

Tennessee Infrastructure In The News

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[Lamar Alexander Requests \\$252 Million For Tennessee Projects \(Tenn/Theobald\)](#)

Deficit, election year make most lawmakers reluctant to submit special projects Sen. Lamar Alexander is seeking 54 Tennessee projects worth more than \$252 million in next year's federal budget. The Tennessee Republican's requests carry extra importance this year because several other members of Congress representing Middle Tennessee have sworn off seeking money for special home-state projects, which have grown increasingly controversial in recent years. The final portion of his requests became public Tuesday. Alexander's requests account for nearly 60 percent of the \$428 million in state projects that members of the Middle Tennessee delegation are seeking in the federal budget for fiscal 2011, which begins Oct. 1. Among Alexander's larger requests are \$77.8 million for ongoing repairs of seepage at Center Hill Dam, \$26 million for construction of the new Chickamauga Lock at Chattanooga and \$3 million to purchase surgical and imaging equipment for Vanderbilt Children's Hospital.

<http://www.tennessean.com/article/20100428/NEWS02/4280386>

[Hawkins To Seek Federal Grant For Runway Extension \(Times-News\)](#)

The Hawkins County Commission agreed Monday to apply for a \$250,000 grant needed to buy land for runway extensions at the county airport that will bring the facility into compliance with the Tennessee Aeronautics Division. The Hawkins County Airport in Surgoinsville has been identified by the Federal Aviation Administration's National Plan of Integrated Airport Systems project database as being eligible for a special one-year Airport Improvement Program (AIP) grant. The purpose of the grant is to extend the runway by 40 feet on the west end and 70 feet on the east end and make some other safety improvements that will bring the airport into state and federal compliance. Commissioner Larry Frost, who chairs the commission's Airport Committee, said failure to bring the airport into compliance would result in the county not being eligible for future grants. This proposed grant requires a 10 percent match of \$25,000, which would be taken from the 2009-10 fiscal year budget.

<http://www.timesnews.net/article.php?id=9022591>

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