

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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[Landslide Slows Traffic Through Smoky Mountains \(Associated Press\)](#)

A landslide in the Great Smoky Mountains National Park has slowed traffic on U.S. 441 in North Carolina. Park officials said Monday that crews cleared debris from the road about one mile south of the Tennessee-North Carolina line. Flagmen allowed one lane of traffic through a parking area adjacent to the slide. No injuries were reported. Officials said they would close the road overnight and determine Tuesday if the situation has stabilized. It's the main highway over the mountains. East Tennessee has had several recent rock and landslides.

<http://content.usatoday.net/dist/custom/gci/InsidePage.aspx?cld=tennessean&sParam=33149751.story>

[New Rockslide In Great Smoky Mountains National Park \(Knoxville News-Sentinel\)](#)

Great Smoky Mountains National Park were dispatched to yet another rockslide Monday. The latest slide occurred on Newfound Gap Road (U.S. Highway 441) about a mile south of the state line in North Carolina around 11 a.m., according to park spokeswoman Nancy Gray. The road is expected to reopen at 7 a.m. today with a detour to handle two lanes of traffic until it can be determined what work is needed to stabilize the slope. A rockslide Jan. 25 shut down another section of U.S. 441 between Pigeon Forge and Gatlinburg for several weeks while an emergency contractor constructed a new retaining wall. A third rockslide closed an 8-mile section of Little River Road between Metcalf Bottoms picnic area and the Townsend "Wye" on March 19. Just outside the park, a March 14 rockslide has shut down a popular stretch of U.S. Highway 129 known as "the Dragon" until July 31, while Interstate 40 has been closed 3 miles inside the North Carolina border since an October slide.

<http://www.knoxnews.com/news/2010/mar/30/new-rockslide-in-park/>

[TDOT Debuts Enhanced TN511 Motorist Information System \(Seymour Herald\)](#)

The Tennessee Department of Transportation unveiled a new enhanced 511 travel information system on Monday. Motorists who dial 5-1-1 can now access information about rest areas, public transportation, airports, and tourism as well as the standard features such as incidents, construction projects and weather forecasts from the National Weather Service.

<http://seymourherald.com/news/2010/mar/29/tdot-debuts-enhanced-tn511-mot/>

[Plans Moving Forward For Water Access \(TimesDaily.com\)](#)

Plans are in the development stage and could be ready for commission action at its May meeting. The project would provide connections to Collinwood's water lines near the Natchez Trace Parkway overpass and expand the service 10.7 miles to the state line. More than 200 customers would benefit from the project, county officials said. Also, Collinwood water lines, which feed Wayne County Industrial Park just north of Collinwood, would be expanded 1.8 miles and connected with the city of Waynesboro water lines for an additional water supply should it be needed.

<http://www.timesdaily.com/article/20100329/ARTICLES/3295017/1011/NEWS?Title=Plans-moving-forward-for-water-access>

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