropolis proponents this week received a newfound and much needed boost when the Memphis City Council approved \$1.6 million to fund the beautification of Plough Boulevard, the road that leads to the airport from Interstate 240. A recent study commissioned by the MSCAA and conducted by the Sparks Bureau of Business and Economic Research at the University of Memphis revealed the airport pumps \$28.6 billion into the region's economy and provides, directly or indirectly, 34.3 percent – or one in three – local jobs.

<http://www.memphisdailynews.com/editorial/Article.aspx?id=45343>

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