

Who we are:

Transportation is so basic that many of us overlook its overwhelming importance in our daily lives. Practically everything used in our homes, offices, or schools across Tennessee – from furniture to food items to clothing – requires a large and complex transportation network. The Tennessee Department of Transportation provides citizens of Tennessee and travelers with one of the best transportation systems in the country. TDOT is a multimodal agency with responsibilities in building and maintaining roads, aviation, public transit, waterways, railroads, cycling and walking. Our involvement ranges from airport improvements to funding transit buses to planning for river ports. The Department of Transportation has approximately 3,500 employees with four statewide region facilities in Knoxville, Chattanooga, Nashville, and Jackson.



TDOT Intern Passenger, Transportation, Rail & Freight – Freight, Rail Safety, & Rail Engineering

Location: Nashville, TN

Compensation: \$22.00/hourly

Overview

The Tennessee Department of Transportation is currently hiring a student intern for the Freight, Rail Safety, and Rail Engineering section of the Passenger Transportation, Rail, and Freight division, located in Nashville, TN. The intern will provide technical assistance for Tennessee's Railroad Programs including working with inventory and crash data, safety analysis, and projects. The intern will work on numerous projects of various sizes and types to learn the basics of Engineering and Project Management at TDOT.

Responsibilities

- Access data regarding roads and bridges near railroads.
- Attend site visits of railroad crossing project locations with local governments and railroad companies.
- Provide design teams recommendations for federal regulatory compliance of highway projects at or near railroad crossings.
- Review and approval of consultant, design, and construction contracts and invoices.
- Inspection of railroad crossings.
- Analyze crashes at railroad crossings.
- Present topics to leadership and staff.

Minimum Qualifications

- Planning, Logistics & Supply Chain, GIS, and Engineering majors (any concentration) required.
- Junior, or Senior Class Status required as of May 2026 OR recent Graduate as of Spring 2025.
- Legally authorized to work in the U.S.
- Familiarity with freight planning, logistics & supply chain, transportation engineering or project management concepts preferred

To be considered for this position, please visit the [TDOT Summer Internship Program](#) website and submit an application..

Please attach a two (2) page maximum résumé and a transcript to your application.

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