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INTEROFFICE MEMORANDUM

January 30, 2019

TO: Master Files

FROM: A John Fleming, Division Head, Environmental Division Bluie

SUBJECT: Job Number 061574 FAP Number STPC-9210(36) Hwy. 270B/Lakeside Rd. Signal (Hot Springs) (S) Route 270B, Section 6B 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. A public hearing will not be offered for this project.

The purpose of the project is to install a traffic signal at the intersection of Highway 270B and Lakeside Rd. in Garland County. See the attached project location map. Minor additional right of way (0.06 acre) will be required to accommodate a new control box and cabling for new signal masts. The total project length is 0.03 mile.

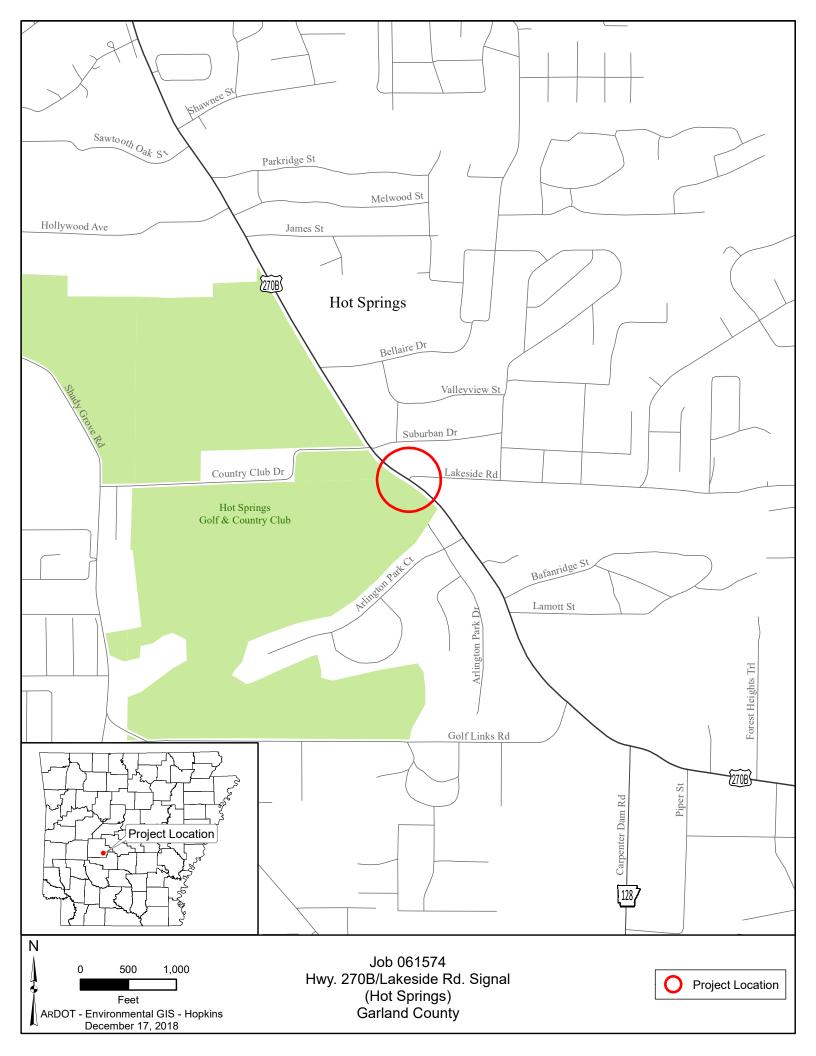
The project will not involve relocations, endangered species, prime farmlands, wetland/stream impacts, cultural resources, underground storage tanks, hazardous materials, or environmental justice issues. The State Historic Preservation Officer's clearance is attached. This project has been determined to generate minimal air quality impacts for Clean Air Act criteria pollutants and has not been linked with any special mobile source air toxic (MSAT) concerns.

The U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service (USFWS) Arkansas Ecological Services Field Office website identified the northern long-eared bat (*Myotis septentrionalis*) as potentially occurring at or near the project location. The scope of work will have "no effect" on the species.

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Attachments: Location Map Cultural Resources Clearance Environmental Study Checklist

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





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RE:

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ENVIRONMENTAL DIVISION

Mr. John Fleming Division Head Environmental Division Arkansas Department of Transportation PO Box 2261 Little Rock, AR 72203-2261

Garland County – General
Section 106 Review – FHWA
Project Identification Form (PIF)
ARDOT Job Number 061574
Hwy. 270B/Lakeside Rd. Signal (Hot Springs) (S)
Route 270, Section 6B
AHPP Tracking Number 102746.01

Dear Mr. Fleming:

The staff of the Arkansas Historic Preservation Program (AHPP) has reviewed the documents included in your letter of January 14, 2019. We previously determined that Property 1 is eligible for inclusion in the National Register of Historic Places (NRHP) while Property 2 is not eligible. Based on the information included in the Project Identification Form (PIF), we concur that this undertaking will have no adverse effect to historic properties.

Tribes that have expressed an interest in the area include the Caddo Nation (Ms. Tamara Francis), the Osage Nation (Dr. Andrea Hunter), the Quapaw Nation of Oklahoma (Mr. Everett Bandy), and the Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma (Ms. Tonya Tipton). We recommend that they be consulted in accordance with 36 CFR § 800.2 (c) (2).

Once the undertaking is further along in the planning stages, we look forward to reviewing the proposed project. If you should have any questions or comments, please do not hesitate to contact Theresa Russell of my staff at (501)-324-9357.

Sincerely,

Scott Kaufman

Director, AHPP

cc: Mr. Randal Looney, Federal Highway Administration Dr. Ann Early, Arkansas Archeological Survey

ARDOT ENVIRONMENTAL VERIFICATION CHECKLIST FOR CONSIDERATION OF POTENTIAL IMPACTS

ARDOT Job Number 061574 FAP Number STPC-9210(36)

Job Title Hwy. 270B/Lakeside Rd. Signal (Hot Springs)(S)

Environmental Resource	None	Minimal	Major	Comments-required for each item
Air Quality	Х			No air quality impacts anticipated
Cultural Resources	Х			SHPO approval letter attached
Economic	Х			Will not be impacted by project
Endangered Species	Х			None indicated in project area
Environmental Justice/Title VI	Х			No protected populations in project area
Fish and Wildlife	Х			No impacts expected
Floodplains	Х			None occur in project area
Forest Service Property	Х			None in project area
Hazardous Materials/Landfills	Х			No sites in project area
Land Use	Х			Will not be impacted by project
Migratory Birds	Х			No structures with nests
Navigation/Coast Guard	Х			No navigable waterways involved
Noise Levels	Х			No increases due to project
Prime Farmland	Х			None in project area
Protected Waters	Х			None occur in project area
Public Recreation Lands	Х			None in project area
Public Water Supply/WHPA	Х			No public water supplies in project area
Relocatees	Х			No relocations
Section 4(f)/6(f)	Х			4f/6f resources not present
Social	Х			No impacts to the social environment
Underground Storage Tanks	Х			No USTs in project area
Visual	Х			No changes to visual environment
Streams	Х			None in project area
Water Quality	Х			No runoff issues expected
Wetlands	Х			None in project area
Wildlife Refuges	Х			None in the area

Section 401 Water Quality Certification Required? Short-term Activity Authorization Required? Section 404 Permit Required?

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No No

No

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Remarks:

Signature of Evaluator

Date January 29, 2019

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