



INTEROFFICE MEMORANDUM

June 25, 2021

TO: Master Files

FROM: John Fleming, Division Head, Environmental Division

SUBJECT: Job 020786
FAP STPC-0002(46)
Highways 133 & 169 (Sel. Secs.) (Crossett) (S)
Routes 133 & 169, Section 0
Ashley County
Tier 1 Categorical Exclusion

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.

The purpose of this job is to mill & inlay/overlay approximately 3 miles of Highway 133 and level & chip seal approximately 0.8 mile of Highway 169 in Crossett, AR in Ashley County. All work will take place within the existing right of way. A project location map is attached.

The project will not involve relocations, 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. The cultural resources clearance is attached.

The official species lists obtained through the US Fish and Wildlife Service's Information for Planning and Consultation identified the following species as potentially occurring within the project area: Eastern Black Rail (*Laterallus*

jamaicensis ssp. jamaicensis), Piping Plover (*Charadrius melodus*), Red Knot (*Calidris canutus rufa*), Red-cockaded Woodpecker (*Dryobates borealis*), and pondberry (*Lindera melissifolia*). This project will have “no effect” on the aforementioned federally species due to the limited scope of the action, lack of suitable habitat, and distance to known species locations.

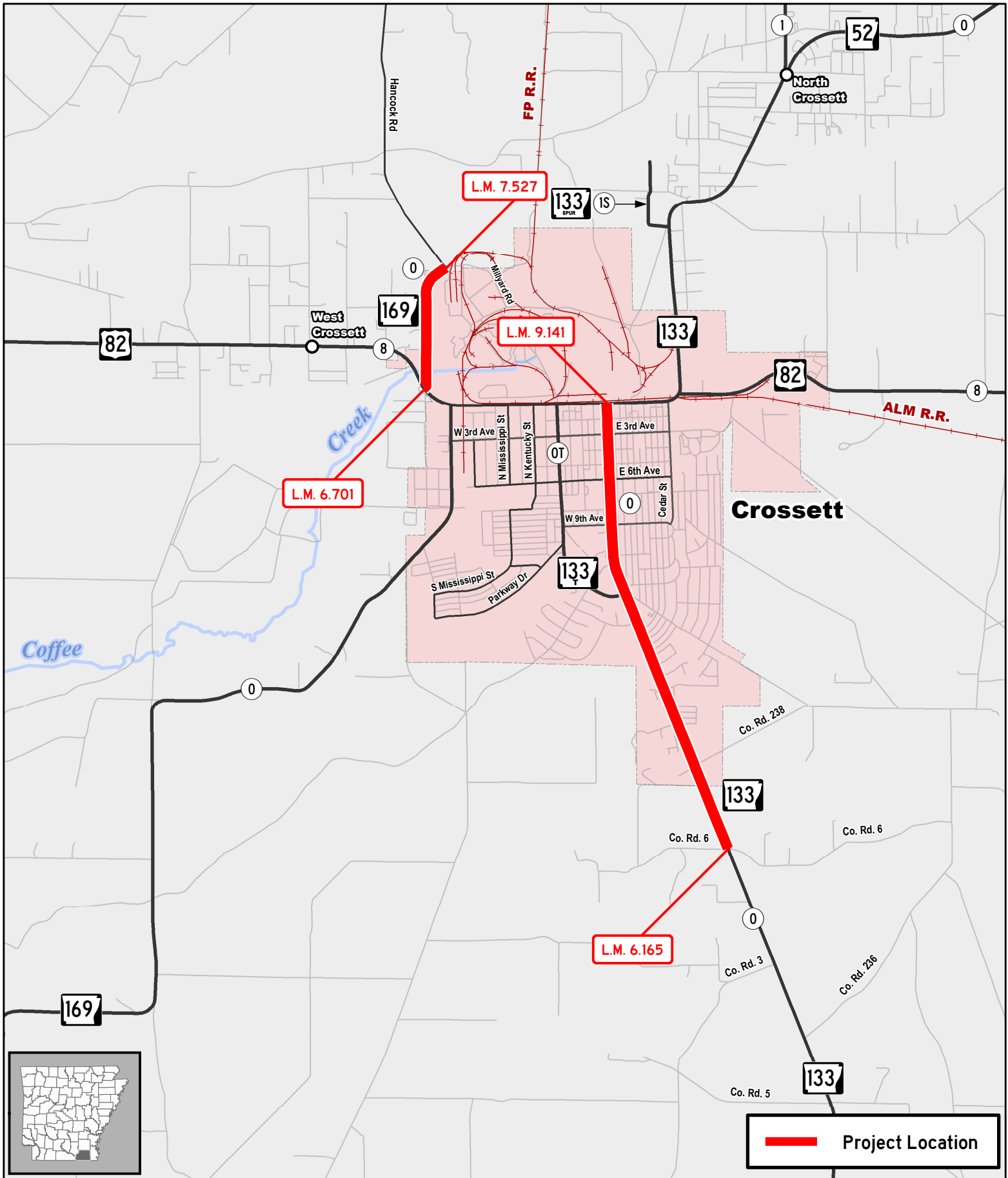
This project will not have a discharge of dredged or fill material into waters of the United States; therefore, a Section 404 permit will not be required.

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Attachments:

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

c: Program Management
Right of Way
Roadway Design
District 2
FHWA



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 Hwy. 133, Sec. 0
 Hwy. 169, Sec. 0
 Ashley County

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INTEROFFICE MEMORANDUM

June 10, 2021

TO: Assessments

FROM: Kristina Boykin, Cultural Resources Section
KB

SUBJECT: Cultural Resources Clearance
Job 020786
Hwys. 133 & 169 (Sel. Secs.) (Crossett) (S)
Route 133, Section 0
Route 169, Section 0
Ashley County

This project proposes to mill and inlay/overlay a portion of Highway 133 and level and chip seal a portion of Highway 169 at Crossett in Ashley County.

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

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

ARDOT Job 020786 FAP STPC-0002(46)

Job Title Highways 133 & 169 (Sel. Secs.) (Crossett) (S)

Environmental Resource	None	Minimal	Major	Comments
Air Quality	X			No impacts anticipated
Cultural Resources	X			CR Memo Attached
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			Zone A SFHA in project area, no impacts
Forest Service Property	X			None in project area
Hazardous Materials/Landfills	X			No impacts anticipated
Land Use	X			All work within existing ROW
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 relocations
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 _____

Remarks: _____

Signature of Evaluator Kathryn Rose Date 6/14/2021