



INTEROFFICE MEMORANDUM

September 30, 2021

TO: Master Files

FROM:  John Fleming, Division Head, Environmental Division 

SUBJECT: Job 080634
FAP STPC-9095(40)
Hwy. 64/Hogan Ln. Roundabout (Conway) (S)
Route 9, Section 1
Faulkner 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.

The purpose of this project is to provide a roundabout at the intersection of Highway 64 and Hogan Lane in the City of Conway. Total length of the project is 0.25 mile. A project location map is attached.

The existing Highway 64 typical section has two 12' wide paved travel lanes with 4' wide unpaved shoulders. The existing Hogan Lane typical section has two 12' wide paved travel lanes, 4' wide bicycle lanes, and concrete curb and gutter. The average existing right of way width along Highway 64 is 120'.

The proposed typical sections approaching the roundabout will have two 14' travel lanes, raised concrete islands of varying widths, and concrete curb and gutter. The Hogan Lane bicycle lanes will be retained.

The roundabout will have one 18' travel lane, a 12' wide inside concrete curb, and a 58' grassed central island. The proposed right of way width will vary from 120' to 260'. Approximately 2.9 acres of new right of way will be acquired.

Design data for the project is as follows:

Design Year	Average Daily Traffic (vpd)	Percent Trucks	Design Speed (mph)
2022	11,000	5	45 (approach) 25 (roundabout)
2042	14,000		

There are no relocations, environmental justice concerns, floodplains, prime farmlands, underground storage tanks/hazardous wastes, or cultural resources associated with this project. State Historic Preservation Officer 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 toxics concerns.

Based on the ARDOT noise policy, a noise analysis is not required for this project. The roundabout construction will not involve adding capacity, substantially changing the roadway alignment, or exposing noise sensitive land uses to traffic noise sources. In compliance with federal guidelines, local authorities will not require notification.

The official species list obtained through the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service's (USFWS) Information for Planning and Consultation (IPaC) website identifies the following federally listed species as potentially occurring in the project area: the Eastern Black Rail (*Laterallus jamaicensis ssp. jamaicensis*), the Piping Plover (*Charadrius melodus*), and the Red Knot (*Calidris canutus rufa*). Due to the lack of suitable marsh, river/lake shoreline, or mud/sand flat habitat in the project area, it has been determined that the project will have "no effect" on the three threatened bird species. This project will not require a Section 404 permit.

A synopsis of the Phase I Virtual Public Involvement meeting held from August 24 through September 8, 2021 is attached.

No other adverse environmental impacts were identified. The checklist used to verify consideration of potential environmental impacts is attached.

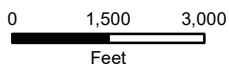
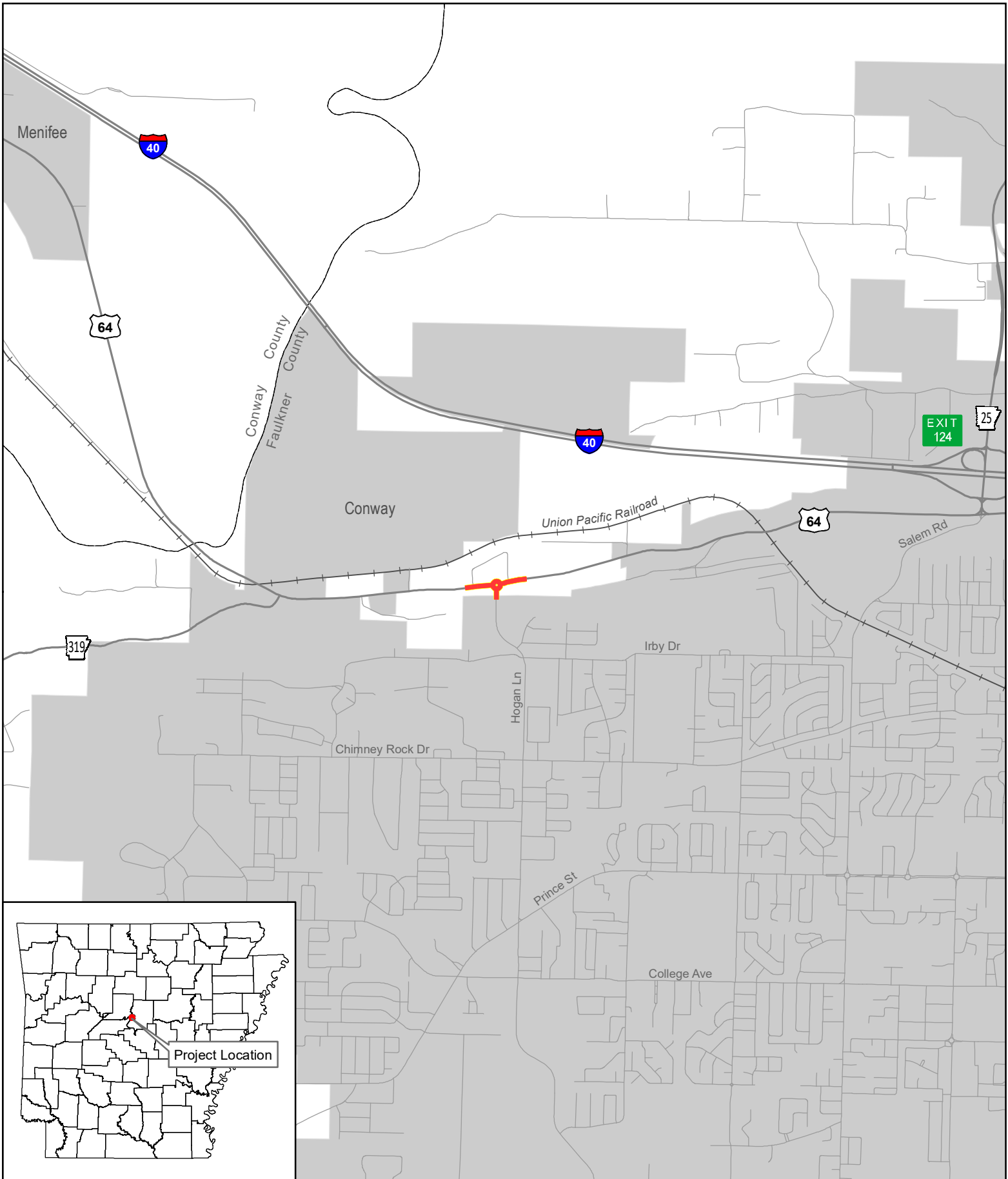
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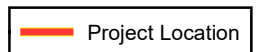
- Project Location Map
- SHPO Clearance
- VPI Synopsis
- Environmental Study Checklist
- Design Sheet

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



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May 24, 2021

Job 080634
Hwy. 64/Hogan Ln.
Roundabout (Conway)
Faulkner County





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March 11, 2021

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

Re: Faulkner County – Conway
Section 106 Review – FHWA
Hwy. 64/Hogan Ln. Roundabout
Conway (S)
Route 64, Section 8
ARDOT Job Number 080634
AHPP Tracking Number 107576 - Amended

Dear Mr. Fleming:

The staff of the Arkansas Historic Preservation Program (AHPP) reviewed the Project Identification Form for the above-referenced job in Section 33, Township 6 North, Range 14 West in Faulkner County. As described, the undertaking entails construction of a new roundabout at the intersection of Highway 64 and Hogan Lane in Faulkner County. The total survey area is 1.5 acres outside the existing right-of-way.

Based on the provided information, including the negative results of the field investigation, 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, the Chickasaw Nation, the Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma, the Muscogee (Creek) Nation, the Osage Nation, the Quapaw Nation, and the Shawnee Tribe. We recommend consultation in accordance with 36 CFR § 800.2(c)(2).

Thank you for the opportunity to review this undertaking. If you have any questions, please contact Eric Mills of my staff at (501) 324-9784 or eric.mills@arkansas.gov.

Sincerely,

/s/ Eric Mills for

Scott Kaufman
Director, AHPP

cc: Mr. Randal Looney, Federal Highway Administration
Dr. Melissa Zabecki, Arkansas Archeological Survey

VIRTUAL PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT SYNOPSIS

Job 080634

Hwy. 64/Hogan Ln. Roundabout (Conway) (S)

Faulkner County

Tuesday, August 24, 2021 through Wednesday, September 8, 2021

A Phase I Virtual Public Involvement (VPI) meeting for the proposed Highway 64 roundabout project was hosted on the ARDOT website between August 24 and September 8, 2021. Efforts to involve minorities and the public in the meeting included:

- Display advertisement placed in the *Log Cabin Democrat* on Wednesday, August 11, 2021 and on Wednesday, August 18, 2021
- 60-second Public Service Announcements aired on Cumulus Radio from Tuesday, August 24 through Friday, August 27, 2021
- Letters mailed to public officials on August 9, 2021
- Flyers mailed to citizens in the project area

The following information and links were available on the ARDOT website:

- Introductory video presentation
- Public meeting notice
- Project location map
- Design plans
- Online comment form
- Interactive project map
- Frequently asked questions with answers

Copies of the public meeting notice, comment form, and project location map are attached.

Table 1 summarizes VPI meeting participation.

TABLE 1	
Public Participation	Totals
Online registration of attendance at Phase I VPI	10
Number of website viewers (English/Spanish)	123/12
Online comments received	6
Emailed comments received	1
Phone Comment Received	1
Total comments received	8

ARDOT staff reviewed and evaluated all comments. The summary of comments listed below reflects the personal perception or opinion of the person or organization making the statement. The sequencing of the comments is random and is not intended to reflect importance or numerical values.

Table 2 summarizes responses received during the VPI comment period.

TABLE 2	
Survey Results	Totals
Feels there is a need for the proposed project	4
Feels the proposed project is not needed	3
Property limitations to the project	1*
Knowledge of cultural resources and/or environmental constraints in project area	1**
Suggestions to better serve the needs of the community	3
Beneficial impacts due to the proposed project	4
Adverse impacts due to the proposed project	2

* All residences in project area are on septic systems

** City landfill located within ½ mile of project location

Suggestions regarding how the project could better serve community needs included:

- Start and complete construction during UCA’s summer term because traffic will lessen and construction will be less likely to be impacted by adverse weather.
- Provide a traffic signal rather than a roundabout.
- Provide a dual lane for future traffic.

Beneficial impact comments included gas savings and safer, faster commute times.

Adverse impact comments included:

- Traffic will become backed up and accidents will increase due to the speed of heavy trucks and logging trucks.
- Traffic flow will be slower.

The following summarizes other comments regarding the project:

- Although not opposed to roundabouts in general, a roundabout at the proposed location should be reconsidered due to both the high rate of speed and the presence of heavy vehicles.

- Highway 64 is a U.S. highway, not a State highway; changes to U.S. highways should be scrutinized.
- Right angle intersections may be adjusted with traffic speeds and signalization changes for future use. However, roundabouts are not easily adaptable for future changes.
- A roundabout in lieu of a signalized intersection will slow highway speeds to unsafe levels and/or cause traffic congestion.

Attachments:

Public Meeting Notice

Blank Comment Form

Project Location Exhibit

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ONLINE VIRTUAL PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT MEETING

WHAT: Online Virtual Public Meeting via a pre-recorded presentation to gather public input on the proposed plans to add a roundabout on Hwy. 64 and Hogan Ln. in the City of Conway. (Faulkner County)

WHEN: Tuesday, August 24, 2021 through Wednesday, September 08, 2021. Comments will be accepted until 4:30 p.m. September 08, 2021.

Due to the COVID-19 restrictions, we are unable to conduct a traditional public involvement meeting (no in person meeting).

Purpose

The Arkansas Department of Transportation (ARDOT) will conduct an online public involvement meeting. **The public is invited to listen, view meeting materials and provide written comments. The site will be available for comments until 4:30 p.m. Wednesday, September 08, 2021.**

Link To Virtual Meeting: <https://www.ardot.gov/publicmeetings>

In order to access the virtual public meeting, visit the link above. Once on the website, simply scroll down to view the Public meeting of your interest. This web site will provide project materials and handouts that would have been shown at the in-person meetings. A separate link will provide a Spanish version of the presentation. There will also be an option to send online comment forms to ARDOT's staff, or you can print the form and mail it to, P.O. Box 2261, Little Rock, AR 72203-2261. If you do not have internet access, please contact Karla Sims at 501-569-2000 to ask questions about the proposed project and how to access project information at karla.sims@ardot.gov.

Virtual Web Link:

Visit: <https://www.ardot.gov/publicmeetings>

Tuesday, August 24, 2021
through

Wednesday, September 08,
2021

Special Accommodations: Anyone needing project information or special accommodations under the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) is encouraged to write to Ruby Jordan-Johnson, P.O. Box 2261, Little Rock, AR 72203-2261, call (501)569-2379, fax (501) 569-2009 or email

environmentalpublicmeetings@ardot.gov.

Hearing or speech impaired, please contact the Arkansas Relay System at (Voice/TTY 711). Requests should be made at least four days prior to the public meeting.

NOTICE OF NONDISCRIMINATION: The Arkansas Department of Transportation (ARDOT) complies with all civil rights provisions of federal statutes and related authorities that prohibit discrimination in programs and activities receiving federal financial assistance. Therefore, the Department does not discriminate on the basis of race, sex, color, age, national origin, religion (not applicable as a protected group under the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration Title VI Program), disability, Limited English Proficiency (LEP), or low-income status in the admission, access to and treatment in the Department's programs and activities, as well as the Department's hiring or employment practices. Complaints of alleged discrimination and inquiries regarding the Department's nondiscrimination policies may be directed to Joanna P. McFadden EEO/DBE Officer (ADA/504/Title VI Coordinator), P. O. Box 2261, Little Rock, AR 72203, (501) 569-2298, (Voice/TTY 711), or the following email address: joanna.mcfadden@ardot.gov

Free language assistance for Limited English Proficient individuals is available upon request.

This notice is available from the ADA/504/Title VI Coordinator in large print, on audiotape and in Braille.

**ARKANSAS DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (ARDOT)
CITIZEN COMMENT FORM**

**ARDOT JOB NUMBER 080634
Hwy. 64/Hogan Ln. Roundabout (Conway) (Hwy. 64)
FAULKNER COUNTY**

**LOCATION:
ONLINE VIRTUAL PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT MEETING
TUESDAY, AUGUST 24, 2021 THRU WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 08, 2021**

Make your comments on this form and mail it by 4:30 p.m. on **Tuesday, September 08, 2021** to: Arkansas Department of Transportation, Environmental Division, P.O. Box 2261, Little Rock, AR, 72203-2261. Email: environmentalpimeetings@ardot.gov.

Yes No

 Do you feel there is a need for the proposed plans to add a roundabout on Hwy. 64 and Hogan Ln. in the City of Conway in Faulkner County? Comment (optional) _____

Do you feel that the proposed project will have any impacts (Beneficial or Adverse) on your property and/or community (economic, environmental, social, etc.)? Please explain. _____

 Do you have a suggestion that would make this proposed project better serve the needs of the community? _____

Yes No

Does your home or property offer any limitations to the project, such as septic systems, that the Department needs to consider in its design?

Do you know of any historical sites, family cemeteries, or archaeological sites in the project area? Please note and discuss with staff. _____

Do you know of any environmental constraints, such as endangered species, hazardous waste sites, existing or former landfills, or parks and public lands in the vicinity of the project? Please note and discuss with ARDOT staff. _____

It is often necessary for the ARDOT to contact property owners along potential routes. If you are a property owner along or adjacent to the route under consideration, please provide information below. Thank you.

Name: _____ (Please Print)

Address: _____ Phone: (____) _____--

E-mail: _____

Please make additional comments here. _____

For additional information, please visit our website at <https://www.ardot.gov/publicmeetings>

At the website location, select the public meeting of your interest.




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Highway 64/Hogan Lane Roundabout
Conway
Faulkner County




Preliminary Subject to Revision



 Project Location

0 1,000 2,000 Feet

ArDOT - Environmental GIS - Strawn
Map Date: July 21, 2021
Virtual Public Involvement Exhibit



**ARDOT ENVIRONMENTAL VERIFICATION CHECKLIST
FOR CONSIDERATION OF POTENTIAL IMPACTS**

ARDOT Job 080634 FAP STPC-9095(40)

Job Title Hwy. 64/Hogan Ln. (Conway) (S)

Environmental Resource	None	Minimal	Major	Comments-required for each item
Air Quality	X			No impacts anticipated
Cultural Resources	X			SHPO clearance attached
Economic	X			No adverse impacts
Endangered Species	X			"No Effect" determination
Environmental Justice/Title VI	X			EJ populations not in project area
Fish and Wildlife	X			No impacts anticipated
Floodplains	X			Mapped floodplains not in project area
Forest Service Property	X			None in project area
Hazardous Materials/Landfills	X			None in project area
Land Use		X		Total of 2.9 new ROW acquired
Migratory Birds	X			No impacts anticipated
Navigation/Coast Guard	X			None in project area
Noise Levels	X			Noise analysis not required
Prime Farmland	X			None in project area
Protected Waters	X			None in project area
Public Recreation Lands	X			None in project area
Public Water Supply/WHPA	X			WPC SP b/c within surface water protection area
Relocates	X			No relocations required
Section 4(f)/6(f)	X			4(f)/6(f) resources not in project area
Social	X			No adverse social impacts
Underground Storage Tanks	X			None in project area
Visual	X			No adverse visual impacts
Streams	X			None in project area
Water Quality	X			WPC SP included
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 _____

Remarks:

While there should be no water involved, the job lies within a source water protection area. Storm water must travel 500 feet to the nearest stream, but the WPC SP will be included anyway.

Signature of Evaluator Mary Pearson Date 09/09/2021

ROADWAY DESIGN REQUEST

Job Number 080634 FAP No. _____ County Faulkner

Job Name Hwy. 64/Hogan Ln. Roundabout (Conway) (S)

Design Engineer Garver Environmental Staff _____

Detailed Project Description This project is implementing a roundabout intersection at the current intersection location of Highway 64 and Hogan Lane in Conway, Arkansas.

A. Existing Conditions:

Roadway Width: 32' Shoulder Type/Width: 4' unpaved

Number of Lanes and Width: 2-12' Existing Right-of-Way: Var. (120' Avg.)

Sidewalks? n/a Location: _____ Width: _____

Bike Lanes? yes Location: Hogan Ln. (south) Width: 4' (Lt. & Rt.)

B. Proposed Conditions:

Roadway Width: Var. (34' Avg.) Shoulder Type/Width: C.C.C.G.

Number of Lanes and Width: 2-12' Proposed Right-of-Way: Var. (120'-260')

Sidewalks? N/A Location: _____ Width: _____

Bike Lanes? Yes (retained) Location: Hogan (south) Ln. Width: 4' (Lt. & Rt.)

C. Construction Information:

If detour: Where: N/A Length: _____

D. Design Traffic Data:

2022 ADT: 11,000 2042 ADT: 14,000 % Trucks: 5
Design Speed: 45 m.p.h.

E. Approximate total length of project: 0.25 mile(s)

F. Justification for proposed improvements: Intersection Improvements

G. Total Relocates: 0 Residences: 0 Businesses: 0

H. Have you coordinated with any outside agencies (e.g., FHWA, City, County, etc.)? N/A

Agency/Official	Person Contacted	Date