

## 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 097B00107N located 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 the bridge approaches, already located within the Floodplain 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:** Kentucky Department of Transportation

**Project Title(s):** PW 00945; PN 686548: Perry County - KY 3351 MP 3.35 - Bridge ID 097B00107N

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

Facility Name	GPS Coordinates	FIRM Panel
Bridge ID 097B00107N- Bridge Approach	37.36751, -83.15141	21119C0175C

*FIRM Panel effective 09/28/2007. Site is located outside regulated wetlands.*

**Proposed Work and Purpose:** The repairs at this site consist of repair of the bridge approaches by replacing road surface material and roadway embankment fill material back to pre-disaster design and function using best management practices.

### Project Alternatives:

- (1) Relocation of facilities outside of the floodplain** – The relocation of the bridge outside of the floodplain is not a practicable alternative because the bridge functions as an access route between Pidgeonroost Road and Highway 476 across Troublesome Creek. Emergency responders would be required to take alternate routes to access residents located adjacent to the highway which would extend response times and would be a hazard to human health and safety for the community. Additionally, residents would have extended drive times because they would have to take alternate routes to access the highway. 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 00945; PN 686548: Perry County - KY 3351 MP 3.35 - Bridge ID 097B00107N" at the above addresses within 15 days of the date of this notice.

**THIS NOTICE MAY BE REMOVED FROM PUBLIC VIEW ON THE 15<sup>th</sup> DAY FROM ORIGINAL DATE OF POSTING**

**NOTICE WAS POSTED ON 23rd DAY OF October 2023**