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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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[Flood Damaged Businesses Pull \\$2.8b From Economy \(City Paper/Garrison\)](#)

Businesses damaged during Nashville's historic flood collectively have an annual revenue stream of \$2.8 billion, according to Nashville Area Chamber of Commerce President Ralph Schulz. "A \$2.8 billion revenue stream lost or at least interrupted to the community is big," Schulz said. "It affects jobs. It affects tax collections. And obviously it affects the stability of those businesses going forward. It underlines the urgency to get those businesses back up and operating." "We don't know at this point how many of those businesses are already up and operating at a different location," he added. In the weeks following last month's flood, the chamber and Metro have been assessing damages sustained by businesses throughout Davidson County, so far identifying 1,649 hurt companies. That number is likely to increase.

<http://nashvillecitypaper.com/content/city-news/flood-damaged-businesses-pull-28b-economy>

[Tenn. Airline Could Add Workers \(Associated Press\)](#)

An airline that operates regional flights in Tennessee is considering expanding its work force in Jackson. The airline, TennesseeSkies, hired about 20 people in the West Tennessee city after it started flying out of McKellar-Sipes Regional Airport in August. The Jackson Sun reports that the airline could hire more workers beginning the next fiscal year, which begins in June. Pacific Wings, a company based in Mesa, Ariz., owns TennesseeSkies. TennesseeSkies logged just under 1,000 passengers at McKellar-Sipes in four months of flying last year. It has logged another 808 passengers this year through April 30. Pacific Wings CEO Greg Kahlstorf says the company is considering expanding its marketing, reservation and other operations within Jackson in the coming year.

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