

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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[Sinkhole Patched North Of Knoxville; Road Reopened \(Associated Press\)](#)

State transportation workers have patched a large sinkhole and reopened the southbound lane of State Route 33 north of Knoxville. It had been closed since Friday afternoon. Crews filled the sinkhole Monday and opened the lane to traffic Tuesday afternoon. No one was reported hurt. Other roads in East Tennessee have been closed this year because of rock slides.

<http://content.usatoday.net/dist/custom/gci/InsidePage.aspx?cld=tennessean&sParam=32876053.story>

[North Carolina: I-40 Work In North Carolina To Continue In April \(Associated Press\)](#)

A portion of Interstate 40 near the Tennessee border in North Carolina that was blocked by a rockslide will remain closed for an additional month after delays caused by winter weather and the discovery of more trouble sites along the road. The state Department of Transportation announced on Tuesday that it anticipates the interstate will reopen by late April. The original contract called for work to be completed in March, but harsh weather delayed the work. Officials also said they've discovered five other sites along the interstate that need to be stabilized. Four of the five sites are just west of the area where the rockslide occurred. The rockslide occurred early on Oct. 25 near mile marker 3 in Haywood County near the Tennessee border.

<http://www.tennessean.com/article/20100224/NEWS01/100223126/1001/NEWS/I-40+work+in+North+Carolina+to+continue+in+April>

[Cates Landing Project Grant Denied; Answers Sought \(NWTN Today\)](#)

"We learned last week that the port did not receive funding under the TIGER program," he said. "We will continue to work with local leaders and others to help make the Northwest Tennessee Port and Industrial Park — and the jobs it will help create — a reality.

<http://www.nwtntoday.com/news.php?viewStory=37324>

[Hawkins Asks TDOT To Raze Surgoinville Bridge \(Kingsport Times-News\)](#)

The Hawkins County Commission rejected a request from the Surgoinville mayor Monday to save the town's old Holston River bridge from destruction when a new bridge is completed in a few years. The commission voted 18-0 Monday in favor of a resolution asking the Tennessee Department of Transportation to demolish the old bridge, which was built in 1953, once the new bridge is completed.

<http://www.timesnews.net/article.php?id=9020826>

[I-40 Reopening Delayed A Month \(Charlotte Observer\)](#)

Citing extremely harsh weather, North Carolina transportation officials said Tuesday afternoon that Interstate 40 near the Tennessee border won't be reopened until late April. That is a month later than had been expected. Crews have been working for nearly four months to repair a section of I-40 damaged in a large rock slide last Oct. 25. The project has included installing large metal bolts into the mountainside along I-40, to prevent additional problems.

<http://www.charlotteobserver.com/2010/02/23/1267512/i-40-reopening-delayed-a-month.html>

[High-Hazard Tennessee Dams Avoid Regulation, Safety Inspections Due To "Farm Pond" Exemptions \(WBIR\) With Video](#)

One of the rainiest years on record has poured a lot of responsibility on the 1,200 dams throughout Tennessee. Dam safety nationwide has grown into a larger concern, as much of the infrastructure built just after World War II has reached the end of its life expectancy.

<http://www.wbir.com/news/local/story.aspx?storyid=113865&provider=gnews>

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[Time Is Now For Corridor K \(The News Observer\)](#)

Tennessee Department of Transportation officials hosted the session at Copper Basin High School to give concerned citizens a first-hand look at the choices being considered and give participants a chance to comment on those choices. The options were a shotgun approach to a problem that requires a rifle. TDOT covered everything imaginable and unimaginable. The problem with such an approach is that time will be wasted throwing out the garbage.

<http://www.thenewsobserver.com/articles/2010/02/23/opinions/opinion01.txt>

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