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Tired of Sitting in Traffic on Tennessee Interstates?

Try an Alternative Route During the Summer Busy Season

As Tennessee's capital city and one of the fastest-growing regions in the Southeast, Nashville continues to experience increasing traffic congestion as commuters, freight traffic, tourists, and regional travelers all compete for limited interstate space. Add the heavy summer travel season, and interstate bottlenecks can quickly turn a short drive into a frustrating experience.

As Tennessee heads into the busy summer travel season, the Tennessee Infrastructure Alliance is encouraging locals to take advantage of alternative routes around interstate bottlenecks to save time and reduce stress. To help drivers beat the traffic, the partnership has identified several Alternative Routes throughout the greater Nashville region for commuters, visitors, and residents looking to avoid interstate congestion.

"The secondary roads were built for connection and provide a different experience than interstate travel," said Bill Moore, Chairman Emeritus of Tennessee Infrastructure Alliance and former chief engineer at TDOT. "For many people, the scenery and less stressful driving leads to discovery beyond routine interstate paths."

More than 180,000 vehicles travel along I-24 in Nashville each day according to 2024 Tennessee Department of Transportation traffic data.* Heavy commuter traffic combined with commercial freight movement and regional tourism can quickly create backups and stressful driving conditions throughout the Nashville area.

With Middle Tennessee serving as a major transportation crossroads for the Southeast, interstate congestion is expected to remain a challenge during peak summer travel months. However, many state highways and surface streets across the Nashville region offer drivers practical alternatives that can provide a more predictable and less stressful driving experience.

This summer, the Tennessee Infrastructure Alliance encourages drivers to explore Alternative Routes around Nashville and rediscover local roads that offer flexibility, scenery, and relief from interstate congestion.

Explore the Alternative Routes mapped throughout the Nashville area during the summer

high-traffic season. And share your favorite Alternative Route with the Tennessee Infrastructure Alliance by email at info@TNInfrastructure.net.

Learn more about Tennessee Alternative Routes at [Tennessee Infrastructure Alliance](#).

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B-Roll (video/Sound/Stills) and Maps

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Additional Background

Governor Bill Lee and the Tennessee General Assembly have made historic investments in transportation through General Fund prioritization to enhance road projects through the Tennessee Department of Transportation.

About Tennessee Infrastructure Alliance

Since 2005, Tennessee Infrastructure Alliance has served as an umbrella organization and advocate for adequate and consistent funding for Tennessee's infrastructure needs. The key drivers of the organization are safety, mobility, economic competitiveness, and overall quality of life. Tennessee Infrastructure Alliance is the presenter of the podcast series Highway See (found at www.HighwaySee.com) on the history of Tennessee's roads and bridges. To learn more about Tennessee Infrastructure Alliance visit www.Tninfrastructure.net.

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