

Tennessee Infrastructure In The News

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[TDOT Works To Fix Metro Potholes Permanently \(WKRN-TV Nashville\)](#)

TDOT and public works crews deal with potholes every winter, but this year's harsh winter has made it worse, and the problem is getting them filled permanently. After days of snow, rain, sleet and ice, potholes are popping up all over the place. Donald Reid, paving manager with Metro Public Works, said, "We've had more freeze-thaw cycles this winter than in the past, so it's been a big problem." Metro Public Works has filled more than its share of potholes in Nashville lately. "We're repairing hundreds of potholes on a daily basis, especially during the winter," Reid told News 2. To repair the potholes, crews need hot mix, which is in high demand during this time of the year because it's a permanent fix. There are several plants in the mid-state that produce hot mix and sell it to T-DOT and Metro, but few of them operate during the winter. At the LoJac plant in Antioch, business was brisk Thursday.

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[Salt Supplies Running Low; More Uncertain \(Johnson City Press\)](#)

With snowstorm after snowstorm hitting the region, several municipalities are running very low on road salt supplies and are uncertain when new shipments will be coming in. It turns out that snow, the very thing Johnson City and other Tennessee cities have been fighting to remove from highways and roads, is causing a delay in the delivery of road salt to the area. The much-needed commodity begins its journey in Louisiana at the Port of New Orleans. The problem is, the Mississippi River has risen because of runoff from melting snow and has been deemed unsafe for travel in many locations. Barges loaded with the stuff would normally trek up to Knoxville via the Tennessee River, where it is unloaded at a Burkhart Industries terminal. Because of the snag, the company is rationing its supply and distributing equal amounts to the Tennessee Department of Transportation and to cities statewide, said Mike Williams, a construction supervisor with the city's public works street division.

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