

## 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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#### [Interstate 40 Rockslide Will Open Next Tuesday In N.C. \(WATE-TV Knoxville\)](#)

Tennessee Department of Transportation officials announced Tuesday evening the stretch of Interstate 40 closed by a rockslide in North Carolina will open next Tuesday, April 27. The section of interstate near the Tennessee border has been closed in both directions since the rockslide on October 25, 2009. Before the rockslide, about 19,000 vehicles a day traveled on the road. Approximately 45 percent were trucks. Work will continue through the area the summer as crews complete stabilization efforts, including the installation of rock bolts and anchor mesh, at five additional sites. Both eastbound lanes will be open; however, one westbound lane will be closed for about three miles for this work. The total cost for the project is estimated to be \$12.9 million, of which about 80 percent will be reimbursed by the federal government.

<http://www.wate.com/global/story.asp?s=12346182>

#### [I-40 To Reopen April 27th, 5+ Months After Rock Slide \(WVLT-TV Knoxville\)](#)

North Carolina transit officials confirmed Tuesday that they will reopen the stretch of Interstate 40 currently closed by a rockslide on April 27th. I-40 at the Tennessee/North Carolina state line has been closed in both directions since the massive rockslide occurred on October 25th, 2009. Crews have been working to clean up the slide and secure the mountainside since then. At the time of the slide, that affected stretch of I-40 was traveled by about 19,000 vehicles a day. Since then, traffic has been routed around the closure on taking I-40 to I-81 to I-26 into Western North Carolina. Non commercial vehicles are also able to take back roads that run between Newport, Tennessee and Asheville, North Carolina. Before the road opens next Tuesday, crews still have to drill more holes on the mountain, install a few dozen rock bolts and building a fence to catch any small rocks that fall. Stabilization work will continue into the summer, and by the time the project is complete it will have cost nearly \$13 million. The federal government is paying about 80 percent of the total price tag.

<http://www.volunteertv.com/news/headlines/91671864.html>

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