

NOTICE OF INFORMATIONAL MEETING
and
PUBLIC NOTICE: Intent to File Determination of Section 4(f) de minimis Use

The Tennessee Department of Transportation (TDOT) will conduct a public meeting on Thursday, February 23, 2012, to discuss SR-70 Kyles Ford bridge project in Hancock County. The meeting will be held from 4:30 until 7:00 p.m. at the Hancock County Courthouse, 1237 Main Street, Sneedville, TN 37869.

The meeting is being held to provide the public an opportunity to view and comment on the plans for the temporary repair project and the associated detour option. The meeting will also discuss the associated bridge replacement project and TDOT's intent to file, as a part of the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) process for that project, a Determination of Section 4(f) *de minimis* use related to the minor use of Tennessee Wildlife Resources Agency (TWRA) and Tennessee Wildlife Resources Foundation lands associated with protection of riparian habitat at this bridge replacement location.

This Notice is in accordance with CFR 774.3(b)(i), requiring "public notice prior to the official(s) with jurisdiction over the Section 4(f) resource must concur in writing that the project will not adversely affect the activities, features, or attributes that make the property eligible for Section 4(f) protection and the official Determination of Section 4(f) *de minimis* by the Federal Highway Administration."

Representatives of TDOT will be available to assist with the exchange of questions and answers. Anyone with questions regarding the meeting should contact:

Ray Henson
Project Management Division
TDOT, Region One
7345 Region Lane
Knoxville, TN 37914
(865) 594-5426
(865) 594-2495 (fax)

Persons with a disability who require aids or services to participate at the meeting may contact Ms. Margaret Mahler at the following address no later than ten (10) days prior to the date of the meeting.

Ms. Margaret Mahler
ADA Compliance
Tennessee Department of Transportation
Suite 400, James K. Polk Building
505 Deaderick Street
Nashville, TN 37243

or by email:

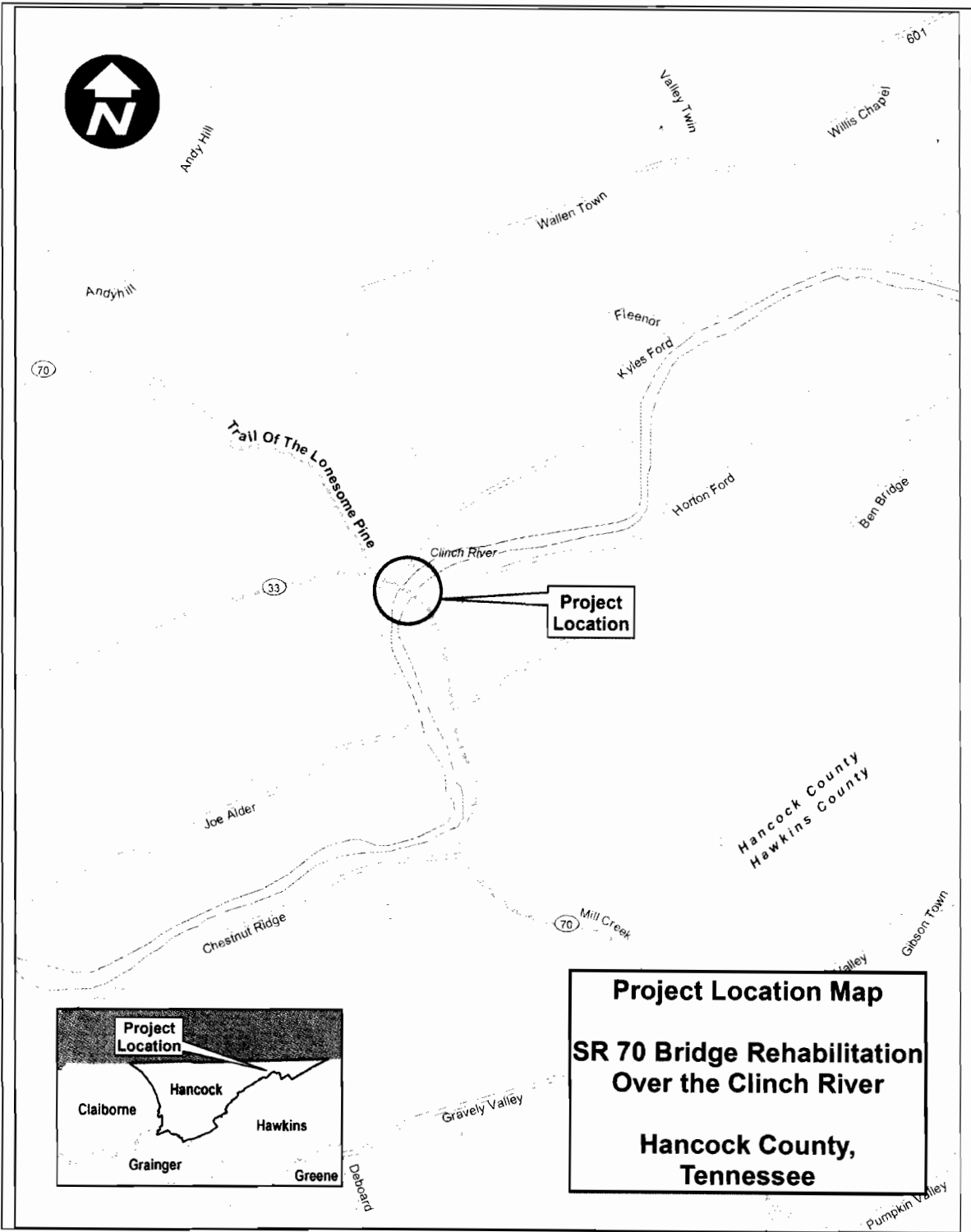
Margaret.Z.Mahler@tn.gov
Phone: (615) 741-4984
Fax: (615) 253-5995
TTY Relay: (615) 253-8311

A court reporter will be available to receive oral statements to be included in the project transcript. In addition, comment sheets are available for those who prefer to make written statements. Written statements and other exhibits to be included in the project transcript may be submitted within 21 days after the meeting date to the following address:

Project Comments
Tennessee Department of Transportation
Suite 700, James K. Polk Building
505 Deaderick Street
Nashville, TN 37243-0332
TDOT.comments@tn.gov

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In the event of inclement weather that results in the closure of city and county schools, the hearing will be postponed.



Andy Hill

Valley Twin

Willis Chapel

Waller Town

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Kyles Ford

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Trail Of The Lonesome Pine

Clinch River

Horton Ford

Ben Bridge

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Project Location

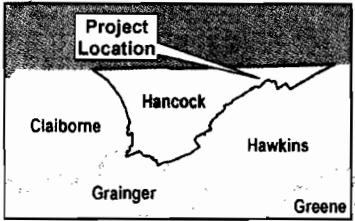
Joe Alder

Hancock County
Hawkins County

Chestnut Ridge

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Mill Creek

Gibson Town



Project Location Map
SR 70 Bridge Rehabilitation
Over the Clinch River
Hancock County,
Tennessee

Gravelly Valley

Pumpkin Valley