

## 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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### **[Crews Blast At U.S. 64 Rock Slide Site \(Chattanooga Times Free-Press\)](#)**

Construction workers set off a series of explosive charges Monday morning near the site of the Nov. 10 rock slide on U.S. Highway 64 in Polk county. Boulders, ranging between 3 and 15 feet in diameter, were released from the explosions, which occurred directly above where the rock slide happened, according to a Tennessee Department of Transportation news release. Construction crews continued Monday assembling a 275-ton crawler crane, which will be used on the west side of the rock slide for scaling operations to begin this week, the release said. Crews will have Thursday off for the holiday, but resume work Friday.

<http://www.timesfreepress.com/news/2009/nov/24/crews-blast-us-64-rock-slide-site/>

### **[Lovell Road Ramp Slated For Closure \(Knoxville News-Sentinel/Jacobs\)](#)**

Parkway merging to be easier, but months of work before then For the thousands of drivers daily on southbound Pellissippi Parkway who have darted around slow-merging traffic at Lovell Road, relief is in the works. The bad news is the relief will take months to complete and will close the Lovell Road ramp until next spring. After the evening rush hour on Dec. 2, workers will close the ramp at Lovell Road to southbound Pellissippi Parkway for an \$878,789 upgrade, said Tennessee Department of Transportation regional spokesman Travis Brickey. Contractor Charles Blalock and Sons is expected to complete the work in late spring. "It's a safety concern to try to keep that ramp open during construction," Brickey said. "It's not feasible." TDOT will erect detour signs directing ramp traffic to Murdock Drive to access southbound Pellissippi Parkway.

<http://www.knoxnews.com/news/2009/nov/24/lovell-road-ramp-slated-for-closure/>

### **[Corker: New Polk Highway Is State Concern \(Chattanooga Times Free Press\)](#)**

Bob Corker, R-Tennessee, who spoke on the proposed Corridor K project briefly during a town hall meeting in Black Bear Cove Resort today. ...

<http://www.timesfreepress.com/news/2009/nov/24/corker-new-polk-highway-state-concern/?breakingnews>

### **[Repair Work Completed On Exit 23 Bridges \(Greenville Sun\)](#)**

Greene County sheriff's deputies assisted the Tennessee Highway Patrol in directing traffic. Repairs to the northbound bridge were completed Nov. 14-15. ...

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