

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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[City Loses Road Money \(Leaf Chronicle\)](#)

Clarksville forced to delay numerous construction projects already begun In the aftermath of the federal government rescinding highway funds, Clarksville has lost nearly \$3 million due its coffers and will likely have to delay a number of construction projects already under way. The \$8.7 billion rescission, which went into effect when the 2005 SAFETEA-LU highway funding bill expired in September, stemmed from a clause in the bill that required that any funds awarded by the bill be retracted if not already committed to be spent. In a report dated Oct. 7, the Tennessee Department of Transportation announced a total loss of \$190 million in funds owed. Further complicating matters for Tennessee and other states, an amendment included in the Energy Independence and Security Act of 2007 requires that states reduce each spending category by a set amount. This allows for less flexibility in prioritizing cuts. Though both the city and Montgomery County pull money from the TDOT fund, Clarksville will be more adversely affected by the cut. <http://www.theleafchronicle.com/article/20091028/NEWS01/910280317/1002/City-loses-road-money>

[Rock Slide Cleanup Could Cost \\$10M \(Associated Press\)](#)

Engineers have established a \$2 million to \$10 million plan to clean up a rock slide on Interstate 40 near the North Carolina-Tennessee line. North Carolina Gov. Beverly Perdue is expected to declare an emergency, which will allow the state to ask for federal funding for the cleanup, North Carolina Department of Transportation officials said Tuesday. The rock slide occurred about 2 a.m. Sunday near the Tennessee line, dumping rocks as large as mobile homes and closing I-40 in both directions. The state Department of Transportation said unstable rocks will be removed first and then large boulders will be blasted into smaller pieces. Rocks removed from the side of the mountain and pieces of blasted boulders will be used to construct a ramp up to the top of the slide, which is 150 feet high and 200 to 300 feet wide. A pulley system will be installed on the ramp to climb to the top of the slide and remove rock. <http://www.knoxnews.com/news/2009/oct/28/rock-slide-cleanup-could-cost-10m/>

[Firms Fret Over I-40 Rock Slide's Effects On Business \(Knoxville News Sentinel\)](#)

The Tennessee Highway Patrol has received complaints that tractor-trailers are using the Highway 25/70 route and crossing the James T. Huff Bridge east of ... <http://www.google.com/url?sa=X&q=http://www.knoxnews.com/news/2009/oct/27/firms-fret-over-slides-effects-on-business/&ct=ga&cd=ktQ9DxZASI0&usg=AFQjCNFi01nkOFDsneeHG59IR1XCtdBwbQ>

[More Than I-40 Blocked By Rock Slide \(Examiner.Com\)](#)

An alternate route is suggested from Asheville, North Carolina to Johnson City, Tennessee which would place drivers back onto I-40 West. ... <http://www.google.com/url?sa=X&q=http://www.examiner.com/x-19116-Charlotte-Country-Music-News-Examiner~y2009m10d27-More-than-I40-blocked-by-rock-slide&ct=ga&cd=ktQ9DxZASI0&usg=AFQjCNHrCbiAoq5z1UUuZq-5NBPsbV7btA>

[NCDOT Announces Plan To Clear I-40 Rockslide \(News Channel 7\)](#)

A rockslide on Interstate 40 in Haywood County has closed down a portion of the interstate at the North Carolina-Tennessee border. ...

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[More Details, Concerns Emerge From Norfolk Southern Deal \(Memphis Daily News\)](#)

“All the comments were recorded and will be reviewed by Norfolk Southern and TDOT (Tennessee Department of Transportation) as part of the NEPA (National ...

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