



TENNESSEE'S INFRASTRUCTURE NEEDS FOR THE NEW YEAR
TN Infrastructure Alliance highlights the official infrastructure for Tennessee

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NASHVILLE, TN. – As a new year begins, the TN Infrastructure Alliance (TIA) is calling attention to the importance for our collective resolve to create and maintain adequate infrastructure by highlighting the latest Tennessee Advisory Commission on Intergovernmental Relations' (TACIR) Report: "Building Tennessee's Tomorrow: Anticipating the State's Infrastructure Needs."

"Infrastructure is a key element to quality of life and economic competitiveness," said Pete DeLay, chairman of TN Infrastructure Alliance. "We only need to look at this year's flooding for a reminder of that our vitality is linked to infrastructure."

Across Tennessee, 8,990 projects were reported that still require funding at an estimated total investment of \$37,295,949,371. Projects include infrastructure needs such as transportation networks, stormwater control, drinking water, sewer systems, and public school buildings. For a complete listing of all reported needs by county and by public school system, see Appendices D and E of the [2010 TACIR Report](#).

TACIR shows statewide infrastructure needs in the following categories that mount to:

- Transportation & Utilities \$18.9 billion
- Education \$7.7 billion
- Health, Safety & Welfare \$7.1 billion
- Recreation & Culture \$1.8 billion
- Economic Development \$1.0 billion
- General Government \$649 million
- Grand Total \$37.3 billion

TACIR indicates an increase of \$3.1 billion in needs statewide, a 9% increase since the previous inventory. The TACIR report, "Building Tennessee's Tomorrow: Anticipating the State's Infrastructure Needs," is the eighth (8th) in a series on infrastructure that began in the late 90's. Released mid-year, the report highlights statewide infrastructure needs from July 2008 through June 2013.

"TN Infrastructure Alliance would like to thank the local and state officials who provide the data for Tennessee's official infrastructure needs assessment," said DeLay. "Updating this information allows our key government leaders to better understand our community needs."

The TN Infrastructure Alliance (TIA) is Tennessee's advocate for adequate infrastructure. By educating policy makers on the needs of the future, TIA helps Tennessee's communities plan to accommodate growth and promote commerce, safety and quality of life.

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