

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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[Electric Cars Pose Problem For Road Funding \(WSMV-TV Nashville\)](#)

Nashville got its first peek on Monday at Nissan's new all-electric car, the Leaf. Set to go on sale to the general public in December, it was on display at the Sommet Center downtown. Few would dispute the benefits to a zero-emissions car, but it is making road builders a little nervous since funds will likely decrease if less gas is sold. "The battery takes eight hours to charge overnight and will run about 100 miles on a charge," said Nissan director of government affairs Tracy Woodard. The car can be charged at home or work on a 220-volt charging station, which comes with the car, or drivers can use public chargers that will be set up around Tennessee. "Tennessee will have 2,500 charging stations funded with a Department of Energy grant. That will give Tennessee a head start on infrastructure," said Woodard.

<http://www.wsmv.com/automotive/22262820/detail.html>

[Barge Hits Bridge: Shuts Down Vital Artery \(News Channel 3 WREG\) With Video](#)

Barge inspectors suited up and shipped out on the Mighty Mississippi. Their mission, to check for damage to the Interstate 155 bridge connecting Tennessee to Missouri. The barge was headed southbound on the river, around 5 p.m. when it slammed into the bridge. Authorities shut the bridge down during rush hour traffic.

"Traffic backed up quite a bit," explained Pemiscot County Sheriff's Deputy Jerry Hudgens.

<http://www.wreg.com/news/wreg-barge-hits-bridge-story,0,4600355.story>

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