



## INTEROFFICE MEMORANDUM

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October 3, 2022

**TO:** Master Files

**FROM:**  John Fleming, Division Head, Environmental Division 

**SUBJECT:** Jobs A90022  
FAP NHPP-0004(95)  
Washington Co. Line – Hwy. 94 (S)  
Route 71B, Section 18B  
Benton 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 project is to mill and overlay approximately 8.5 miles of Highway 71B between the Washington County Line and Highway 94 in Benton 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 toxics concerns. The cultural resources clearance is attached.

The official species lists obtained through the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service's Information for Planning and Consultation identified the following species as potentially occurring within the project area: gray bat (*Myotis grisescens*), Indiana

bat (*Myotis sodalis*), northern long-eared bat (*Myotis septentrionalis*), Ozark big-eared bat (*Corynorhinus townsendii ingens*), Eastern Black Rail (*Laterallus jamaicensis ssp. jamaicensis*), Piping Plover (*Charadrius melodus*), Red Knot (*Calidris canutus rufa*), Ozark cavefish (*Troglichthys rosae*), Neosho Mucket (*Lampsilis rafinesqueana*), Missouri bladderpod (*Physaria filiformis*), and monarch butterfly (*Danaus plexippus*).

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.

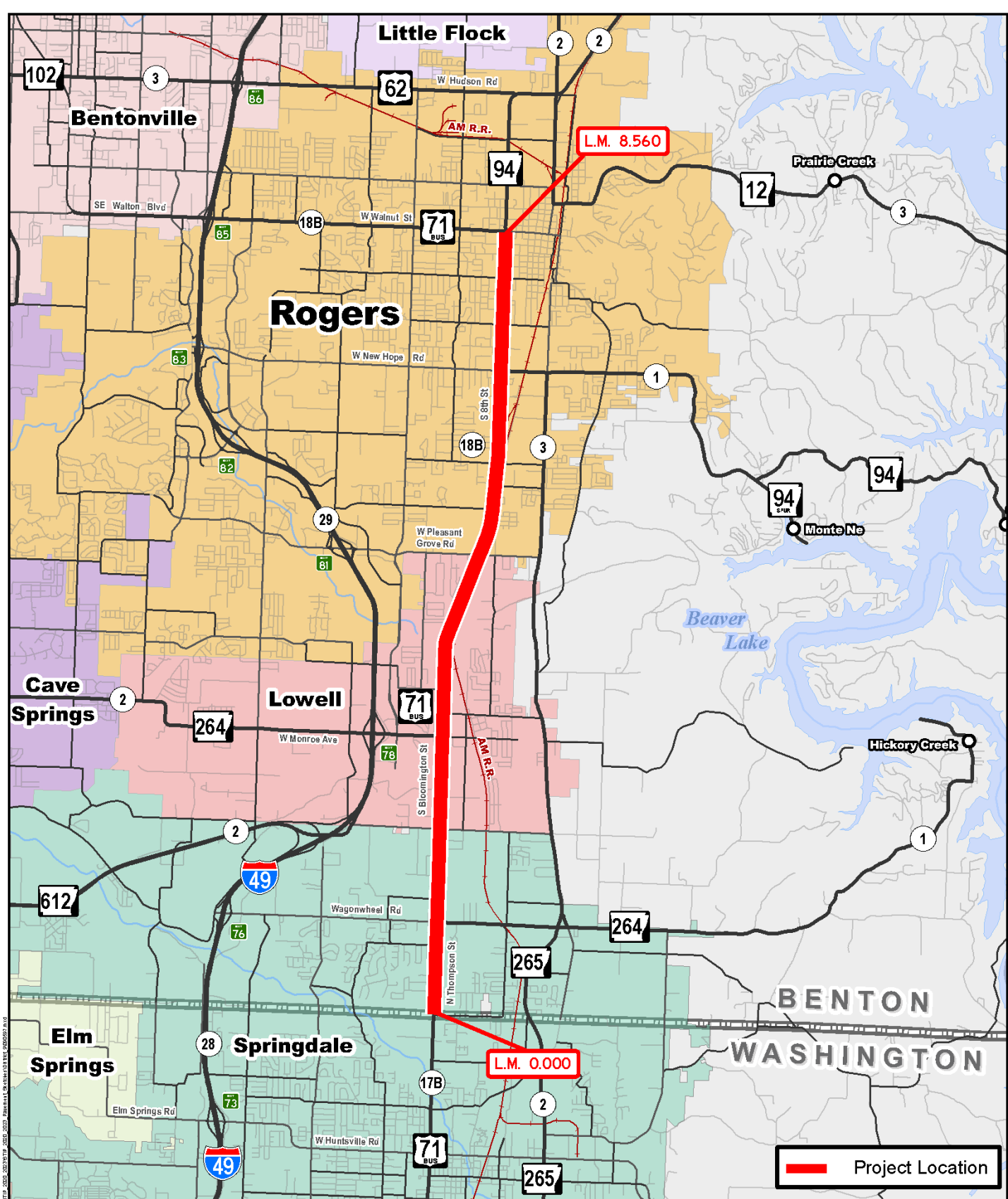
This project will not have a discharge of dredged or fill material into waters of the United States; therefore, a Section 404 permit will not be required.

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Attachments:

- Location Map
- Cultural Resources Clearance
- Environmental Study Checklist

c: Program Management  
Right of Way  
Roadway Design  
District 9  
FHWA



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**Washington Co. Line – Hwy. 94 (S)**  
 Hwy. 71, Sec. 18B  
 Benton County



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## INTEROFFICE MEMORANDUM

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June 4, 2021

**TO:** Assessments

**FROM:** Wm. Lane Shields, Cultural Resources Section

**SUBJECT:** Cultural Resources Clearance  
Job 090597  
Washington Co. Line – Hwy. 94 (S)  
Route 71, Section 18B  
Benton County

This project proposes to mill and overlay along a portion of Highway 71, Section 18B in Benton 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 A90022 FAP Number NHPP-0004(95)

Job Title Washington Co. Line – Hwy. 94 (S)

Environmental Resource	None	Minimal	Major	Comments
Air Quality	X			No MSAT analysis required
Cultural Resources	X			Cultural Resources memo attached
Economic	X			No impacts anticipated
Endangered Species	X			No Effect determination
Environmental Justice/Title VI	X			No impacted populations
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			None in project area
Land Use	X			No new ROW or TCE required
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 impacted properties
Social	X			No impacts anticipated
Underground Storage Tanks	X			None in project area
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:

WPC SP

Signature of Evaluator Katheryn Rose Date 9/30/2022