

## 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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#### [I-65 Lane Closures Planned In Sumner County This Weekend \(Tennessean/Young\)](#)

Tennessee Department of Transportation contract crews will reduce Interstate 65 north and southbound to one lane this weekend to begin bridge repairs at exit 98 in Sumner County. Closures will be in effect from 8 p.m. Friday to 6 a.m. on Monday. Police will be onsite to provide traffic control during the project. Motorists are advised to plan ahead and expect delays. This weekend's closure is one of several planned at the exit as crews work to fix the bridges. All work is dependent on weather conditions. For more information on TDOT construction project activity visit the TDOT SmartWay web site at [www.tn.gov/tdot/tdotsmartway/](http://www.tn.gov/tdot/tdotsmartway/) Travelers can also dial 511 from any landline or cellular phone for travel information.

<http://www.tennessean.com/article/20100408/NEWS01/100408037/1001/NEWS/I-65+lane+closures+planned+in+Sumner+County+this+weekend>

#### [Part Of 'Dragon' Will Open Monday \(Knoxville News-Sentinel\)](#)

The Tennessee Department of Transportation on Monday morning will reopen a celebrated 11-mile stretch of U.S. Highway 129 that has been closed since March 14 because of a rockslide. But motorcyclists wishing to ride "The Dragon," a section of road that features more than 300 turns, will have to go to North Carolina to get there. That's because the section of U.S. 129 from just past the Foothills Parkway to Tabcat Bridge along Chilhowee Lake will remain closed as crews continue to work on clearing the slide. TDOT announced Thursday that beginning Monday, U.S. 129 from Tabcat Bridge to the North Carolina line will be open to traffic 8 a.m.-8 p.m. daily. The Tennessee Highway Patrol will be enforcing traffic laws in the area, while Graham County, N.C., will be providing emergency response.

<http://www.knoxnews.com/news/2010/apr/09/part-of-dragon-will-open-monday/>

#### [Transportation's Future Lies Within City, Planners Say \(Times Free Press\)](#)

But a new way of looking at transportation could mean options that include parking cars and looking for other ways to get to work, go to the grocery store or go shopping. "One of the elements is the 'complete streets' component," said Melissa Taylor, director of transportation planning for the Chattanooga-Hamilton County-North Georgia Metropolitan Planning Commission. "Our past travel models have been automobile driven." As traffic continues to grow in Chattanooga and Southeast Tennessee, transportation planners are looking at developing "multi-modal" methods of travel, so-called 'complete streets' that make room for automobile traffic, bicycle routes and pedestrian walkways.

<http://www.timesfreepress.com/news/2010/apr/08/transportations-future-lies-within-city-planners/>

#### [Stormwater Project Dedication And Ribbon Cutting Is Friday \(Chattanooga.com\)](#)

A dedication ceremony and ribbon-cutting to introduce Renaissance Park's newest environmental feature will be on Friday at 11 a.m. at the new parking area and Rain Garden in Renaissance Park. Mayor Ron Littlefield, Parks and Recreation Administrator Larry Zehnder, Anda Ray, senior vice president of TVA Environment and Technology from Knoxville, as well as representatives from the local TVA, the Chattanooga Green Committee, City Council, City Office of Sustainability, Public Works, and special guests, will be on hand.

[http://www.chattanooga.com/articles/article\\_172927.asp](http://www.chattanooga.com/articles/article_172927.asp)

**-Across the State Line-**

**['Greenport' Plan Could Be Part Of Regional Mountain Rail Network Connecting Aspen, Vail, Steamboat \(Realvail.Com\)](http://www.realvail.com/TheORReport/981/Greenport-plan-could-be-part-of-regional-mountain-rail-network-connecting-Aspen-Vail-Steamboat.html)**

Some backers of intercity passenger rail in Colorado think that instead of a \$21 billion high-speed system along the I-70 and I-25 corridors a slower-speed test rail line using existing tracks should first be built in the mountains. Of course, it would be hard to really call it "intercity" at that point, but such a rail line could serve to showcase the passenger-rail possibilities and build taxpayer support for true high-speed rail between the state's major cities in the future.

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