

Reevaluation: Knoxville South Waterfront Pedestrian/Bicycle Bridge (University of Tennessee Campus to Scottish Pike)

Knox County, Tennessee

TN-PIN: 113061.02

Date: 02/12/2018

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## Environmental Commitments

Commitments are involved on the project.

### List of Environmental Commitments

1) It is possible that historical releases of petroleum hydrocarbons, metals and polyaromatic hydrocarbons from the Knox River Warehouse and Specialty Metals facilities that may experience nearby ground disturbance during construction could have impacted the subsurface soils and/or groundwater in this area. If impacted soils are encountered during these activities, a Phase II ESA investigation may be necessary. The Phase II ESA would support either preconstruction remediation or a site health and safety plan/soil handling plan for construction.

2) Ground disturbing activities proposed in the vicinity of the south bridge landing may include pier and sidewalk construction and possible sidewalk removal and replacement. This would include excavation below the ground surface. The Hazardous Material Evaluation report indicated that a Phase II ESA was performed on the Specialty Metals property in 2011. Mercury, arsenic, barium chromium, lead, and polyaromatic hydrocarbons (PAHs) were detected in soils at levels exceeding the EPA Regional Screening Levels. The report stated that disturbances and excavation of soils on the Specialty Metals property during pier construction will require further characterization in order to determine proper handling and disposal of the soils from this property. This will be done during the construction phase of the project.

3) Aesthetically, the bridge must complement the family of nearby historic bridges (Henley Street Bridge and Gay Street Bridge), the nearby downtown buildings, and the University of Tennessee campus.



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February 12, 2018

Ms. Leigh Tribble  
Environmental Program Engineer  
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Subject: CE Reevaluation of Knoxville South Waterfront Pedestrian/Bicycle Bridge  
(University of Tennessee Campus to Scottish Pike)  
Knoxville, Knox County, TN  
PIN 113061.02

Dear Ms. Tribble,

This reevaluation of environmental effects is for the entire project as described in the D-List Categorical Exclusion (CE) approved by the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) on 10/29/2014. The subject project was studied under PIN 113061.00. The approved D-List CE is included in Attachment A. The proposed project is listed in the Knoxville Regional Transportation Planning Organization's 2017-2020 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). The TIP page is included in Attachment B.

Federal and State projects and phases of development are listed in Table 1 – Project Phases and Numbers:

**Table 1. Project Phases and Corresponding Project Numbers**

<b>Phase</b>	<b>Federal Aid</b>	<b>State Project Number</b>
Preliminary Engineering	STP-M-9109(167)	47LPLM-F1-107
Right of Way	N/A	N/A
Construction	N/A	N/A

The proposed project involves the construction of a new pedestrian/bicycle bridge, connecting Knoxville's South Waterfront to the University of Tennessee at Knoxville campus. The project is located in the City of Knoxville, directly across the Tennessee River from downtown Knoxville. The proposed bridge will span the Tennessee River from Clancy Avenue on the south side of the river to Lake Loudon Boulevard on the north (University) side connecting to the pedestrian concourse located between Thompson-Boling Arena and Pratt Pavilion. See Attachment C for a Project Location Map and the conceptual design.

## **Reason for Reevaluation**

In the TDOT Tennessee Environmental Procedures Manual, Section 6.5.1.1 *Reevaluation Timing and Purpose* states that, "After a period of three years has elapsed since receiving environmental approvals or an approved right of way reevaluation, TDOT will conduct a reevaluation of the CE, EA, or EIS prior to FHWA authorization of construction funds before the project letting."

Three years have lapsed since the approval of the D-List CE on 10/29/2014; therefore, a formal reevaluation is being completed at this time. The reevaluation of the environmental effects for this proposed project included the review of the proposed conceptual design (included in Attachment C) along with the information presented in the D-list CE. Of particular interest were the following topics:

- **Ecology**

An ecology report was not completed for the proposed project as documented in the approved D-List CE. The proposed bridge will cross the Tennessee River. Temporary impacts are anticipated to the banks of the Tennessee River during construction of the bridge. The bridge will be a span bridge as opposed to a pier bridge or culvert to avoid permanent impacts. In a letter dated 02/06/2013, the United States Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) stated "A review of the information provided indicates an activity that would not involve work in waters of the US (streams and/or wetlands). Therefore, a Department of the Army permit would not be required. Updated coordination with USACE has occurred, and in correspondence dated 7/13/2017, USACE determined that the previous coordination letter remains valid. Copies of this correspondence have been included in Attachment D.

- **Federally Protected Species List and Biological Assessments**

The proposed project was coordinated with the United States Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) and the Tennessee Wildlife Resource Agency (TWRA), as documented in the approved D-List CE. Updated correspondence with USFWS and TWRA on 7/18/2017 and 7/12/2017, respectively, states that their original responses remains valid. The TDOT Ecology Section stated in email correspondence dated 12/1/2017, "Both the USFWS and TWRA say they have reviewed the information in the re-evaluation and are satisfied that there will be no impacts to State or Federally-listed species. So from our corner, we think the species coordination is satisfactory for this project." Correspondence with TDOT Ecology, along with agency correspondence, is included in Attachment D.

- **Floodplain/Floodway**

Portions of this project are located in or near a FEMA defined floodplain and/or floodway; however, there is no work that will affect the base flood elevations or floodway limits (i.e., bridge repair, paving, roadway and bridge maintenance, intersection improvements, etc.). The project is located on Flood Insurance Rate Maps in Knox County, Panel 283 of 430, Map #47093C0283G. The design of the roadway system is consistent with the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between FHWA and FEMA and with the floodplain management criteria set forth in the National Flood Insurance Regulations of Title 44 of the Code of Federal Regulations (CFR). It will be consistent with the requirements of floodplain management guidelines for implementing Executive Order 11988 and FHWA guidelines 23 CFR 650A. A portion of the FEMA FIRM is included in Attachment E.

- **Air Quality**

1. Transportation Conformity – This project is located in the Knoxville ozone maintenance and PM2.5 nonattainment areas. However, the pedestrian bridge is exempt from conformity under Table 2 of 40 CFR 93.126. The Knoxville Interagency Consultation (IAC) members concurred with TDOT's determination that the project is exempt from conformity on the following dates: FHWA (10/2/2012), EPA (10/1/2012), TAPCD (10/2/2012), and Knox County (10/1/2012). The IAC concurrence responses, PM2.5 clearance record, and reevaluation coordination with TDOT's Environmental Division, dated 07/06/2017, are in Attachment F.

2. Mobile Source Air Toxics (MSATs) – Since the approval of the D-List CE, FHWA has released updated guidance for Mobile Source Air Toxics (MSATs) for CEs. This project qualifies as a CE under 23 CFR 771.117 and, therefore, does not require an evaluation of MSATs per "FHWA's Interim Guidance Update on Air Toxic Analysis in NEPA Documents" dated October 2016. See Attachment F for the MSATs for CEs Memorandum dated 5/2/2017 regarding this updated guidance.

- **Cultural Resources/Section 106 Coordination**

According to responses from TDOT Historic Preservation on 07/12/2017 and TDOT Archaeology on 07/05/2017, it was determined that the SHPO letters, dated 08/13/2014 (Historic) and 08/13/2014 (Archaeological), remain valid. Responses from TDOT Historic Preservation and Archaeology, in addition to previous SHPO coordination letters are included in Attachment G.

- **Native American Consultation**

According to a response from TDOT Archaeology, dated 07/11/17, the subject project was reviewed and determined that the documentation regarding consultation with federally recognized Native American tribes remains valid. Record of Native American Consultation is included in Attachment H.

- **Hazardous Materials**

According to a response from TDOT Environmental Programs Hazardous Materials Section, dated 07/05/2017, the previous Hazardous Materials review as shown in the D-List CE and Environmental Commitments dated 10/24/2014 remains valid. Record of coordination with TDOT Hazardous Materials Section is included in Attachment I.

**Conclusion**

Based on this reevaluation, it has been determined that there are no substantial changes in the environmental effects or the concept of the project as discussed in the D-List CE. There are no new developments that would affect the conditions and impacts previously reported. The anticipated impacts have not changed and the examination of the conceptual designs indicated that there have been no new environmental consequences.

In regard to these conclusions, TDOT believes the D-List CE remains valid for the requested Administrative action. A space below is provided for your concurrence.

Sincerely Yours,



Sharon Sanders  
Transportation Manager I

Concurrence:  Leigh Ann Jubble   
Federal Highway Administration

Date:  2-27-18

Prepared by Bryan Berry, City of Knoxville Project Manager

CC: Dawn Michelle Foster, City of Knoxville  
Tom Clabo, City of Knoxville

# Environmental Studies

## Air and Noise

# Environmental Studies Request

## Project Information

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**Route:** South Waterfront Pedestrian Bridge - Spanning Tennessee River at the University of Tennessee at Knoxville

**Termini:** South and North Waterfronts of the Tennessee River

**County:** Knox

**PIN:** 113061.00

## Request

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**Request Type:** Environmental Study Reevaluation

**Project Plans:** Other

**Date of Plans:** 00/00/0000

**Location:** Email Attachment

## Certification

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**Requestor:** Drew Gaskins

**Title:** Transportation Planner

**Signature:** Drew  
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# Environmental Study

## Technical Section

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**Section:** Air and Noise

## Study Results

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The air quality and noise statements provided on October 11, 2012 and summarized in the CE remain valid for the current plans.

## Commitments

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Did the study of this project result in any environmental commitments?

No

## Additional Information

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Is there any additional information or material included with this study?

No

## Certification

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**Responder:** Darlene D Reiter

**Title:** TDOT Environmental Division Consultant

**Signature:** Darlene D  
Reiter

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Darlene D Reiter  
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**Archived:** Wednesday, July 12, 2017 8:37:34 AM  
**From:** Drew Gaskins  
**Sent:** Wednesday, July 05, 2017 1:37:59 PM  
**To:** Liz Porter  
**Subject:** Fw: PIN 113061.00 South Waterfront Pedestrian Bridge, Knox County  
**Importance:** Normal

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**From:** Alan Longmire  
**Sent:** Wednesday, July 5, 2017 9:03 AM  
**To:** Drew Gaskins  
**Cc:** Phillip Hodge  
**Subject:** RE: PIN 113061.00 South Waterfront Pedestrian Bridge, Knox County

Morning Drew,

The SHPO letter for archaeology dated 8/13/14 remains valid. Thanks for checking!

Alan



C. Alan Longmire, RPA | TESS Adv., Archaeologist

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**From:** TDOT.Env Archaeology  
**Sent:** Wednesday, July 05, 2017 7:19 AM  
**To:** Alan Longmire  
**Subject:** FW: PIN 113061.00 South Waterfront Pedestrian Bridge, Knox County



Phillip Hodge | Archaeology Program Manager  
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**From:** Drew Gaskins  
**Sent:** Monday, July 3, 2017 1:05 PM  
**To:** TDOT.Env Archaeology; TDOT.Env AirNoise; TDOT.Env HazmatOffice; TDOT.Env Historic  
**Cc:** Liz Porter  
**Subject:** PIN 113061.00 South Waterfront Pedestrian Bridge, Knox County

TDOT Local Programs is conducting a re-evaluation of the subject project prior to the environmental clearance validity for the project expiring on 10/24/2017. No design or scope changes have occurred since the original document approval.

Please review these materials and advise if the previous clearance remains valid. If not, please let me know what additional work will be needed to obtain clearance. For your reference, PDF page numbers of the original document may also be seen below. If you have not previously provided comment, please do so at this time. Let me know if you need additional information or clarification.

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**Drew Gaskins, AICP** | Transportation Planner

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# Environmental Studies

## Native American Consultation

# Environmental Studies Request

## Project Information

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**Requestor:** Drew Gaskins

**Title:** Transportation Planner

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## Technical Section

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**Section:** Native American Consultation

## Study Results

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I have reviewed the subject project and determined that the documentation regarding consultation with federally recognized Native American tribes remains valid. Initial consultation materials were sent to the federally recognized tribes with interests in Knox County on 9/26/12. The Cherokee Nation responded on the same day, while the United Keetoowah Band of Cherokee Indians responded on 9/30/12. Both tribes indicated that they had no concerns or comments, but did request to be contacted if any archaeological materials or human remains were inadvertently discovered during construction.

## Commitments

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**Did the study of this project result in any environmental commitments?**

No

## Additional Information

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**Is there any additional information or material included with this study?**

Yes

**Type:** Native American Consultation

**Location:** Email Attachment

## Certification

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**Responder:** Phillip R. Hodge

**Title:** Archaeology Program Manager

**Signature:** Phillip R.  
Hodge

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## Robbie D. Jones

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**From:** Richard Allen <Richard-Allen@cherokee.org>  
**Sent:** Thursday, October 25, 2012 10:01 AM  
**To:** Robbie D. Jones  
**Subject:** RE: Section 106 Coordination, Knox Co., TN #113061.00

The Cherokee Nation has no knowledge of any historic, cultural or sacred sites within the affected area. Should any ground disturbance reveal an archaeological site or human remains, we ask that the all activity cease immediately and the Cherokee Nation and other appropriate agencies be contacted immediately.

Thank you,

Dr. Richard L. Allen  
Policy Analyst  
NAGPRA/Section 106 Contact  
Cherokee Nation  
P.O. Box 948  
Tahlequah, Oklahoma 74465  
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(918) 822-2707 (cell)  
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**From:** Robbie D. Jones [<mailto:Robbie.D.Jones@tn.gov>]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, September 26, 2012 1:36 PM  
**To:** Richard Allen  
**Cc:** Gerald Kline; Robbie D. Jones  
**Subject:** Section 106 Coordination, Knox Co., TN #113061.00

Dear Dr. Allen:

I'm sending this email communication on behalf of Gerald Kline, Archaeology Program Manager for the Tennessee Department of Transportation. Please see the attached letters and maps for the following project:

**South Waterfront – UT Pedestrian Bridge, Knoxville, Knox County Tennessee (PIN# 113061.00)**

If you have any questions or need additional information, please contact Gerald Kline at (615) 741-5257 or [Gerald.Kline@tn.gov](mailto:Gerald.Kline@tn.gov).

Thank you for your assistance in this matter.

Robbie

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Native American Coordinator  
TDOT Environmental Division  
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## **Robbie D. Jones**

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**From:** Lisa LaRue-Baker - UKB THPO <ukbthpo-larue@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Sunday, September 30, 2012 3:51 PM  
**To:** Robbie D. Jones  
**Cc:** lstapleton@unitedkeetoowahband.org  
**Subject:** Re: Section 106 Coordination, Knox Co., TN #113061.00

The United Keetoowah Band of Cherokee Indians in Oklahoma has reviewed your projects for Section 106 NHPA purposes, and cultural resources. At this time, we have no objection or comment. However, if any human remains or funerary items are inadvertently discovered, please cease all work and contact us immediately.

### **Lisa LaRue-Baker**

Acting THPO  
United Keetoowah Band of Cherokee Indians in Oklahoma  
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--- On **Wed, 9/26/12**, **Robbie D. Jones** <[Robbie.D.Jones@tn.gov](mailto:Robbie.D.Jones@tn.gov)> wrote:

From: Robbie D. Jones <[Robbie.D.Jones@tn.gov](mailto:Robbie.D.Jones@tn.gov)>  
Subject: Section 106 Coordination, Knox Co., TN #113061.00  
To: "'ukbthpo-larue@yahoo.com'" <[ukbthpo-larue@yahoo.com](mailto:ukbthpo-larue@yahoo.com)>  
Cc: "Robbie D. Jones" <[Robbie.D.Jones@tn.gov](mailto:Robbie.D.Jones@tn.gov)>  
Date: Wednesday, September 26, 2012, 1:37 PM

Dear Ms. LaRue-Baker:

I'm sending this email communication on behalf of Gerald Kline, Archaeology Program Manager for the Tennessee Department of Transportation. Please see the attached letters and maps for the following project:

**South Waterfront – UT Pedestrian Bridge, Knoxville, Knox County Tennessee (PIN# 113061.00)**



If you have any questions or need additional information, please contact Gerald Kline at (615) 741-5257 or [Gerald.Kline@tn.gov](mailto:Gerald.Kline@tn.gov).

Thank you for your assistance in this matter.

Robbie

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# Environmental Studies

## Hazardous Materials

# Environmental Studies Request

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# Environmental Study

## Technical Section

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**Section:** Hazardous Materials

## Study Results

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Based on the information provided, the previous HazMat review as shown in the D-List CE and Environmental Commitments dated 24 October 2014 remains valid.

## Commitments

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**Did the study of this project result in any environmental commitments?**

Yes

Previously submitted

## Additional Information

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**Is there any additional information or material included with this study?**

No

## Certification

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**Responder:** Kyle Kirschenmann

**Signature:**

Kyle Kirschenmann

**Title:** Environmental Program Manager, Hazardous Materials Section

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# Environmental Studies

## Historic Preservation

# Environmental Studies Request

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**Title:** Transportation Planner

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# Environmental Study

## Technical Section

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**Section:** Historic Preservation

## Study Results

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Based on the information provided: "No design or scope changes have occurred since the original document approval," the TN-SHPO letter from August 13, 2014 remains valid.

## Commitments

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Did the study of this project result in any environmental commitments?

No

## Additional Information

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Is there any additional information or material included with this study?

No

## Certification

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**Responder:** Katherine Looney

**Signature:**



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Katherine Looney  
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**Title:** TDOT Environmental Supervisor

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**Sent:** Wednesday, July 12, 2017 2:06:33 PM  
**To:** Liz Porter  
**Subject:** Fw: PIN 113061.00 South Waterfront Pedestrian Bridge, Knox County  
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PIN 113061.00 Environmental Study Request.pdf 

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**From:** Katherine Looney  
**Sent:** Wednesday, July 12, 2017 1:05 PM  
**To:** Drew Gaskins Tammy Sellers  
**Subject:** FW: PIN 113061.00 South Waterfront Pedestrian Bridge, Knox County

Hey Drew,  
The 2014 SHPO letter for Historic Preservation remains valid. The ESR is attached.  
Thanks!  
Katherine



**Katherine Looney** | TDOT Environmental Supervisor | Historic Preservation  
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**From:** TDOT.Env Historic  
**Sent:** Wednesday, July 05, 2017 11:27 AM  
**To:** Katherine Looney  
**Subject:** FW: PIN 113061.00 South Waterfront Pedestrian Bridge, Knox County

ESR attached.

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**From:** Drew Gaskins  
**Sent:** Wednesday, July 5, 2017 10:39 AM  
**To:** TDOT.Env Archaeology; TDOT.Env AirNoise; TDOT.Env HazmatOffice; TDOT.Env Historic  
**Cc:** Sandy Layne Sclafani  
**Subject:** re: PIN 113061.00 South Waterfront Pedestrian Bridge, Knox County

Good morning,

I erroneously omitted the ESR form from the re-evaluation request sent on 07/03/2017. See the attached file for the form.

-Drew

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**From:** Drew Gaskins  
**Sent:** Monday, July 3, 2017 1:05 PM  
**To:** TDOT.Env Archaeology TDOT.Env AirNoise TDOT.Env HazmatOffice TDOT.Env Historic  
**Cc:** Liz Porter  
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**From:** [Drew Gaskins](#)  
**Sent:** Wednesday, July 12, 2017 11:27:10 AM  
**To:** [Liz Porter](#)  
**Subject:** Fw: PIN 113061.00 South Waterfront Pedestrian Bridge, Knox County  
**Importance:** Normal

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**From:** incent Pontello  
**Sent:** Wednesday, July 12, 2017 9:04 AM  
**To:** Drew Gaskins  
**Subject:** Re: PIN 113061.00 South Waterfront Pedestrian Bridge, Knox County

Drew,

Our response from TWRA is still valid. Please contact me if you need further assistance.

incent L. Pontello  
Wildlife Biologist  
Liaison to Federal Highway Admin. TDOT  
Tennessee Wildlife Resources Agency  
Environmental Services Division

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**From:** Drew Gaskins  
**Sent:** Monday, July 3, 2017 2:08:51 PM  
**To:** John Griffith Stephanie.Ann Williams LRN OP-F Rob Todd  
**Cc:** incent Pontello Liz Porter  
**Subject:** PIN 113061.00 South Waterfront Pedestrian Bridge, Knox County

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**Sent:** Thursday, July 13, 2017 9:50 AM  
**To:** Drew Gaskins  
**Subject:** RE: PIN 113061.00 South Waterfront Pedestrian Bridge, Knox County

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Mr. Gaskins,

Following a review of the provided documents, USACE has determined that our opinion in the previous letter dated February 6, 2013 remains valid. The determination was that the project, as planned, would not require a Department of the Army permit. Thank you.

Chris

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**From:** Drew Gaskins <mailto:Drew.Gaskins@tn.gov>  
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Drew,

Thank you for requesting reevaluation of the subject project due to the upcoming expiration of the environmental document. The design and scope of work have not changed since we provided TDOT with our section 7 clearance in a letter dated January 23, 2013. Upon review of the information provided, we would not anticipate impacts to any federally listed or proposed species. Therefore, based on the best information available at this time, we believe that the requirements of section 7 of the Endangered Species Act (Act) of 1973, as amended, are fulfilled for all species that currently receive protection under the Act. Obligations under section 7 of the Act should be reconsidered if (1) new information reveals impacts of the proposed action that may affect listed species or critical habitat in a manner not previously considered, (2) the proposed action is subsequently modified to include activities which were not considered during this consultation, or (3) new species are listed or critical habitat designated that might be affected by the proposed action. This email will serve as our official project response. Please let me know if we can offer further assistance. Thanks,

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