

# County Officials E-News

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## Building Tennessee's Tomorrow

### INFRASTRUCTURE NEEDS INVENTORY JULY 2014 THROUGH JUNE 2019

The Tennessee Advisory Commission on Intergovernmental Relations ([TACIR](#)) released an update to its infrastructure report, Building Tennessee's Tomorrow, in August 2016. In this report, TACIR notes that "Tennessee needs at least \$41.5 billion of public infrastructure improvements during the five-year period of 2014-2019."

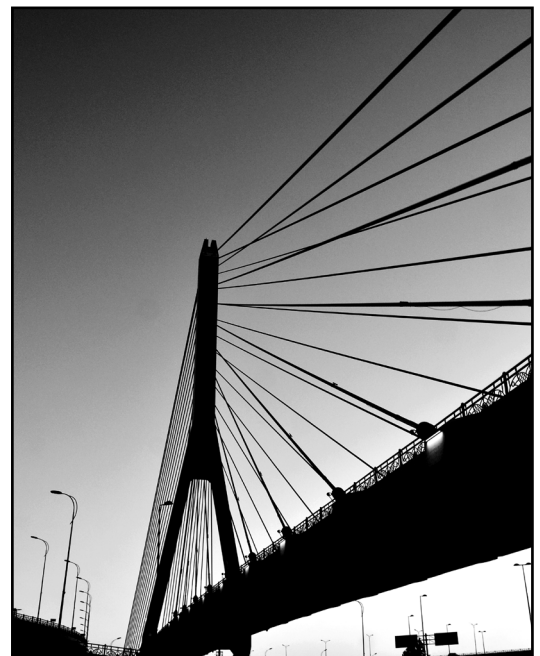
The report breaks down these needs by categories including transportation and utilities, education, health, recreation and culture, general government, and economic development.

Of the categories examined in this report, transportation and utilities remains the largest category of infrastructure spending, even though there has been a 2.4% decrease (\$611 million less than last year) in spending in this category. The cause for this decrease is a combination of decreased costs for road projects and several completed, canceled, or postponed road projects.

Education is the second largest category of infrastructure spending, and it increased by 2.4% (\$204 million more than last year). Much of this increase is from an increase in the amount of money needed to cover renovation or replacement costs of existing public school buildings. Some of this increase was offset by a decrease of 5.1% in the need for new school space.

Read more about the other categories in the [press release](#) or the full report, [available here](#). Data on the needs are also broken down by county ([Appendix D](#) of the report).

For more information about this report or TACIR's research, please contact David Keiser, Project Manager, at [david.keiser@tn.gov](mailto:david.keiser@tn.gov) or (615) 253-4237.





## Training Opportunities

### **County Government Day**

**March 13-14 - Nashville**

DoubleTree Hotel Downtown | 315 4th Ave North

*[\\*Registration via TCSA website only](#)*

### **Strategic Planning**

**All classes 8:30 am - 12:30 pm**

**March 21 - Johnson City**

Carnegie Hotel | 1216 W. State of Franklin

**March 22 - Knoxville**

UT Conference Center | 600 Henley St., 4th Floor

**March 24 - Franklin**

Scarlett Leadership Institute | 840 Crescent Center Drive,  
Suite 120

**March 29 - Jackson**

UT West TN Research & Education Center | 605 Airways Blvd.

### **Professionalism in the Workplace**

**All classes 8:00am - 5:00pm**

**March 23 - Jackson**

UT West TN Research & Education Center | 605 Airways Blvd.

**March 30 - Knoxville**

UT Conference Center | 600 Henley St., 4th Floor

**April 26 - Clarksville**

Location to be announced

**REGISTER TODAY!**

**Online:**

<http://www.ctas.tennessee.edu>

**By Email:**

[ctas.training@tennessee.edu](mailto:ctas.training@tennessee.edu)

**By Phone:**

615-532-3555

(Ask for Training)

### **Participant Cancellation Policy**

Please cancel 3 days prior to a class if you cannot attend. Expenses are incurred for our classes based on the number of registrations that we have in each class.

### **Class Cancellation Policy**

Each class requires a minimum of 15 participants for the class to be held. Classes with less than 15 participants enrolled will be cancelled.

[Training](#) | [Calendar](#)



## COUNTY SPOTLIGHT

### Grundy County

County Seat: Altamont

2010 Population: 13,730

County Government Consultant:  
Gary Hayes

Grundy County is the home of the South Cumberland State Park which offers hiking trails, camping, and even rock climbing. In the 1830s, the resort town, Beersheba Springs, was founded around a natural mineral spring. Today, a popular wilderness area known as the Savage Gulf exists near Beersheba Springs.

Grundy County also contains much of the Fiery Gizzard Trail, noted by Backpacker magazine as one of the top 25 hiking trails in the United States. This trail runs from Tracy City in Grundy County to Foster Falls in Marion County. It is 12.5 miles of scenic views, waterfalls, rock formations and hemlock trees over 200 years old. To view maps of the Fiery Gizzard Trail, see this PDF from the Tennessee State Parks website: <http://tnstateparks.com/assets/pdf/additional-content/so-cumberland-fiery-gizzard-map.pdf>.





## EVENT RECAP: In Case You Missed it



Each month, we will offer a review of events that county officials may not have been able to attend. When possible, we will also note if any event may be offered in the future.

### County Financial Issues

- Taught by County Government Consultants, Wesley Robertson (left), Rick Hall (below, right), Ben Rodgers (below, left), and Manager of Field Services, Gary Hayes (not pictured).

This COCTP series focused on delivering practical insight and guidance for county officials when facing certain topics related to issues in county finance.

Topics included annual audits, debt management, operating budgets, capital improvement plans, purchasing, and issues related to finance in education.



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### Missed These Classes?

To sign up for CTAS training classes as part of the County Officials Certificate Training Program (COCTP), please visit our Training webpage at <http://ctas.tennessee.edu/content/training>. We offer classes on a variety of topics including budgeting, personnel, office management, and general county government operations.



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