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Nolensville Road Motorists Delighted with Animals on Train Bridge Mural Project Dedication Ceremony Set for July 2

On July 2, The Flatrock Heritage Foundation will hold a dedication ceremony for a mural painted on the CSX railroad bridge which crosses Nolensville Road near Nashville Zoo. The ceremony will take place at the mural site at 10:00 a.m. followed by an awards presentation at the Zoo's Croft Center. The public and media are welcome to attend.

In an effort to improve the look and perception of the Nolensville Road area, The Flatrock Heritage Foundation worked with State Representative Janis Sontany, Nashville Zoo, the Nashville Chamber of Commerce's Southern Area Business Council, and other area businesses and residents to paint a zoo-themed mural on the support columns of the CSX railroad bridge. The goal of the project is to clean up the area and replace graffiti with mural art. Michael Cooper of Murals & More LLC was contracted to complete the project.

"Michael and several volunteers did a great job and the mural looks terrific," Rep. Sontany says. "It's an honor to be representing the residents and businesses who work hard to create a welcoming entry to this area." Cooper painted the mural in Trompe L'oeil art style (derived from the French language meaning 'trick the eye'). This technique uses realistic imagery to create three-dimensional optical illusions. The concrete supports now appear to be carved stone pillars crawling with an array of exotic animals found at Nashville Zoo.

Nashville Zoo is accredited by the prestigious Association of Zoos and Aquariums assuring the highest standards of animal care and husbandry. The Zoo is a non-profit organization located at 3777 Nolensville Road and is open every day except Thanksgiving, Christmas and New Year's Day. The mission of the Nashville Zoo is to inspire a culture of understanding and discovery of our natural world through conservation, innovation, and leadership. For more information about Nashville Zoo, please call 833-1534 or visit our website at www.nashvillezoo.org.

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