

FINAL PUBLIC NOTICE

The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) has received a subgrant application for Kentucky Transportation Cabinet (KYTC). Pursuant to Executive Order 11988 and 44 CFR Part 9.12, final notice is hereby given of FEMA's intent to provide funding for this project under the Public Assistance (PA) Program.

An initial disaster-wide Public Notice was published 09/09/2022, for DR-4663 Severe Storms, Flooding, Landslides, and Mudslides. Comments and other information received were fully evaluated by FEMA along with evaluation of social, economic, environmental, and safety considerations. This notice serves as a project-specific final notice for FEMA's funding action located within a Special Flood Hazard Area. FEMA has determined that the only practicable alternative is to fund the repairs Perry County - CR 1789 - Bridge ID 097C018, already located within the Special Flood Hazard Area prior to the event.

Funding for the proposed project will be conditional upon compliance with all applicable federal, tribal, state and local laws, regulations, floodplain standards, permit requirements and conditions. This action complies with the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) requirements.

Responsible Entity: FEMA Public Assistance Program

Applicant: KY Department of Transportation.

Project Title(s): PA-04-KY-4663-PW-00163: 686528 - Perry County - CR 1789 - Bridge ID 097C018

Location of Proposed Work and Floodplain Insurance Rate Map (FIRM) Panels:

Road Name (Address)	GPS Coordinates	FIRM Panel
Tranquility Lane, 097C018, Hazard, Kentucky 41701	37.35807, -83.32426	21025CO500C Effective on 04/02/2008

Bridge is located within regulatory floodways, and within or adjacent to wetlands.

Proposed Work and Purpose: Based on the extent of the bridge damage, the KY Department of Transportation will replace the 1 lane concrete surface bridge with a single spane.

Project Alternatives:

- (1) Relocation of facilities outside of the floodplain** – Relocating the bridge would require rerouting roadways, potentially altering public access to certain properties, and disproportionately affecting property owners as land is seized for the construction of the new route. The damages to the bridge are limited in scope and the cost of relocation would likely outweigh the cost to repair the damages at current locations. Floodplain avoidance by relocating the bridge is not a practicable alternative and would adversely impact social or economic resources for the community
- (2) No action alternative** – This alternative is not feasible as the repairs are necessary to ensure that the bridge remains operational in its current location to perform its designed function. The bridge provides ingress/egress, school bus and postal services and access for emergency personnel. With the no action alternative, continued negative impacts may be experienced.

Comments: This will serve as the Final Public Notice regarding the above-described action funded by the FEMA PA program. Interested persons may submit comments, questions, or request a map of this specific project by writing to the [Federal Emergency Management Agency, Region 4, 3003 Chamblee-Tucker Road, Atlanta, Georgia 30341](https://www.fema.gov/region-4), or by emailing FEMA-R4EHP@fema.dhs.gov. Comments should be sent in writing with the subject line: "PA-04-KY-4663-PW-00163: 686528 - Perry County - CR 1789 - Bridge ID 097C018" at the above addresses within 15 days of the date of this notice.

THIS NOTICE MAY BE REMOVED FROM PUBLIC VIEW ON THE 15th DAY FROM ORIGINAL DATE OF POSTING

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