

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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[Some Repair Work On Wolf Creek Dam In Ky. Stopped \(Associated Press\)](#)

Federal officials said Thursday they don't plan to lower the water level at Lake Cumberland while work is halted on a section of the lake's dam in south central Kentucky. The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers suspended repair work this week on a 600-foot section of Wolf Creek Dam after they detected movement near where the concrete dam attaches to a long earthen embankment. The nearly mile-long structure impounds the largest man-made reservoir east of the Mississippi River. Workers have been pumping runny cement, or grout, into underground cavities along the dam's foundation as part of the \$584 million project. An evaluation will likely take four to six weeks, although work on the rest of the dam will continue. The lake's water level has remained about 40 feet below typical summer depths during the repairs, which began in early 2007.

<http://www.tennessean.com/article/20100312/NEWS01/3120328/1001/NEWS/Some+repair+work+on+Wolf+Creek+Dam+in+Ky.+stopped>

[Light Rail Talk In Blount \(Blount Today\)](#)

Imagine a train line from Knoxville to Blount County, carrying people from the airport and the new Alcoa downtown center to Knoxville in a matter of minutes. That's a vision former Knoxville city councilman Joe Hultquist painted for members of the Citizens Against the Pellissippi Parkway Extension during their meeting on Feb. 22. Hultquist, interim executive director of East Tennessee Quality Growth, Inc., gave a presentation entitled "The Knoxville Regional Rail Transit Opportunity" and explained how a rail line could be created using the former Norfolk Southern line from Knoxville to Blount County. "I think it is a potential opportunity," Hultquist said. "And we've got lots of opportunity. Development will be influenced by the transportation systems networks we build."

<http://www.blounttoday.com/news/2010/mar/11/light-rail-talk-blount/>

[County Commission Set To Approve Over \\$6 Million For VW Railroad Improvements \(The Chattanooga\)](#)

The County Commission is set to take action next Wednesday to approve over \$6 million in railroad improvements serving the huge new Volkswagen plant. One contract for \$2,165,100 is for the Bonny Oaks Drive bridge replacement phase II. Tim Andrews, who heads the Hamilton County Rail Authority, said the piers for the widened new rail overpass are under construction. He said this is funding to purchase the rail spans. Half of the funding will come from an EDA grant. The county is applying for \$360,850 in state aid for the project. If that is not secured, then the city and county will owe \$551,275 each.

http://www.chattanooga.com/articles/article_170830.asp

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