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The Cherokee Nation  
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Attn: Dr. Richard Allen, Policy Analyst

**SUBJECT:** Section 106 Initial Coordination for Proposed Washington Pike Project from I-640 to Murphy Road NE, Knoxville, Knox County, Tennessee

Dear Dr. Allen:

The Tennessee Department of Transportation (TDOT) in cooperation with the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) is proposing to improve Washington Pike from I-640 to Murphy Road NE in Knox County (maps attached). The project will widen the road from two lanes to four with turn lanes as required at intersecting side streets as well as add curb and gutter, sidewalks, and bike lanes; some sections of the road already feature a center turn lane. The intersection with McCampbell Drive near Murphy Road NE will be realigned. The project may eliminate or reduce some curb and gutter section with construction of grass swales. The approximate length of the project is 1.73 miles. Additional right-of-way will be needed.

The National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA) recognizes that federally funded undertakings, like the subject project, can affect historic properties to which your tribe attaches religious, cultural, and historic significance. In accordance with 36 CFR 800 regulations implementing compliance with Section 106 of the NHPA, I would like to know if you have information you could share with me about tribal concerns in the project area and if you wish to be a consulting party on the project? Early awareness of your concerns can serve to protect historic properties valued by your tribe.

If you act as a consulting party you will receive archaeological assessment reports and related documentation, be invited to attend project meetings with FHWA, TDOT, and the Tennessee State Historic Preservation Office (TN-SHPO), if any are held, and be asked to provide input throughout the process. If you choose to not act as a consulting party at this time, you can do so at a later date simply by notifying me.

Please respond to me via letter, telephone (615-741-5257), fax (615-741-1098), or E-mail ([Gerald.Kline@tn.gov](mailto:Gerald.Kline@tn.gov)). I respectfully request responses (email is preferred) to project reports and other materials within thirty (30) days of receipt if at all possible. Thank you for your assistance.

Sincerely,

Gerald Kline  
Transportation Specialist I  
Archaeology Program Manager

Enclosure

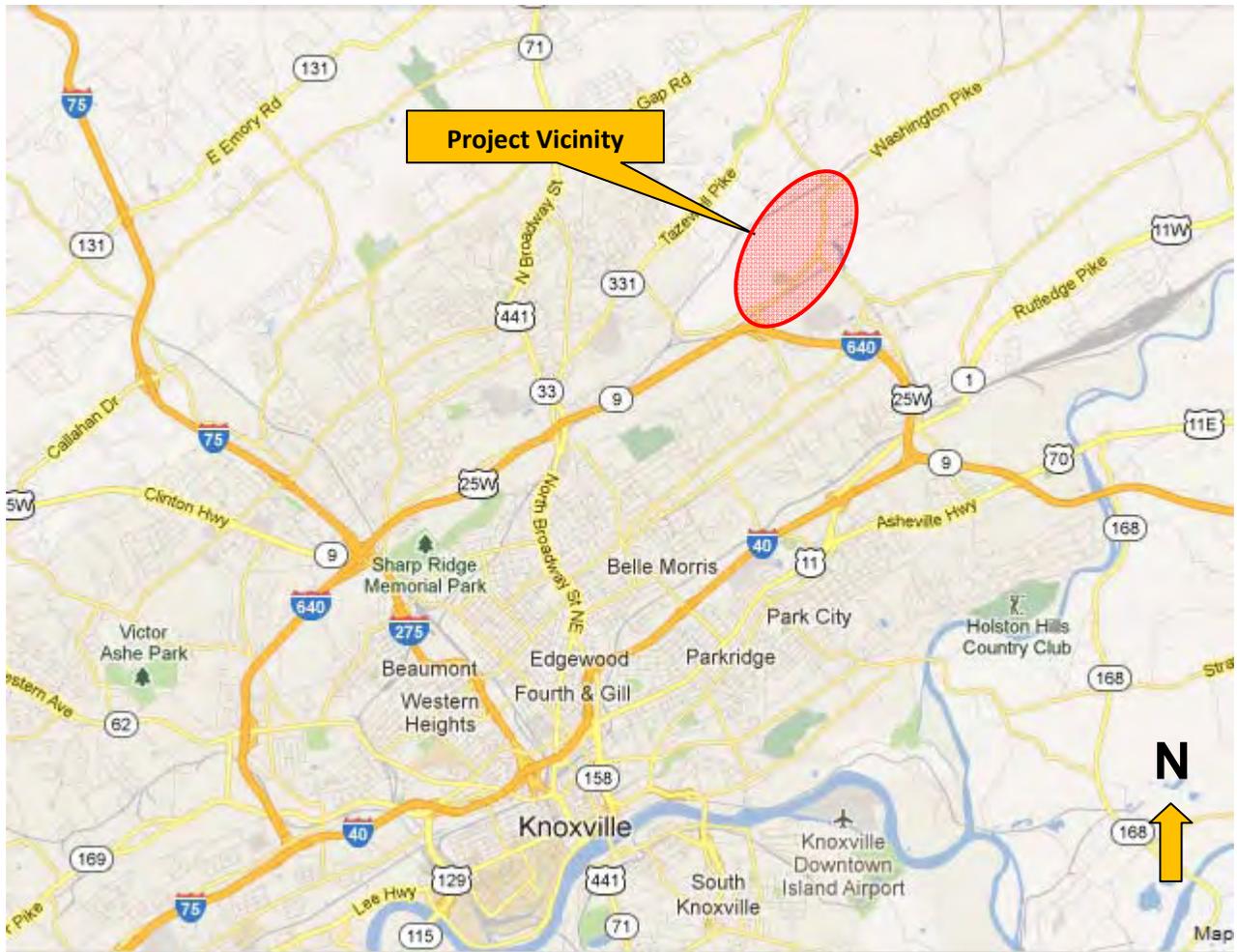
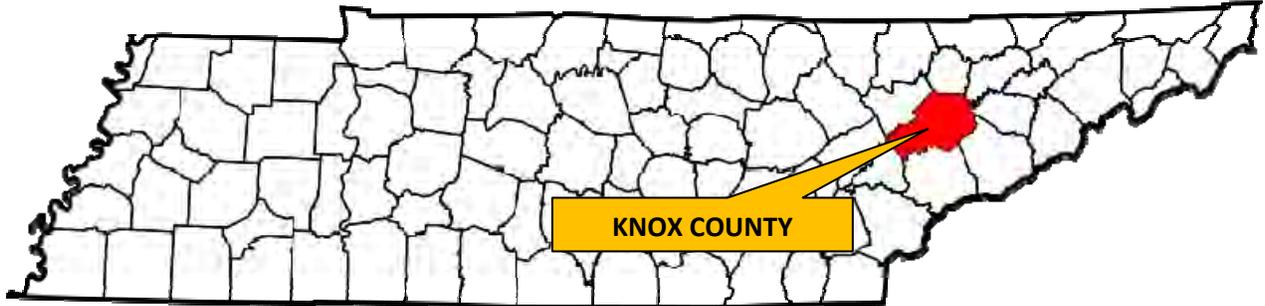
cc Robin Dushane, Eastern Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma  
Kim Jumper, Shawnee Tribe  
Lisa LaRue-Baker, United Keetowah Band of Cherokee Indians  
Tyler Howe, Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians



# WASHINGTON PIKE PROJECT

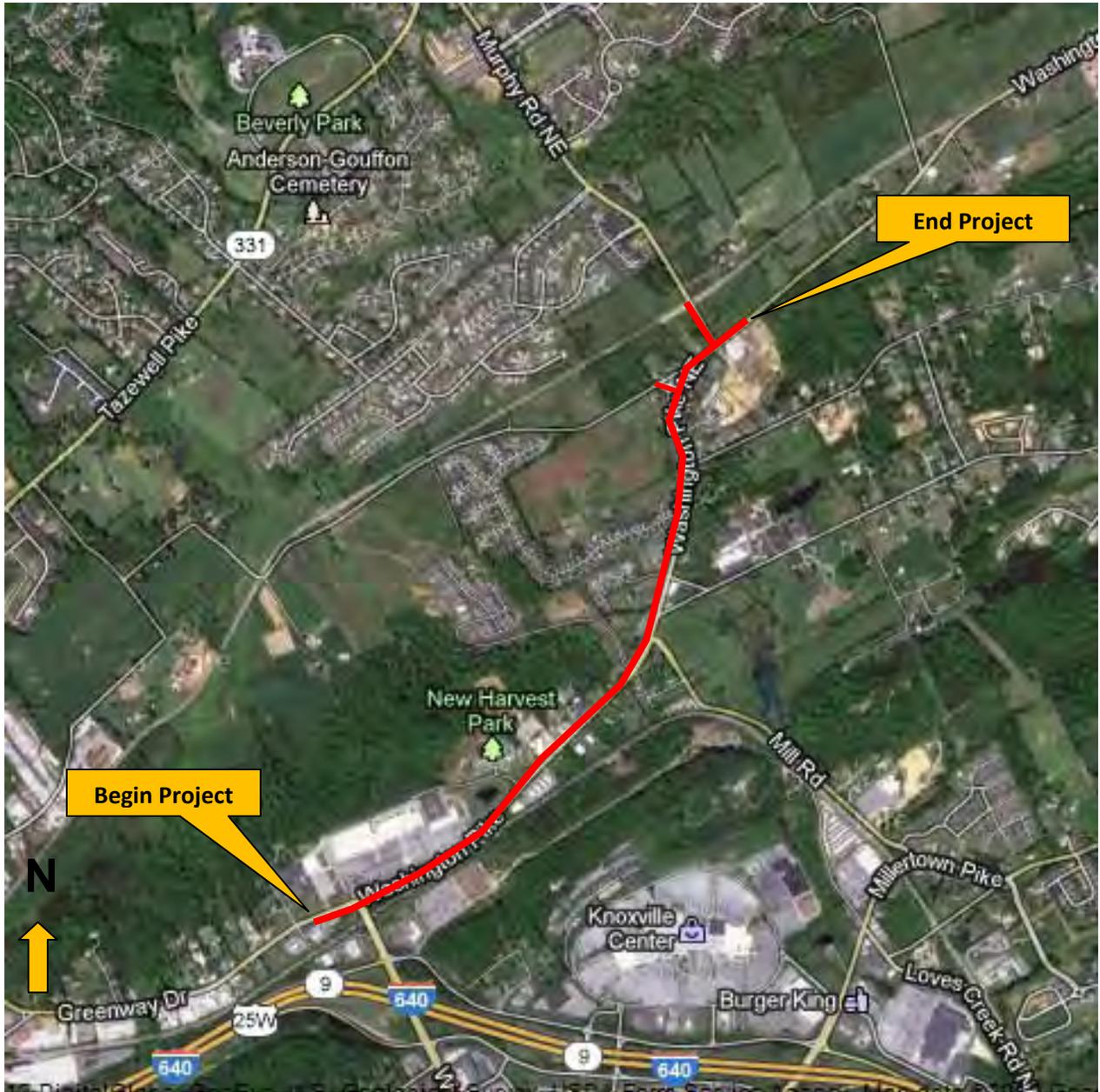
FROM I-640 TO MURPHY ROAD NE

KNOXVILLE, KNOX COUNTY, TENNESSEE

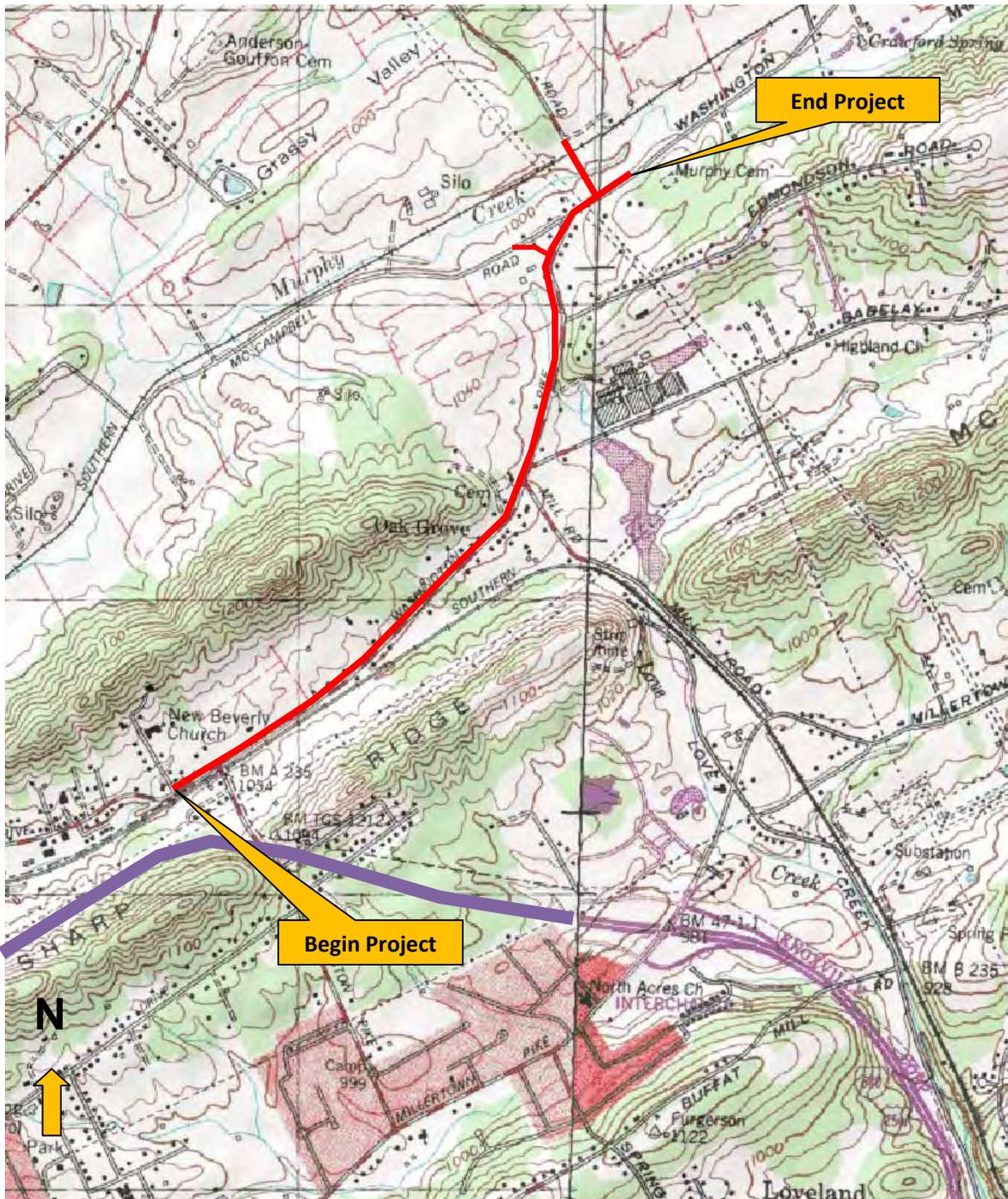


## PROJECT VICINITY MAP





Project Location Map



Project Location Map – USGS Fountain City (146 SW) & John Sevier (146 SE)

## **Robbie D. Jones**

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**From:** Lisa LaRue-Baker - UKB THPO <ukbthpo-larue@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, August 24, 2012 7:21 PM  
**To:** Robbie D. Jones  
**Cc:** lstapleton@unitedkeetoowahband.org  
**Subject:** Re: Section 106 Coordination, Knox Co., TN #043090.00

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**

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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:

**Washington Pike, Knoxville, Knox County, Tennessee (PIN# 043090.00)**

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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