

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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[I-40 Noise Barrier Limited To New Construction \(WSMV-TV Nashville\)](#)

Neighbors In Older Homes Irritated By Interstate Traffic This noise barrier going up off Interstate 40 and White Bridge Road is a huge relief for neighbors who, for so long, have been annoyed by the sound of interstate traffic. But around Westboro Drive where the wall will stop, complaints from neighbors begin. "It's pretty rough, as loud as can be," said Carl Knight, whose home backs up to I-40 in west Nashville. He said he assumed the barrier would extend to his neighborhood. "They going to put them down there, they ought to put them up here," he said. The wall will stop short of the Beacon Square and Charlotte Park area, near the Charlotte Pike exit. Councilman Buddy Baker wants to change that. "These people can't even hardly talk on the phone, especially in the summertime when they got the doors open," Baker said.

<http://www.wsmv.com/news/22210184/detail.html>

[TDOT's Tab: 8,453 Tons Of Salt, 90,850 Gallons Of Brine On Roads \(KnoxNews.Com\)](#)

Last week's ice storm carried a hefty toll for the Tennessee Department of Transportation in salt and brine. TDOT reported that 8,453 tons of granular salt and 90,850 gallons of brine were spread across East Tennessee highways and interstates over the two days since the start of snowfall last Thursday.

<http://www.knoxnews.com/news/2010/jan/11/tdots-tab-8453-tons-salt-90850-gallons-brine-roads/>

[Water Main Repairs Continue In Downtown Nashville \(Tennessean\)](#)

Crews continued working into Sunday night on three of four water mains that burst early Saturday in downtown Nashville, including a 36-inch main on Second Avenue South, cutting off water to some popular stops for tourists.

<http://www.tennessean.com/article/20100111/NEWS01/1110327/2066/NEWS03>

[KUB Has Reported 49 Water Main Breaks; Crews Taking Extra Precaution With Ice \(KnoxNews.com\)](#)

Ten straight days of below-freezing temperatures have taken a toll of East Tennessee water pipes, as well as dented the region's stockpile of ice-melting road salt and brine. Ten days before the current cold snap, Knoxville Utilities Board officials reported repairing 10 water main breaks. But in the past 10 days of bone-chilling temperatures in the teens, KUB has reported 49 breaks and counting.

<http://www.knoxnews.com/news/2010/jan/12/cold-takes-its-toll-on-pipes/>

[Water Main Repairs Made, School Open, More Breaks Expected \(WRBC\)](#)

Progress was made on a water main break in North Chattanooga, and school will be open tomorrow. The Tennessee Valley has seen its share of water main breaks, and we may not have seen the worst of it.

<http://www.wrcbtv.com/Global/story.asp?S=11803752>

[U.S. 64 Won't Open Until March 31 \(The News Observer\)](#)

The Tennessee Department of Transportation announced Friday that it will take until March 31 to clear the debris and repave a section of Hwy. 64 west of the Ocoee Whitewater Center and near the TVA Ocoee No. 2 dam, where a massive rock slide took place November 10.

<http://www.thenewsobserver.com/articles/2010/01/12/news/news01.txt>

-Across the State Line-

[Weather Halts Work At Rockslide Site \(Asheville Citizen-Times\) NC](#)

Snow and subfreezing weather prevented work crews from making progress over the weekend on the drilling of holes needed to install rock bolts on the mountainside where the Interstate 40 rockslide occurred near the North Carolina-Tennessee line. Crews did receive, inspect and store construction materials that arrived at the site and performed maintenance work on their equipment. No work was planned Sunday night because of the extreme cold and the possibility of more snow. During extreme weather, N.C. Department of Transportation engineers decide on a day-to-day basis if conditions are safe for workers to work on the mountainside. Crews were on site Saturday and Sunday to work day shifts if weather permitted. Weather conditions improved Monday and DOT engineers said crews will once again work two shifts a day. The section of the interstate where the rockslide occurred has been closed since Oct. 25. Estimates are the highway could reopen sometime in March, depending on weather conditions during the winter months. <http://www.knoxnews.com/news/2010/jan/12/weather-halts-work-at-slide-site/>

[Railroad Shipping: Norfolk Southern's Crescent Corridor Receives Strong Bipartisan Support \(Logistics Management\) VA](#)

Class I railroad carrier Norfolk Southern's Crescent Corridor received bipartisan endorsement from 60 legislators, the company said earlier today. Launched in June 2007, the Crescent Corridor is a nearly \$2.5 billion public-private partnership (PPP) to build a rail corridor spanning from Louisiana to New Jersey. NS officials said this endeavor will expand and improve its rail network from the northeast to the southeast, expedite the delivery of cargo shipments, and reduce highway congestion by diverting truck traffic. When it is completed, NS said it will stretch across 2,500 miles from New Orleans to Newark, N.J. and run through New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Virginia, Maryland, North Carolina, South Carolina, Tennessee, Georgia, Alabama, and Louisiana.

<http://www.logisticsmgmt.com/article/443938->

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