

Tennessee Infrastructure In The News

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[I-40 Set To Reopen Following October Rock Slide \(Johnson City Press\)](#)

A rock slide on Interstate 40 near the North Carolina/Tennessee border in October that prompted a detour through the region via Interstate 26 should be cleared and the nearby cliff stabilized by next week to allow traffic flow once again, according to the North Carolina Department of Transportation. According to NCDOT spokesman Steve Abbott, I-40 was scheduled to reopen on Tuesday. The slide happened Oct. 25 at mile marker 2.6 on I-40 in North Carolina. I-40 was closed in both directions after the rocks, some as large as mobile homes, fell off the cliff and created a debris pile 150 feet high and 200 to 300 feet wide. This section of the interstate is between a mountain side and the Pigeon River. The estimated 20,000 vehicles that traveled that section of I-40 each day were detoured through the Tri-Cities region. Motorists traveling west into Tennessee were told to take I-40 West to I-240 West in Asheville, N.C., then I-26 West to Interstate 81 South, back to I-40. This route should remain in effect until the road officially reopens.

<http://www.johnsoncitypress.com/News/article.php?ID=75672>

[Gravity Defying Project Replaces Nearly Century Old Water Line Up Lookout Mountain \(WDEF\)](#)

Workers hook up a 12-inch pipe to a 240 ton truck crane. The monstrous piece of ductal iron is headed up Lookout Mountain. Kim Dalton, Tennessee American Water, "The largest piece of pipe that has been laid so far is 5600 pounds so that's why they're having to use such a large crane in the environment that they're working in." And what an environment, a nearly vertical slope of rugged terrain. Michael Bell, Project Inspector, "There's parts of it you just can't see from either end."

http://wdef.com/news/gravity_defying_project_replaces_nearly_century_old_water_line_up_lookout_mountain/04/2010

[Nashville Hopes To Learn From Pittsburgh \(Nashville Business Journal\)](#)

Among the ideas the Nashville delegation will hear in Pittsburgh is how that city managed public input and was able to generate public support while planning its transit system.

<http://www.bizjournals.com/nashville/stories/2010/04/19/daily20.html>

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