

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 097C028 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 replacement of Bridge 097C028, 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 00951; PN 686534: Perry County - CR 1838 - Bridge ID 097C028

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

Facility Name	GPS Coordinates	FIRM Panel
Tunnel Mill Road Bridge	37.33940, -83.12750	21119C0175C

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

Proposed Work and Purpose: The repairs at this site consisted of the replacement of the Bridge 097C028, i.e. the Tunnel Mill Road bridge, back to pre-disaster design and function with upgrades to codes and standards, the installation of rip rap, and replacement of fill material for the embankment. The Applicant will also install asphalt roadway material along the roadway. Hazard mitigation is proposed to lengthen the bridge from 53 ft to 80 ft, constructing new abutments and wingwalls, install rip rap along the abutments, and increase the length of the prestressed concrete beams.

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 the only access route between Tunnel Mill Road and Highway 476 across Troublesome Creek. Without this bridge, residents would be unable to access their homes and emergency responders would be unable to access homes located on Tunnel Mill Road which would be a hazard to human health and safety for the community. Therefore, 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 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 00951; PN 686534: Perry County - CR 1838 - Bridge ID 097C028" 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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