

## 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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#### [U.S.-64 in Polk County Reopens to Traffic \(TDOT\)](#)

Traffic is once again flowing on U.S. 64 in Polk County after five months of work to clear and stabilize two rockslides along the route. Workers completed the work to stabilize and clear the two rockslides along U.S. 64 in the Ocoee Gorge at 11:15 a.m. ET today and traffic was allowed on U.S. 64 for the first time since November 10, 2009 when the road was completely closed by a massive rockslide at mm 17.6 near TVA Ocoee 2 Dam. Work to stabilize the first rockslide began on November 16 with the awarding of a \$2.1 million emergency contract to Charles Blalock and Sons, Inc. from Sevierville, TN.

<http://news.tennesseeanytoday.com/node/4914>

#### [Live view of the 64 Site \(OxBlue Construction Camera\) See live view here](#)

<http://oxblue.com/pro/open/tdot/us64rockslide>

#### [Increased Water/Sewer Rates \(WSMV\)](#)

A handful of cities in middle Tennessee are increasing water and sewer rates in the next few weeks. Starting May 1, thousands of residents in Davidson County will pay 5 percent more for water and 8 percent more for sewage. Columbia is also pushing for a water increase by July 1, and proposing a sewer rates increase of 28 percent. Spring Hill is another city raising rates. "If the city wants to grow, we need to increase the sewer plant so it can handle a larger capacity," said Spring Hill Mayor Michael Dinwiddie. Engineers recommended a 95 percent increase. If passed, that would be spread over three years. Dinwiddie's facing feedback with several public meetings. "This is necessary. It's got to be done. As painful as that may be, it's something that we've got to do," said Dinwiddie. [Watch This Story](#)

<http://www.wsmv.com/money/23127305/detail.html>

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