

## Tennessee Infrastructure In The News

March 17, 2010



**A daily roundup of recent news stories and opinion pieces about Tennessee transportation, water and flood control infrastructure**

For the full story, click the headline or use the link.

### [Geologists Assessing US 129 Rock Slide \(Associated Press\)](#)

Tennessee Department of Transportation geologists will examine an embankment where rocks slid onto U.S. 129 Sunday morning. A crew removed enough rock to temporarily open one lane of the highway to relieve a traffic bottleneck, but both lanes of the section known as the Dragon remain closed to motorists. The Daily Times of Maryville reported TDOT engineers are developing a plan to stabilize the mountainside and reopen the highway, which is the southwestern border of the Great Smoky Mountains National Park. With a major rock slide having shut down Interstate 40 just inside North Carolina and another closing U.S. 64 in the Ocoee River Gorge, drivers going between Tennessee and North Carolina have limited options with U.S. 129 now closed. The closest alternative is U.S. 441 through the national park. It often is closed by snow and ice and a chance of snow was predicted for Tuesday night.

<http://www.timesfreepress.com/news/2010/mar/17/geologists-assessing-us-129-rock-slide/>

### [D.C. Officials Inspect Wolf Creek Dam Problem \(WKRN-TV Nashville\)](#)

The top commander with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and officials from Washington, D.C. visited the Wolf Creek Dam in Kentucky to inspect a critical part of the structure Tuesday. The Wolf Creek Dam sits on the Cumberland River in the western part of Russell County. Officials were there to inspect a part of the dam, known as "critical area number one," for the first time after construction was stopped on it last week. They are trying to determine what caused ground movement and increased pressure in that critical area over the past two months. Major General John Peabody with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers said, "We have not drawn any conclusions at all as to what the causes of the indicators are, but the reason we have all the instruments that we have in this dam is to identify exactly whether we are having any indicators that might cause concern and then to investigate those." Contractors had been pumping grout into the base of the dam to try and fill gaps more than 200 feet deep.

<http://www.wkrn.com/global/story.asp?s=12153058>

### [Firms Sought To Design Pedestrian Bridge To South Waterfront \(WBIR\)](#)

Knoxville is moving closer to having a pedestrian bridge and bicycle bridge across the Tennessee River that will connect UT's Thompson-Boling Arena with the South Waterfront. The city is seeking three engineering firms to compete for the contract to design the bridge.

<http://www.wbir.com/news/local/story.aspx?storyid=115978&catid=2>

### [CIPP Used To Rehabilitate Sewer Pipelines In Tennessee \(Trenchless International\)](#)

The Hallsdale-Powell Utility District in Knoxville, Tennessee has awarded two contracts worth a combined \$6.5 million to rehabilitate 40 kilometres of sewer pipeline using CIPP technology.

[http://trenchlessinternational.com/news/cipp\\_used\\_to\\_rehabilitate\\_sewer\\_pipelines\\_in\\_tennessee/034482/](http://trenchlessinternational.com/news/cipp_used_to_rehabilitate_sewer_pipelines_in_tennessee/034482/)

###