



INTEROFFICE MEMORANDUM

June 3, 2022

TO: Master Files

FROM:  John Fleming, Division Head, Environmental Division 

SUBJECT: Job 012362
FAP NHFP-40-3(141)
Conway – North Little Rock (S)
Route I-40, Sections 32 & 33
Faulkner and Pulaski Counties
Tier 1 Categorical Exclusion

The purpose of the project is rehabilitation of Interstate 40 for 22.7 miles between Conway and North Little Rock in Faulkner and Pulaski Counties. No additional right of way will be needed for the project. A project location map is attached.

The project will not involve relocations, endangered species, prime farmlands, wetlands, underground storage tanks, hazardous materials, any environmental justice issues, or cultural resources. This project has been determined to generate minimal air quality impacts for Clean Air Act criteria pollutants and has not been linked with any special mobile source air toxic concerns. A Section 404 permit will not be required for this project. The Cultural Resources clearance is attached.

The official species lists obtained through the US Fish and Wildlife Service's (USFWS) Information for Planning and Consultation identified the following species as potentially occurring within the project area: Indiana bat (*Myotis sodalis*), Eastern Black Rail (*Laterallus jamaicensis ssp. jamaicensis*), Piping Plover (*Charadrius melodus*), Red Knot (*Calidris canutus rufa*), and monarch butterfly (*Danaus plexippus*). The official species list is attached. This project will have "no effect" on the aforementioned species due to the limited scope of the action, lack of suitable habitat, and distance to known species locations.

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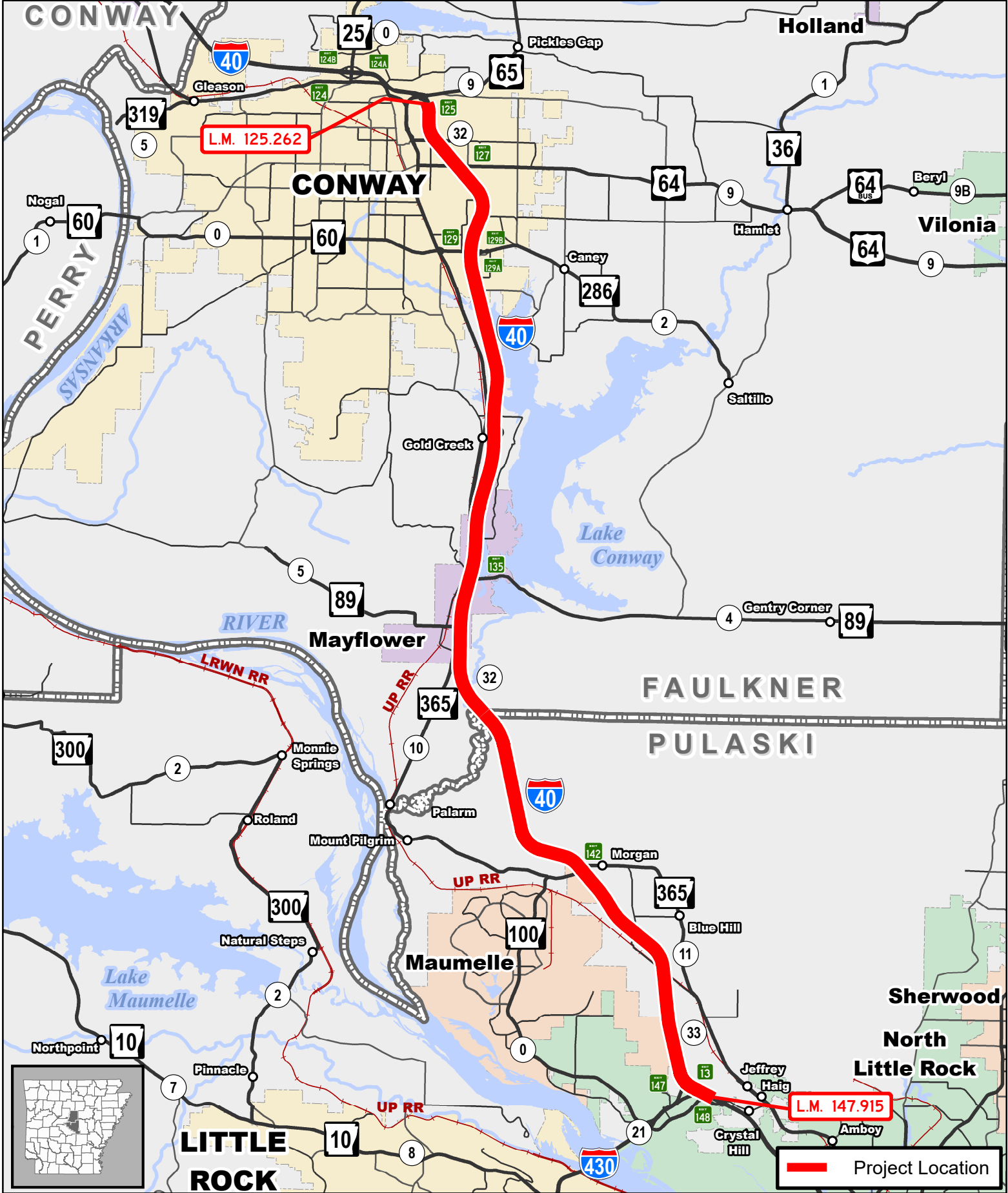
After appropriate environmental review, it has been determined that the subject job is a Tier 1 Categorical Exclusion as described by the ARDOT/FHWA Programmatic Agreement on Categorical Exclusion Documentation and Processing. A public hearing will not be offered for this project.

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Attachments:

- Project Location Map
- Cultural Resources Clearance
- Environmental Study Checklist

c: Program Management
Right of Way
Roadway Design
Districts 6 & 8
FHWA



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TO: Job File

FROM: Jason Eads, Cultural Resources Section


SUBJECT: Cultural Resources Clearance Addendum
Job 012362
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This job originally proposed 22.35 miles of 2-inch mill and inlay with Glaspave and UTBWC on Interstate 40, between Conway and North Little Rock, in Faulkner and Pulaski Counties. An additional 0.305 miles have been added to the end of the project.

This project is subject to the 2021 Programmatic Agreement and falls under Activities C and D in Appendix B. The project is exempt from further work or Section 106 review.

**ARDOT ENVIRONMENTAL VERIFICATION CHECKLIST
FOR CONSIDERATION OF POTENTIAL IMPACTS**

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Environmental Resource	None	Minimal	Major	Comments-required for each item
Air Quality	X			No impacts anticipated
Cultural Resources	X			No impacts anticipated
Economic	X			No impacts anticipated
Endangered Species	X			"No Effect" determination
Environmental Justice/Title VI	X			No impacts anticipated
Fish and Wildlife	X			None in project area
Floodplains	X			No impacts anticipated
Forest Service Property	X			None in project area
Hazardous Materials/Landfills	X			No impacts anticipated
Land Use	X			No impacts anticipated
Migratory Birds	X			No impacts anticipated
Navigation/Coast Guard	X			None in project area
Noise Levels	X			No impacts anticipated
Prime Farmland	X			No impacts anticipated
Protected Waters	X			None in project area
Public Recreation Lands	X			No impacts anticipated
Public Water Supply/WHPA	X			No impacts anticipated
Relocates	X			No impacts anticipated
Section 4(f)/6(f)	X			No impacts anticipated
Social	X			No impacts anticipated
Underground Storage Tanks	X			No impacts anticipated
Visual	X			No impacts anticipated
Streams	X			No impacts anticipated
Water Quality	X			No impacts anticipated
Wetlands	X			None in project area
Wildlife Refuges	X			None in project area

Section 401 Water Quality Certification Required? N

Short-term Activity Authorization Required? N

Section 404 Permit Required? N Type N/A

Remarks: Water Pollution Control SP (Lake Conway)

Signature of Evaluator  Date June 1, 2022