



INTEROFFICE MEMORANDUM

September 2, 2020

TO: Master Files

FROM:  John Fleming, Division Head, Environmental Division 

SUBJECT: Job Number 070513
FAP Number NHPP-0010(48)
I-30 Str. & Apprs. (Hwy. 51) (S)
Route 51, Section 1
Clark County
Tier 1 Categorical Exclusion

The purpose of the project is to replace the Highway 51 Overpass (Bridge Number 03873) at Interstate 30 in Clark County. A project location map is attached.

The project will not involve relocations, wetlands, underground storage tanks, hazardous materials, any environmental justice issues, or cultural resources. Up to 14 acres of new right of way and may be required for this project. Of this acreage, up to 1.9 acres of prime farmland may be impacted. Form NRCS-CPA-106 is attached addressing these impacts. 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 State Historic Preservation Officer's clearance is attached.

The official species list obtained through the US Fish and Wildlife Service's Information for Planning and Consultation website identifies the following species as potentially occurring within the project area: Eastern Black Rail (*Laterallus jamaicensis ssp. jamaicensis*), Red Knot (*Calidris canutus rufa*), Piping Plover (*Charadrius melodus*), Red-cockaded Woodpecker (*Picoides borealis*), and American burying beetle (*Nicrophorus americanus*).

Due to the limited scope of the project, lack of suitable habitat, and distance to known occurrences, it has been determined that this project will have “no effect” on the aforementioned federally listed species.

The 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.

Based on the ARDOT noise policy, a noise analysis is not required for this project. The bridge replacement will not involve adding capacity, substantially changing the roadway alignment, or exposing noise sensitive land uses to traffic noise sources. In compliance with federal guidelines, local authorities will not require notification.

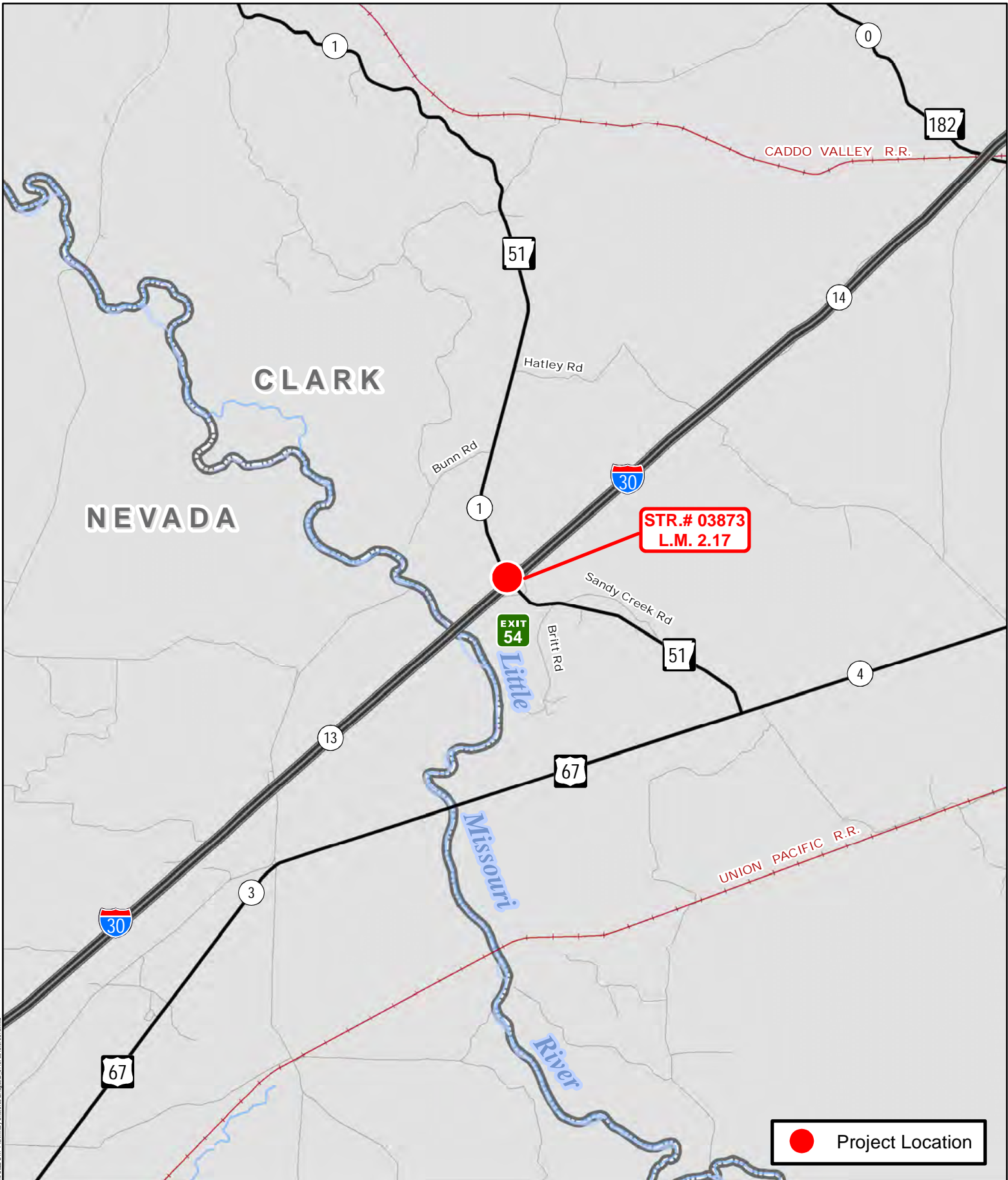
After appropriate environmental review, it has been determined that the subject job is a Tier 1 Categorical Exclusion as described by the ARDOT/FHWA Programmatic Agreement on Categorical Exclusion Documentation and Processing. A public hearing will not be offered for this project.

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Attachments:

- Location Map
- SHPO Clearance
- NRCS-CPA-106 Form
- Environmental Study Checklist

c: Program Management
Right of Way
Roadway Design
District 7
FHWA

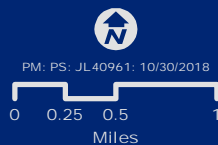


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August 31, 2020

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Re: Clark County – General
Section 106 Review – FHWA
I-30 & Apprs. (Hwy. 51) (S)
Route 51, Section 1
ARDOT Job Number 070513
AHPP Tracking Number 103908.01

Dear Mr. Fleming:

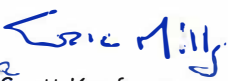
The staff of the Arkansas Historic Preservation Program (AHPP) reviewed the Project Identification Form (PIF) for the above-referenced job in Clark County. As described, the proposed undertaking entails replacing Arkansas Department of Transportation (ARDOT) Bridge 03873. In correspondence dated May 31, 2019, the AHPP concurred ARDOT Bridge 03873 is not eligible for inclusion in the National Register of Historic Places (NRHP) (AHPP Tracking Number 103908). The survey area of the present investigation totals 14 acres. The PIF notes that Sites 3CL0032 and 3CL0033 lie near the east and west boundaries of the APE. Sites 3CL0032 and 3CL0033 are unevaluated for inclusion in the NRHP. The AHPP agrees that, as documented, the sites appear to be outside the environmental clearance limits for the project.

Based on the provided information and the results of the investigation, the AHPP concurs with the finding of **no historic properties affected pursuant to 36 CFR § 800.4(d)(1)**. In the event of a post-review discovery of historic properties within the APE, please contact the AHPP and other consulting parties in accordance with 36 CFR § 800.13(b)(3).

Tribes that have expressed an interest in the area include the Caddo Nation, the Chickasaw Nation, the Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma, the Osage Nation, the Quapaw Nation, and the Shawnee Tribe. We recommend consultation in accordance with 36 CFR § 800.2(c)(2).

Thank you for the opportunity to review this undertaking and PIF. If you have any questions, please contact Eric Mills of my staff at (501) 324-9784 or eric.mills@arkansas.gov.

Sincerely,


for
Scott Kaufman
Director, AHPP

cc: Mr. Randal Looney, Federal Highway Administration
Dr. George Sabo III, Arkansas Archeological Survey

**FARMLAND CONVERSION IMPACT RATING
FOR CORRIDOR TYPE PROJECTS**

PART I (To be completed by Federal Agency)	3. Date of Land Evaluation Request	4. Sheet 1 of _____
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1. Name of Project	5. Federal Agency Involved
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2. Type of Project	6. County and State
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PART II (To be completed by NRCS)	1. Date Request Received by NRCS	2. Person Completing Form
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3. Does the corridor contain prime, unique statewide or local important farmland? (If no, the FPPA does not apply - Do not complete additional parts of this form). YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/>	4. Acres Irrigated Average Farm Size
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5. Major Crop(s)	6. Farmable Land in Government Jurisdiction Acres: _____ %	7. Amount of Farmland As Defined in FPPA Acres: _____ %
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8. Name Of Land Evaluation System Used	9. Name of Local Site Assessment System	10. Date Land Evaluation Returned by NRCS
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PART III (To be completed by Federal Agency)	Alternative Corridor For Segment			
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	Corridor A	Corridor B	Corridor C	Corridor D
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A. Total Acres To Be Converted Directly				
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B. Total Acres To Be Converted Indirectly, Or To Receive Services				
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C. Total Acres In Corridor				
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PART IV (To be completed by NRCS) Land Evaluation Information				
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A. Total Acres Prime And Unique Farmland				
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B. Total Acres Statewide And Local Important Farmland				
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C. Percentage Of Farmland in County Or Local Govt. Unit To Be Converted				
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D. Percentage Of Farmland in Govt. Jurisdiction With Same Or Higher Relative Value				
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PART V (To be completed by NRCS) Land Evaluation Information Criterion Relative value of Farmland to Be Serviced or Converted (Scale of 0 - 100 Points)				
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PART VI (To be completed by Federal Agency) Corridor Assessment Criteria (These criteria are explained in 7 CFR 658.5(c))	Maximum Points			
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1. Area in Nonurban Use	15			
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2. Perimeter in Nonurban Use	10			
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3. Percent Of Corridor Being Farmed	20			
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4. Protection Provided By State And Local Government	20			
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5. Size of Present Farm Unit Compared To Average	10			
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6. Creation Of Nonfarmable Farmland	25			
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7. Availability Of Farm Support Services	5			
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8. On-Farm Investments	20			
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9. Effects Of Conversion On Farm Support Services	25			
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10. Compatibility With Existing Agricultural Use	10			
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TOTAL CORRIDOR ASSESSMENT POINTS	160			
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PART VII (To be completed by Federal Agency)				
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Relative Value Of Farmland (From Part V)	100			
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Total Corridor Assessment (From Part VI above or a local site assessment)	160			
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TOTAL POINTS (Total of above 2 lines)	260			
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1. Corridor Selected:	2. Total Acres of Farmlands to be Converted by Project:	3. Date Of Selection:	4. Was A Local Site Assessment Used? YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/>
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5. Reason For Selection:

Signature of Person Completing this Part:	DATE
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Joshua Graham

NOTE: Complete a form for each segment with more than one Alternate Corridor

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

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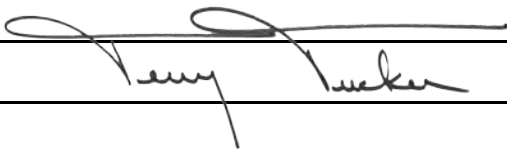
Environmental Resource	None	Minimal	Major	Comments-required for each item
Air Quality	X			No impacts anticipated
Cultural Resources	X			None in project area
Economic	X			Will not be impacted by project
Endangered Species	X			"No Effect" determination
Environmental Justice/Title VI	X			No protected populations in project area
Fish and Wildlife	X			No impacts anticipated
Floodplains	X			No floodplain impacts
Forest Service Property	X			None in the project area
Hazardous Materials/Landfills	X			No sites in the project area
Land Use	X			Will not be impacted by project
Migratory Birds	X			Migratory Bird SP included
Navigation/Coast Guard	X			None in the project area
Noise Levels	X			No increases due to project
Prime Farmland		X		Up to 1.9 acres
Protected Waters		X		Little Missouri River nearby project area
Public Recreation Lands	X			None in the project area
Public Water Supply/WHPA	X			None in the project area
Relocatees	X			No relocations
Section 4(f)/6(f)	X			No 4(f)/6(f) resources present
Social	X			No social impacts
Underground Storage Tanks	X			No UST's in the project area
Visual	X			No changes to the visual environment
Streams	X			No impacts anticipated
Water Quality	X			None in the project area
Wetlands	X			None in the project area
Wildlife Refuges	X			None in the project area

Section 401 Water Quality Certification Required? N

Short-term Activity Authorization Required? N

Section 404 Permit Required? N Type N/A

Remarks: Tributaries to Little Missouri River (an ESW) nearby.

Signature of Evaluator  Date August 19, 2020