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City planners meet

TVA spur plan endorsed

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HARRIMAN — Harriman Planning Commission is recommending approval of TVA's plan for building a new railroad spur to Kingston Steam Plant.

Roger Milstead and Lynn Petty of TVA explained the plan to planning commissioners during Thursday night's meeting.

Discussion focused mainly on the portion of the spur between Highway 27 and the Emory River and the bridge which will cross the river.

In order to construct the six-mile railway, Milstead said TVA will have to fill in a small portion of the river. That, combined with the erection of the bridge, will cause a slight change in the flood levels in the flood plain.

"We will have to put some filling in the Emory River to get the tracks in," said Milstead. "We have to build that area up. Otherwise, there just wouldn't be enough room."

"You have to have at least 15 feet from the centerline of each track to have clearance," added Petty.

Milstead said impact of the fill area and the bridge, however, would be minor.

"This means new structures built in the area would need to be two-tenths of a foot (a little over two inches) higher," he said.

"Most of the time, a bridge doesn't cause any change. But, because the water flows so fast in that area — about 12 feet per second — the bridge supports will cause a slight rise."

Milstead, however, said change will not be enough to alter the base flood maps.

"This will not be very noticeable," he said. "We need your approval so we can submit a condition letter of map revision to the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA)."

Planners voted unanimously to recommend City Council approve the project.

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