

## 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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#### [Airports Receive \\$10.5M In Grants \(Jackson Sun\)](#)

Two West Tennessee airports are among 13 across the state that will benefit from \$10.5 million in state and federal grants announced last week. "Our local airports are vital to the economy and travel system of Tennessee," Gov. Phil Bredesen said in a news release Tuesday. "Investing in our airports helps keep them competitive and efficient at meeting the needs of businesses and travelers." The aeronautics grants will help provide for infrastructure and other improvements, the release notes. They are made available through the Tennessee Department of Transportation's Aeronautics Division. A \$60,000 grant for William L. Whitehurst Field in Hardeman County will be used for grounds maintenance equipment. That grant was secured with help from state Sen. Delores Gresham, R-Somerville, and state Reps. Johnny Shaw, D-Bolivar, and Barrett Rich, R-Somerville, the release states.

<http://www.jacksonsun.com/article/20091228/NEWS01/912280306/1002/Airports-receive--10.5M-in-grants>

#### [Memphis Airport Construction Benefits Business \(Associated Press\)](#)

The businesses typically associated with the Memphis International Airport are FedEx and Delta Airlines, but another company is leaving an indelible imprint on the major airport. Flintco Cos. Inc. is wrapping up completion on the airport's \$55 million air traffic control tower and last week the contractor was awarded a \$89.5 million contract for a seven-story ground transportation center. The facility will house long-term parking and rental car operations. Kevin Moyes, Flintco's Memphis division president, told The Memphis Daily News that the company "feels fortunate" to be associated with a major economic engine like the airport. The airport provides an impact of \$28.6 billion annually and accounts for one in three local jobs. Flintco is a Native American-owned business, based out of Tulsa, Okla., and its contract meets the airport authority's disadvantaged business enterprise requirements -- meaning the inclusion of minority- and women-owned businesses for subcontracts. Moyes said construction of the ground transportation center will create more than 300 jobs in the short term.

<http://content.usatoday.net/dist/custom/gci/InsidePage.aspx?cld=tennessean&sParam=32388789.story>

#### [Few Delays At Mcghee Tyson After Apparent Foiled Terror Attack \(VolunteerTV.com\)](#)

Metropolitan Knoxville Airport Authority officials said the few delays East Tennessee travelers experienced on Christmas were related to bad weather along the east coast. The Department of Homeland Security did not raise the national threat level on Christmas after a Nigerian man claiming to have acted on instructions from al-Qaida, tried to detonate an explosive device on a Detroit-bound passenger jet. Though the national threat level remains at "Orange," the Transportation Security Administration released a statement early Friday evening saying, "passengers may notice additional screening measures put into place to ensure the safety of the traveling public on domestic and international flights."

<http://www.volunteertv.com/knox/headlines/80124852.html>

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