

FINAL PUBLIC NOTICE

The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) has received a subgrant application from the Kentucky Department of Transportation for the replacement of Bridge ID 097C014 in Perry County. 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 September 9, 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 repair of Bridge ID 097C014, already located within the Floodplain 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: Kentucky Department of Transportation

Project Title(s): PW 00978; PN 686524: Perry County - CR 1447 Q1 - Bridge ID 097C014

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

Facility Name	GPS Coordinates	FIRM Panel
Perry County-Bridge ID 097C014	37.38111, -83.18606	21025C0375C

FIRM Panel effective 04/02/2008. Site is located outside regulated wetlands.

Proposed Work and Purpose: This project consists of the repair of Bridge ID 097C014 back to pre-disaster design with upgrades to codes and standards by replacing the decking and beams, gravel on the bridge approaches, and the installation of rip rap around the bridge.

Project Alternatives:

- (1) *Relocation of facilities outside of the floodplain* – The relocation of the bridge would not be a practicable alternative because the bridge provides an access point between Highway 476 and Toms Branch Road over the Troublesome Creek. Without this access route, residents and emergency vehicles would not be able to easily access Toms Branch Road located south of the bridge which would be a hazard to health and safety for the community. Therefore, floodplain avoidance by relocating the facilities 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 without being a hazard to human health and safety. The no action alternative would adversely impact social or economic resources for the community.

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, or by emailing FEMA-R4EHP@fema.dhs.gov. Comments should be sent in writing with the subject line "PW 00978; PN 686524: Perry County - CR 1447 Q1 - Bridge ID 097C014" 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

NOTICE WAS POSTED ON 7th DAY OF November 2023