



**Blount County
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Memo on Kinzel Springs Bridge

For a number of years there have been many proposals to improve this bridge. However, there are a number of safety concerns that must be addressed to ensure the bridge is safe for use.

The Highway Department has bid the improvements through the Purchasing Department and with negotiations with the prospective bidder determined the safety concerns can be addressed at a cost not to exceed \$175,000.

Since the bridge spans the Little River, a number of considerations have to be addressed including environmental compliance with TDEC Standards. The bridge has structural concerns including spalding of the concrete and exposed rebar. When addressing this type of project, water levels, potential contamination, and safety are paramount. The Contractor has worked with the County to stage the project improvements over a timeline that benefits the County and does not penalize the Contractor.

The construction improvements will be made over a 6 month time period.
The payment of the project will be as follows:

Existing capital funds (Fund 189)	\$57,000
Current Hwy funds (Fund 131)	60,000
Fund Balance (Fund 101)	58,000
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Total sources/funding	\$175,000

Since the existing bridge is not structurally suitable for traffic, including vehicles, pedestrians, and bicycles, consideration was given to demolishing the entire structure. However, the cost of removing the bridge is significantly higher than improving the structural deficiencies.

If repaired, the bridge would be suitable for both pedestrian and bicycle traffic. This would potentially integrate into the Maryville-to-Townsend Greenway Master Plan to enhance the health and wellness for residents of Blount County and Tourists. Likewise, we can preserve a historic piece of Blount County.

If you have any questions, please contact me at 865-982-4652.

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Highway Superintendent

**Blount County Government
Budget Amendment Request**

FY 17-18

Department: Highway
Account: transfers

Type of Amendment: (check one)

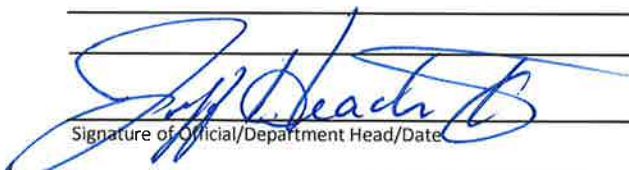
- Transfer** (no overall change to adopted budget)
- Decrease** (reducing adopted budget due to unforeseen effect on "revenue" or "expense")
- Increase** (raising adopted budget due to unforeseen effect on "revenue" or "expense")
- Adjustment** (correction to adopted budget due to "grant award" or "budgetary adjustment")

*****IF an Increase or Decrease, a memo explaining the need or purpose MUST accompany amendment form*****

	Account Number	Description	Amount
TO	131-99100-500590	Transfers to Other Funds	60,000.00
TOTAL			60,000.00

	Account Number	Description	Amount
FROM	131-68000-500714	Highway Equipment	60,000.00
TOTAL			60,000.00

Explanation: Highway portion/contribution toward Kinzel Springs Bridge project



Signature of Official/Department Head/Date

Signature of County Mayor/Date

***All requests requiring committee approval are due to Sr. Financial Analyst's Office by noon on the Tuesday before the Budget Committee Meeting.**