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INTEROFFICE MEMORANDUM

September 17, 2019

TO: Master Files

FROM: John Fleming, Division Head, Environmental Division

SUBJECT: Job Number 012343 FAP Number NHPP-0076(204) Overhead Sign Strs. & Signs Replacement (S) Various Routes, Various Sections Pulaski and Crittenden Counties 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 this project is to replace sign structures and signage along several routes in Pulaski and Crittenden Counties. A project location map is attached.

Proposed improvements include replacement of nine sign structures and associated signage. The project would also replace signs at 113 additional locations on interstates in Pulaski County. All work will be within existing right of way.

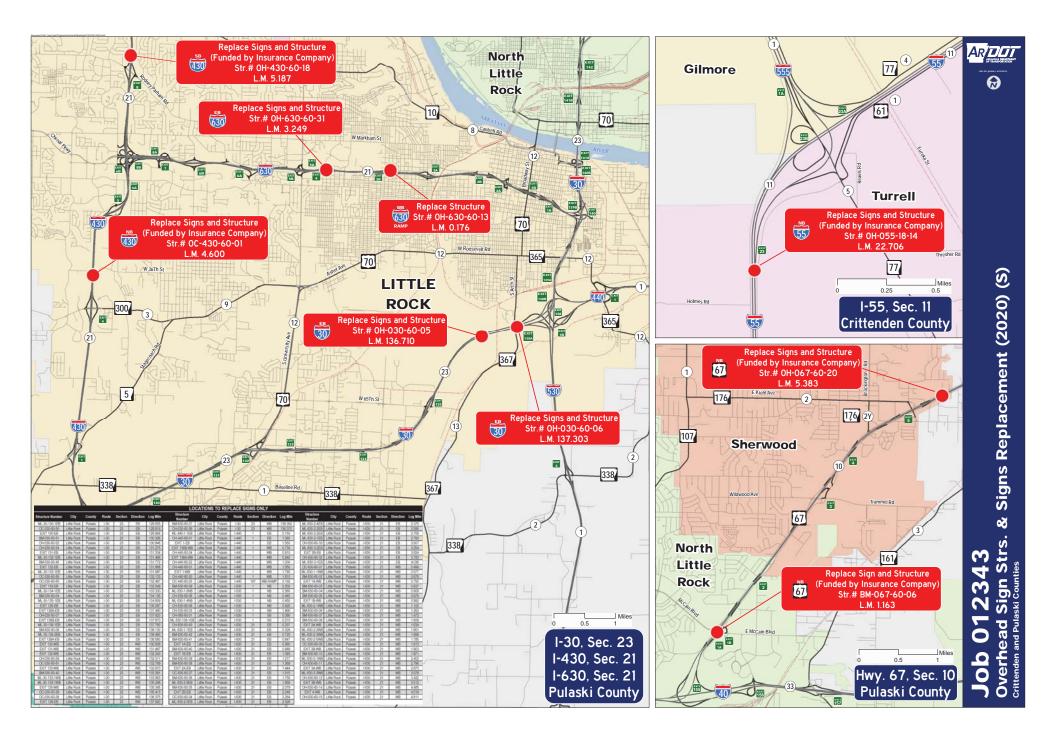
The project will not involve relocations, endangered species, prime farmlands, wetlands, underground storage tanks, hazardous materials, any environmental justice issues, or cultural resources. This project has been determined to generate minimal air quality impacts for Clean Air Act criteria pollutants and has not been linked with any special mobile source air toxic concerns. The cultural resources clearance is attached.

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Attachments:

Location Map Cultural Resources Clearance Environmental Study Checklist

c: Program Management Right of Way Roadway Design Districts 1 & 6 FHWA





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INTEROFFICE MEMORANDUM

July 31, 2019

TO: Job File

FROM: Kristina Boykin, Cultural Resources

SUBJECT: Cultural Resources Clearance Job Number 012343 Overhead Sign Strs. & Signs Replacement (2020) (S) Various Routes, Various Sections Crittenden & Pulaski Counties

The Arkansas Department of Transportation (ARDOT) proposes to replace overhead sign structures and associated signs on various interstates in Crittenden and Pulaski Counties. All work will occur within the existing ARDOT right-of-way. The undertaking has no potential to cause effects on historic properties as defined in 36 CFR § 800.3(a)(1); therefore, the project requires no further work or Section 106 review.

| ARDOT ENVIRONMENTAL VERIFICATION CHECKLIS | Т |
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| FOR CONSIDERATION OF POTENTIAL IMPACTS | |

ARDOT Job Number 012343 FAP Number NHPP-0076(204) Job Title Overhead Sign Strs. & Signs Replacement (S) Environmental Resource None | Minimal | Major | **Comments-required for each item** Air Quality No air quality/MSAT impacts Х Cultural Resources Х Cultural Resources clearance attached Economic Х No adverse impacts **Endangered Species** Х A "no effect" determination was made Environmental Justice/Title VI Х No impacts to EJ populations Fish and Wildlife Х No impacts expected Х Floodplains None occur in project area Х Forest Service Property None in project area

| Hazardous Materials/Landfills | Х | No sites in project area |
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| 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 | Wellhead Protection SP for offsite areas |
| Relocatees | Х | No relocations |
| Section 4(f)/6(f) | Х | 4f 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?
 No

 Short-term Activity Authorization Required?
 No

 Section 404 Permit Required?
 No

 Remarks:
 No

Signature of Evaluator <u>Joshua Graham</u>

Date 8/26/2019