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INTEROFFICE MEMORANDUM

March 14, 2019

TO:

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FROM: John Fleming, Division Head, Environmental Division

SUBJECT: Job Number BB0801

FAP Number NHPP-40-2(80)46

Hwy. 164 – Hwy. 352 (S) Route 40, Section 21 Johnson County

Tier 1 Categorical Exclusion

After appropriate environmental review, it has been determined that the subject project 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 this project is to rehabilitate a portion of Interstate 40 in Johnson County. Work will include mill and inlay of the roadway and hydro-demolition of nine bridges. The existing cross-section will not change as a result of the proposed project and no additional right of way will be required. A project location map is attached.

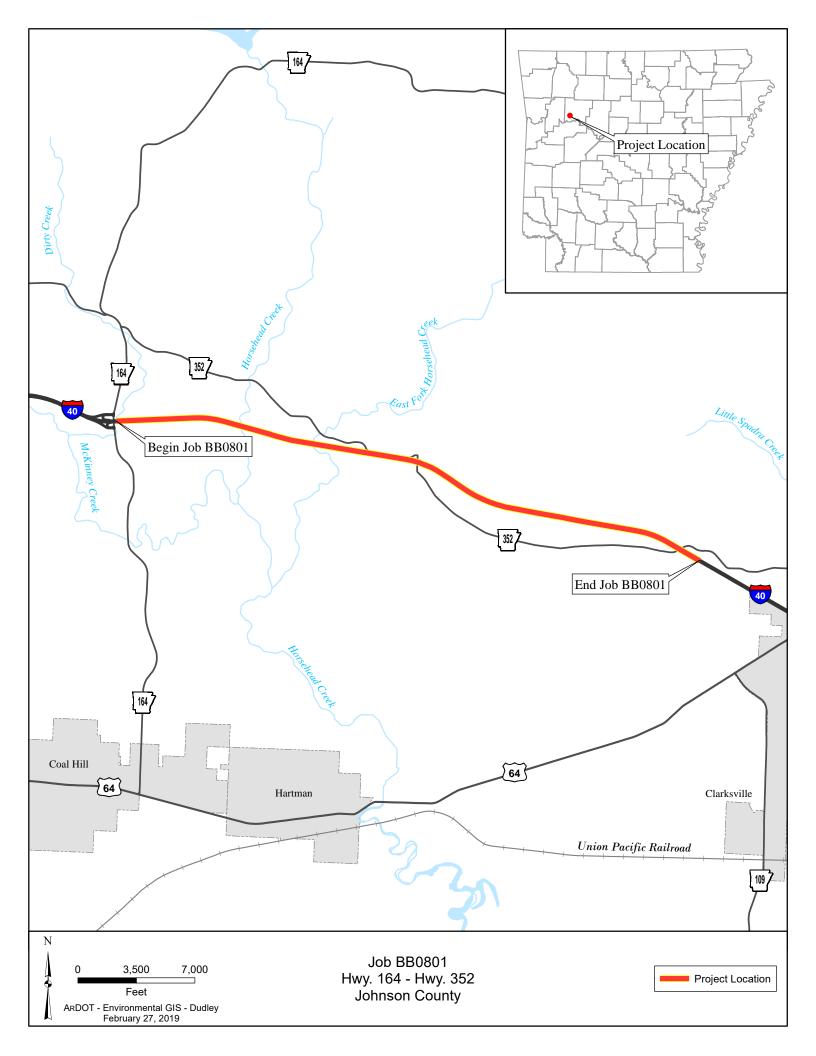
The project will not have a discharge of dredged or fill material into waters of the United States, therefore a Section 404 permit will not be required. Construction of this project will have "no effect" on all listed species. A cultural resources clearance is attached.

JF:JB:am

Attachments:

Location Map SHPO Clearance **Environmental Study Checklist**

c: Program Management Right of Way Roadway Design District 8 **FHWA**





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RE: Johnson County — General Section 106 Review — FHWA Response Letter: Hwy. 164 – Hwy. 352 (S), Route 40, Section 21, Johnson County ARDOT Job Number BB0801 AHPP Tracking Number 103245

Dear Mr. Fleming:

The staff of the Arkansas Historic Preservation Program (AHPP) reviewed the Project Identification Form for rehabilitating 6.93 miles of Interstate 40 in Johnson County. The area of potential effects (APE) is coterminous with the existing right-of-way (ROW). The records check by ARDOT documented two historic resources proximal to the APE: Site 3JO0031 and a segment of the Clarksville to Van Buren Road-Highway 352. Site 3JO0031 has an undetermined National Register of Historic Places eligibility status. The Clarksville to Van Buren Road is listed in the Arkansas Register under Criterion A due to its association with the Cherokee Trail of Tears.

Considering the undertaking will be limited to existing ROW and the proposed actions have no potential to cause effects to historic properties, the AHPP concurs with a finding of No Historic Properties Affected pursuant to 36 CFR § 800.4(d)(1).

Tribes that have expressed an interest in the area include the Cherokee Nation (Ms. Elizabeth Toombs), the Chickasaw Nation (Ms. Karen Brunso), the Muscogee (Creek) Nation (Ms. Corain Lowe-Zepeda), the Osage Nation (Dr. Andrea Hunter), the Quapaw Nation (Mr. Everett Bandy), the Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma (Ms. Tonya Tipton), and the United Keetoowah Band of Cherokee Indians (Ms. Sheila Bird, Erin Thomson, and Charlotte Wolfe). We recommend consultation in accordance with 36 CFR § 800.2(c)(2).

Please refer to the AHPP Tracking Number listed above in all correspondence. If you have any questions, please call Eric Mills of my staff at 501-324-9784 or email eric.mills@arkansas.gov.

Sincerely,

Scott Kaufman Director, AHPP

cc: Mr. Randall Looney, Federal Highway Administration Dr. Ann Early, Arkānsas Archeological Survey

ARDOT ENVIRONMENTAL VERIFICATION CHECKLIST EOD CONCIDEDATION OF DOTENTIAL IMPACTS

ARDOT Job NumberBE	30801	F	AP Nur	nber NHPP-40-2(80)46
Job TitleHwy. 164 – Hwy. 352 (S)				
Environmental Resource	None	Minimal	Major	Comments-required for each item
Air Quality	Х			No impacts anticipated
Cultural Resources	Х			Will not be impacted by the project
Economic	Х			Will not be impacted by the project
Endangered Species	Х			No effect determination
Environmental Justice/Title VI	Х			No protected populations in project area
Fish and Wildlife	Х			No impacts expected
Floodplains	Х			No impacts
Forest Service Property	Х			None in project area
Hazardous Materials/Landfills	Х			No sites will be impacted
Land Use	Х			Will not be impacted by project
Migratory Birds	Х			No impacts expected
Navigation/Coast Guard	Х			No navigable waterways involved
Noise Levels	Х			No increases due to project
Prime Farmland	Х			No impacts
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 impacted
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			All work within existing right of way, no
Streams	^			impacts expected
Water Quality	X			No water quality impacts expected
Wetlands	Х			No impacts expected
Wildlife Refuges	X			None in the area
Section 401 Water Quality Certi	fication	Required?)	No
Short-term Activity Authorization Required?			No	
Section 404 Permit Required?				
,				No Type
Remarks:				
Signature of Evaluator <u>John</u>	Baber			Date3/13/19

7/27/2018