


**ARKANSAS DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION**

**INTEROFFICE MEMORANDUM**

**August 3, 2017**

**TO:** Master Files

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

**SUBJECT:** Job Number 061471  
FAP Number STPC-9210(26)  
Hwy. 70B/West St. Louis Signal (Hot Springs)  
Garland 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 Memorandum of Agreement on Categorical Exclusion Documentation and Processing.

The project consists of replacing the traffic signs with signals at the intersection of Highway 70B and West St. Louis Street in Hot Springs. Approximately 0.02 acre of additional right of way will be required. A public hearing will not be offered.

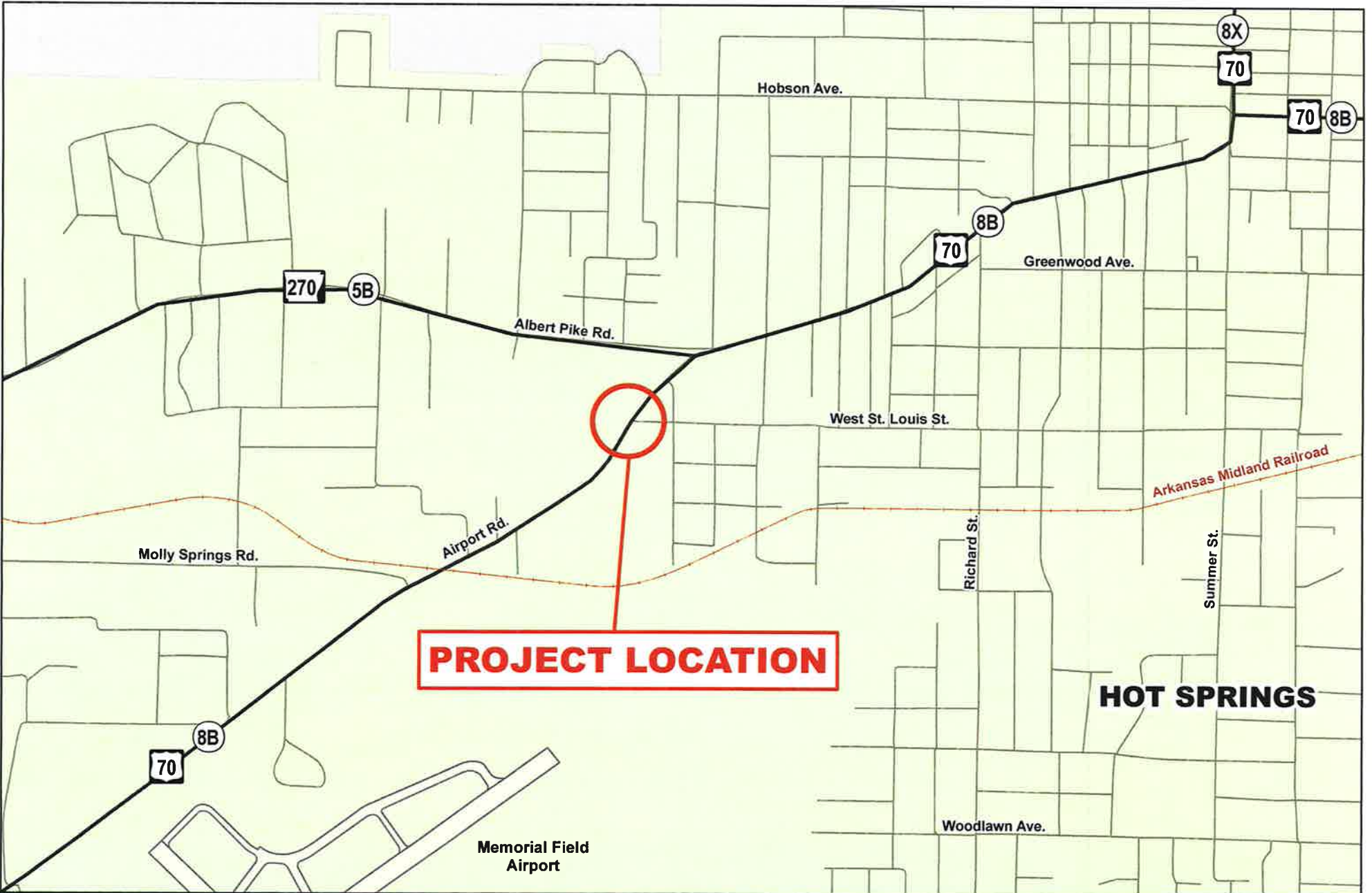
There are no cultural resources issues associated with this project. A Section 106 clearance is attached. No Section 404 permit will be required.

**Attachments:**

Location Map  
Section 106 Clearance  
Environmental Study Checklist

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c: Program Management  
Right of Way  
Roadway Design  
District 6  
FHWA  
Master File



**Job 061471**  
**Hwy. 70B/West St. Louis Signal (Hot Springs) (S)**  
 Hwy. 70, Sec. 8B, L.M. 1.96  
 Garland County

0 0.25 0.5 Miles

PM: LFP/OTS: 10-7-2015

**ARKANSAS STATE HIGHWAY AND TRANSPORTATION DEPARTMENT**

**INTEROFFICE MEMORANDUM**

**November 14, 2016**

**TO:** Environmental Job Files

**FROM:** William McAlexander, Environmental Scientist I, Cultural Resources 

**SUBJECT:** Archeological Clearance  
AHTD Job No. 061471  
Hwy. 70B/West St. Louis Signal (Hot Springs) (S)  
Garland County

The above referenced project involves upgrading the signal system for Hwy. 70B/West St. Louis St. in the city of Hot Springs in Garland County. There will be no excavation of the road base. The project is designed to improve traffic safety along this portion of the route.

An examination of the Arkansas Archeological Survey's (AAS) records was conducted for previously recorded archeological sites. No recorded sites are located within the proposed project area. A records check at the Arkansas Historic Preservation Program (AHPP) for properties listed in or eligible for the National Register revealed none for the area. The Hot Springs South topographical map was examined for cemeteries, potentially historic structures, and landforms conducive to hold archeological sites. The 1841 General Land Office plat showed no improvements or cultural features in the immediate vicinity of the project area. The 1936 Garland County road map showed a structure near the project area. A visual survey found no historic properties.

The project will be constructed within the existing roadbed and does not have the potential to affect any undisturbed land surfaces or potential cultural resources. This project is subject to the 1999 MOA and falls under the exempted work category "Safety/Traffic Operations". This project is not considered an undertaking and requires no further work or Section 106 review.

## ARDOT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACTS ASSESSMENT FORM

ARDOT Job Number 061471 FAP Number STPC-9210(26)

Job Title Hwy. 70B/ West St. Louis Signal (Hot Springs)

| Environmental Impacts          | None | Minor | Significant | Comments  |
|--------------------------------|------|-------|-------------|-----------|
| Air Quality                    | X    |       |             |           |
| Construction Impacts           |      | X     |             | Temporary |
| Cultural Resources             | X    |       |             |           |
| Economic                       | X    |       |             |           |
| Endangered Species             | X    |       |             |           |
| Energy Resources               | X    |       |             |           |
| Environmental Justice/Title VI | X    |       |             |           |
| Fish and Wildlife              | X    |       |             |           |
| Floodplains                    | X    |       |             |           |
| Forest Service Property        | X    |       |             |           |
| Hazardous Materials/Landfills  | X    |       |             |           |
| Land Use Impacts               | X    |       |             |           |
| Migratory Birds                | X    |       |             |           |
| Navigation/Coast Guard         | X    |       |             |           |
| Noise Levels                   | X    |       |             |           |
| Prime Farmland                 | X    |       |             |           |
| Protected Waters               | X    |       |             |           |
| Public Recreation Lands        | X    |       |             |           |
| Public Water Supply/WHPA       | X    |       |             |           |
| Relocates                      | X    |       |             |           |
| Section 4(f)/6(f)              | X    |       |             |           |
| Social                         | X    |       |             |           |
| Underground Storage Tanks      | X    |       |             |           |
| Visual Impacts                 | X    |       |             |           |
| Stream Impacts                 | X    |       |             |           |
| Water Quality                  | X    |       |             |           |
| Wetlands                       | X    |       |             |           |
| Wildlife Refuges               | X    |       |             |           |

Section 401 Water Quality Certification Required? No

Short-term Activity Authorization Required? No

Section 404 Permit Required? No Type None

Remarks: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Evaluator *Don Klein* Date 8-3-17