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INTEROFFICE MEMORANDUM

November 27, 2024

TO: Master Files

FROM: Josh Seagraves, Division Head – Environmental K

SUBJECT: 2025 Pavement Preservation Program Projects

Multiple Jobs and FAPs

Various Counties

Tier 1 Categorical Exclusion

After appropriate environmental review, it has been determined that the subject jobs are a Tier 1 Categorical Exclusion as described by the ARDOT/FHWA Programmatic Agreement on Categorical Exclusion Documentation and Processing. A public hearing will not be offered for these projects.

The purpose of these projects is to preserve and rehabilitate the highways. The attached table lists the projects, their locations, and type of work. Project location maps and cultural resources clearances are also attached.

The projects would not involve relocations, Important Farmlands, wetlands, underground storage tanks, hazardous materials, environmental justice populations, 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 toxics concerns. Cultural resources clearances are attached.

The attached official species lists obtained through the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service Information for Planning and Consultation website identified the following species as potentially occurring within the project area: Gray Bat (*Myotis grisescens*), Indiana Bat (*Myotis sodalis*), Northern Long-eared Bat (*Myotis septentrionalis*), Tricolored Bat (*Perimyotis subflavus*), Ozark Big-eared Bat (*Corynorhinus townsendii ingens*), Eastern Black Rail (*Laterallus jamaicensis ssp. jamaicensis*), Piping Plover (*Charadrius melodus*), Rufa Red Knot (*Calidris canutus rufa*), Ivory-billed Woodpecker (*Campephilus principalis*), Red-cockaded Woodpecker (*Picoides borealis*), Alligator Snapping Turtle (*Macrochelys temminckii*), Ozark Hellbender (*Cryptobranchus alleganiensis bishopi*), Ozark Cavefish (*Amblyopsis rosae*), Curtis Pearlymussel (*Epioblasma curtisii*), Arkansas Fatmucket (*Lampsilis powellii*), Pallid Sturgeon (*Scaphirhynchus albus*), Fat Pocketbook (*Potamilus capax*), Neosho Mucket (*Lampsilis rafinesqueana*), Ouachita Fanshell (*Cyprogenia sp. cf. aberti*), Ouachita Rock Pocketbook (*Arcidens wheeleri*), Pink Mucket (*Lampsilis abrupta*), Rabbitsfoot (*Theliderma cylindrica*), Scaleshell Mussel (*Potamilus leptodon*), Western Fanshell (*Cyprogenia alberti*), Winged Mapleleaf (*Quadrula fragosa*), Snuffbox Mussel (*Epioblasma triquetra*), American Burying Beetle (*Nitrophorins americanus*), pondberry (*Lindera melissifolia*), Missouri bladderpod (*Physaria filiformis*), Benton County Cave Crayfish (*Cambarus aculabrum*), Western Regal Fritillary (*Argynnis idalia occidentalis*), and

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Monarch Butterfly (*Danaus plexippus*). The projects would have "no effect" on all listed species due to the limited scope of the action, lack of suitable habitat, and distance to known species locations.

The Alligator Snapping Turtle and the Western Regal Fritillary are proposed threatened species; the Monarch Butterfly is a candidate species; and the Tricolored Bat is a proposed endangered species. The proposed projects would not jeopardize the continued existence of these species.

These projects would not have a discharge of dredged or fill material into Waters of the United States. A Section 404 permit will not be required.

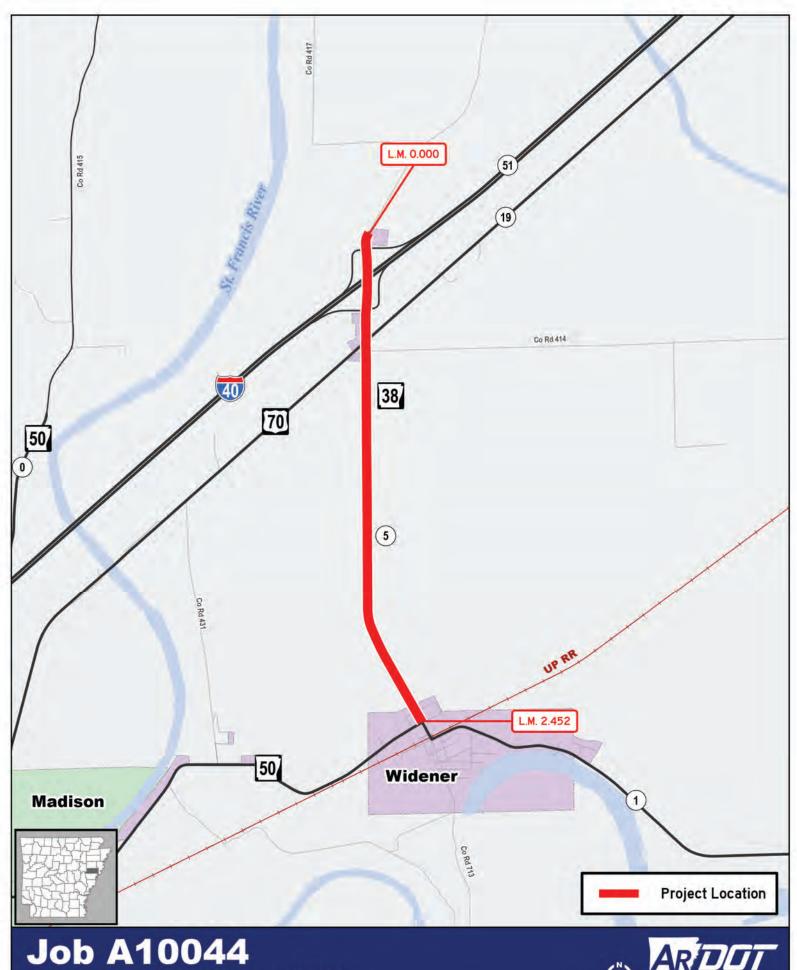
Attachments

c: Program Management Right of Way Roadway Districts 1-10 FHWA

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District	New Job Number	Previous Job Number	FAP	Job Name	County	Route/Section	Scope	Length of Job (mi.)
1	A10044	110782	STPR-0068(54)	I-40 - Hwy. 50 (Widener) (S)	St. Francis	50/1	Patching, Leveling & 2" Overlay; 2' Shoulders	2.45
1	A10045	110787	STPR-0068(52)	Hwy. 38 - Hwy. 79 (S)	St. Francis	38 / 5	Level Up & 2" Overlay; 2' Shoulders	14.58
1	A10046	110792	NHPP-3968(3)	E. of Hwy. 121 - Hughes (Sel. Secs.) (S)	Lee & St. Francis	79 / 16 & 17	2" Mill & 2" Overlay	13.42
1	A10047	110817	STPR-0018(68)	Bruin Rd Hwy. 147 (S)	Crittenden	131 / 2	2" Overlay & 2' Shoulders	8.81
2	A20031	020741	STPR-0022(45)	Bradley Co. Line - Wilmar (S)	Drew	278 / 14	Mill & Inlay/Overlay	4.8
2	A20032	020748	NHPP-2735(4)	Hurricane Creek - Hwy. 104 (Sel. Secs.) (S)	Grant & Jefferson	270 / 10 & 11	Mill & Inlay (Sec. 10 LM 5-8); Thin Overlay (Sec. 10 10.4-11.03, Sec. 11)	5.47
2	A20033	020787	NHPP-0222(6)	Hwys. 82 & 425 Impvts. (S)	Ashley & Drew	82 / 8 425 / 2 & 3	UTBWC (Hwy. 82 & Hwy. 425 Sec. 2 LM 0- 1.076); 2" Mill & 2" Overlay (Hwy. 425 Sec. 2 LM 1.076-12.159 & Sec. 3)	15.73
2	A20034	020800	NHPP-0035(74)	Lincoln Co. Line - Hwy. 65 (S)	Jefferson	425 / 7	2" Mill & 2" Overlay	8.33
3	A30038	030556	STPF-2950(2)	Hwy. 29 - Rosston (S)	Hempstead & Nevada	278 / 6 & 7	2" Overlay w/ Spot Patching & Spot Leveling; Mill & Inlay (LM 0.67-0.96)	18.37
3	A30039	030577	STPR-0050(42)	Rosston - Columbia Co. Line (S)	Nevada	371 / 5	2" Overlay w/ Spot Patching & Spot Leveling; Rumble Strips	11.42
3	A30040	030580	STPR-0055(15)	Prairie Creek - Hwy. 70 (S)	Pike	27 / 5	2" Overlay w/ Spot Patching & Spot Leveling	7.61
3	A30041	030608	STPR-0037(43)	Hwys. 29 & 160 Impvts. (Lafayette Co.) (S)	Lafayette	29 / 1 160 / 2	Level Up & 2" Overlay (Hwys. 29 & 160); 2' Shoulders (Hwy. 160)	13.39
4	A40038	040929	STPLC-9150(47)	Hwys. 22 & 64 Impvts. (Fort Smith) (S)	Sebastian	22 / 1 64 / 0, 1, & 1X	2" Mill & 2" Overlay	8.97
4	A40040	040932	STPF-0065(77)	Hwys. 45 & 271 Impvts. (S)	Sebastian	45 / 1 271 / 1	2" Mill & 2" Overlay (Hwy. 45); UTBWC (Hwy. 271)	9.82
4	A40041	040935	STPR-0072(83)	Oklahoma State Line - Prairie Grove (S)	Washington	62 / 1	2" Mill & 2" Overlay; add turn lane in Lincoln	12.47
4	A40042	040937	STPSC-0017(58)	Hwys. 64 & 162 Impvts. (Van Buren) (S)	Crawford	64 / 2 162 / 1	2" Mill & 2" Overlay	3.69
5	A50036	050483	STPSC-1273(3)	E. of Sexton Creek Rd Searcy (Sel. Secs.) (S)	Cleburne & White	16 / 12 & 13	Mill & Overlay (Secs. 12 & 13)	13.49
5	A50037	050487	STPR-0073(100)	Hwys. 64, 167, 258 & 367 Impvts. (White Co.) (S)	White	64 / 11 167 / 14 258 / 1 367 / 17	1" Mill & Overlay (Hwy. 64 & 167); HIR & Overlay (Hwy. 167); UTBWC (Hwy. 258); Mill & Overlay (Hwy. 367)	16.18
5	A50038	050489	STPSC-0032(43)	Limedale Rd Batesville (S)	Independence	69 / 2 & 2B	Mill & Overlay	5.98
6	A60048	061787	STPR-0043(60)	Jefferson Co. Line - Hwy. 165 (S)	Lonoke	15 / 9	Level Up & Thin Overlay	4.07
6	A60049	061799	NHPP-0026(51)	Hot Springs - Hot Spring Co. Line (S)	Garland	270 / 6	1" Mill & 2" Overlay	4.34
7	A70034	070540	NHPP-0014(45)	Hwy. 82 - Hwy. 98	Columbia	79 / 2	1" level & Overlay with Patching	5.4
7	A70035	070576	STPR-0020(32)	Princeton - Hwy. 79B (S)	Dallas	8/7	2" Overlay w/ Spot Patching & Spot Leveling	18.41

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7	A70036	070583	STPR-0010(61)	Nevada Co. Line - Hwy. 53 (S)	Clark	67 / 4	Level Up & 2" Overlay; Seal & Overlay BR#01381; Spot Patching	9.12
7	A70037	070586	STPR-0007(34)	Ouachita Co. Line - Dallas Co. Line (S)	Calhoun	79 / 5	2" Mill & 2" Overlay (include crossovers & ramps)	8.56
8	A80036	080654	STPSC-9379(28)	Hwy. 326 - El Paso Ave. (Russellville) (S)	Pope	64 / 6	UTBWC	2.7
8	A80038	080702	STPF-0015(35)	Pope Co. Line - Faulkner Co. Line (Sel. Secs.) (S)	Conway	64 / 7	Level Up & Overlay w/ Spot Patching	15.88
9	A90033	090691	STPSC-0004(819)	Gentry - Siloam Springs (S)	Benton	59 / 1 & 1B	2" Mill & 2" Overlay (Sec. 1B & Sec. 1 LM 19.17-20.52); 2" Overlay (Sec. 1 LM 20.52- 25.12); Spot Leveling	6.83
9	A90034	090692	STPSC-0008(52)	Berryville - East (Sel. Secs.) (S)	Carroll	62 / 5	2" Mill & 2" Overlay (LM 0-2.30); Thin Overlay (1") (LM 2.30-6.20); 2" Overlay (LM 9.82-11.98)	8.36
9	A90035	090699	STPSC-0005(902)	Hwys. 392 & 397 Impvts. (Boone Co.) (S)	Boone	392 / 1 397 / 0	2" Overlay (Hwy. 392 & Hwy. 397 LM 0.177- 2.023); 2" Mill & 2" Overlay (Hwy. 397 LM 0- 0.177)	10.05
10	A00072	101153	STPLC-0016(103)	Hwy. 49 - East (Sel. Secs.) (Jonesboro) (S)	Craighead	18 / 4	2" Mill & 2" Overlay	3.89
10	A00073	101158	STPSC-0028(73)	Hwys. 49Y, 358 & 412B Impvts. (Paragould) (S)	Greene	49 / 2Y 358 / 1 412 / 9B	Mill & Inlay (Hwy. 49); Level Up & 2" Overlay (Hwy. 358); 2" Mill & Overlay (Hwy. 412)	8.09
10	A00075	101170	STPSC-0038(65)	Hwy. 63 - Hwy. 67 (S)	Lawrence	412 / 6B & 7	2" Mill & 2" Overlay	6.74
10	A00085	N/A	STPR-0061(32)	Main Ditch - Hwy. 67 (S)	Randolph	328 / 1	Full-Depth Reclamation & 2" Overlay	6.15



Job A10044 I-40 – Hwy. 50 (Widener) (S)

Hwy. 38, Sec. 5 St. Francis County



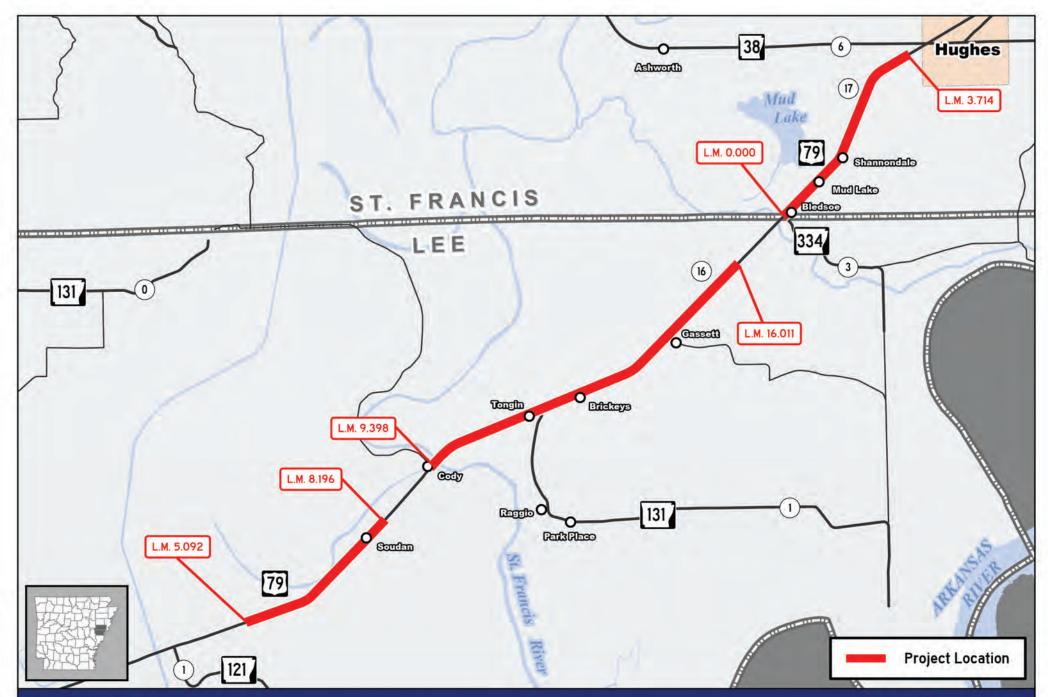




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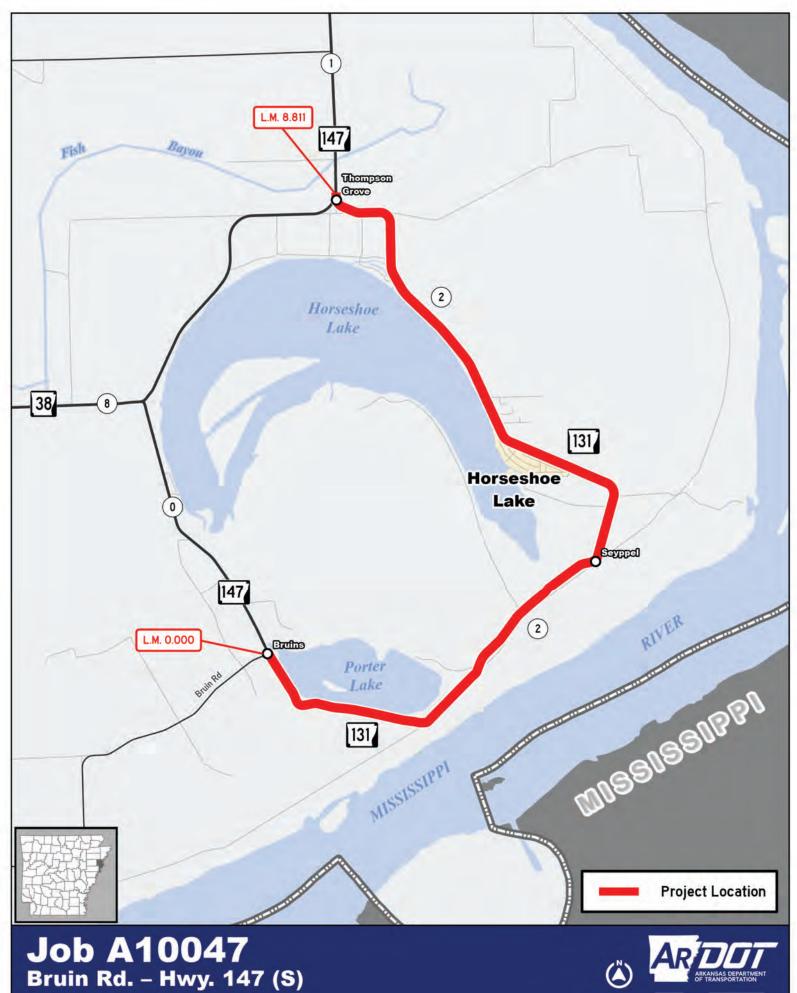


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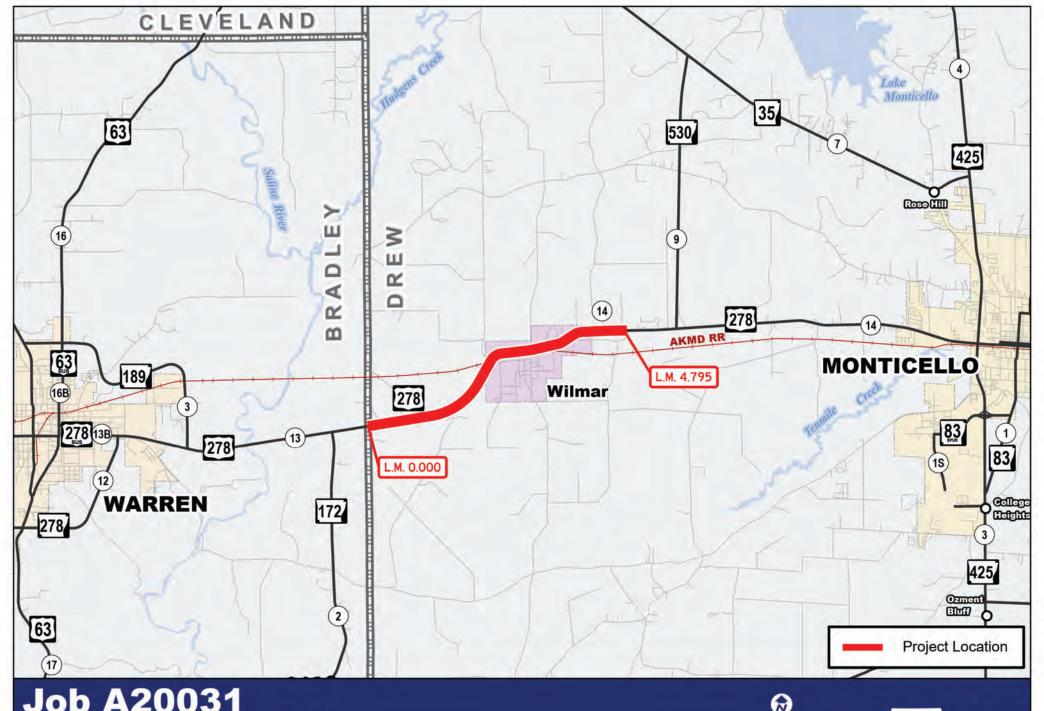
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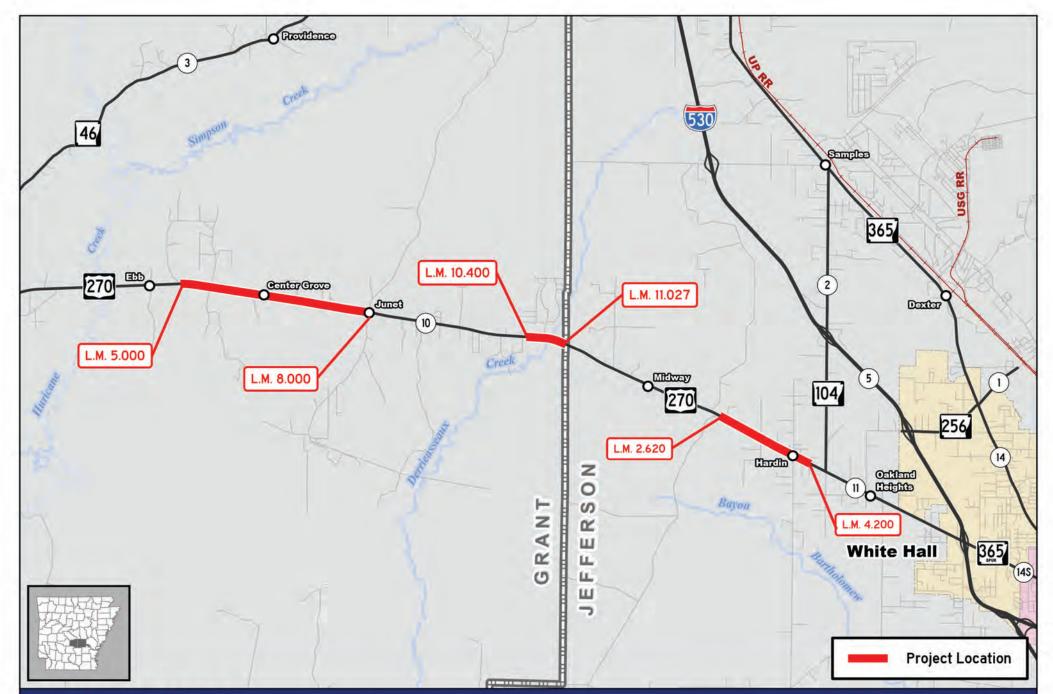


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Drew County



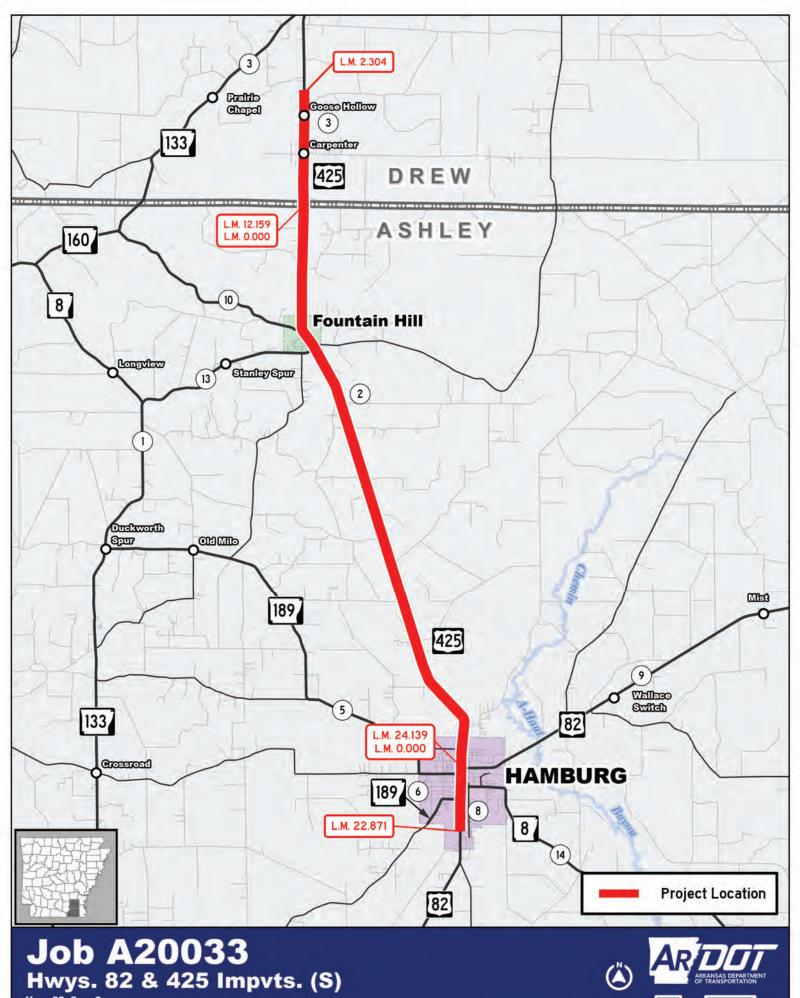




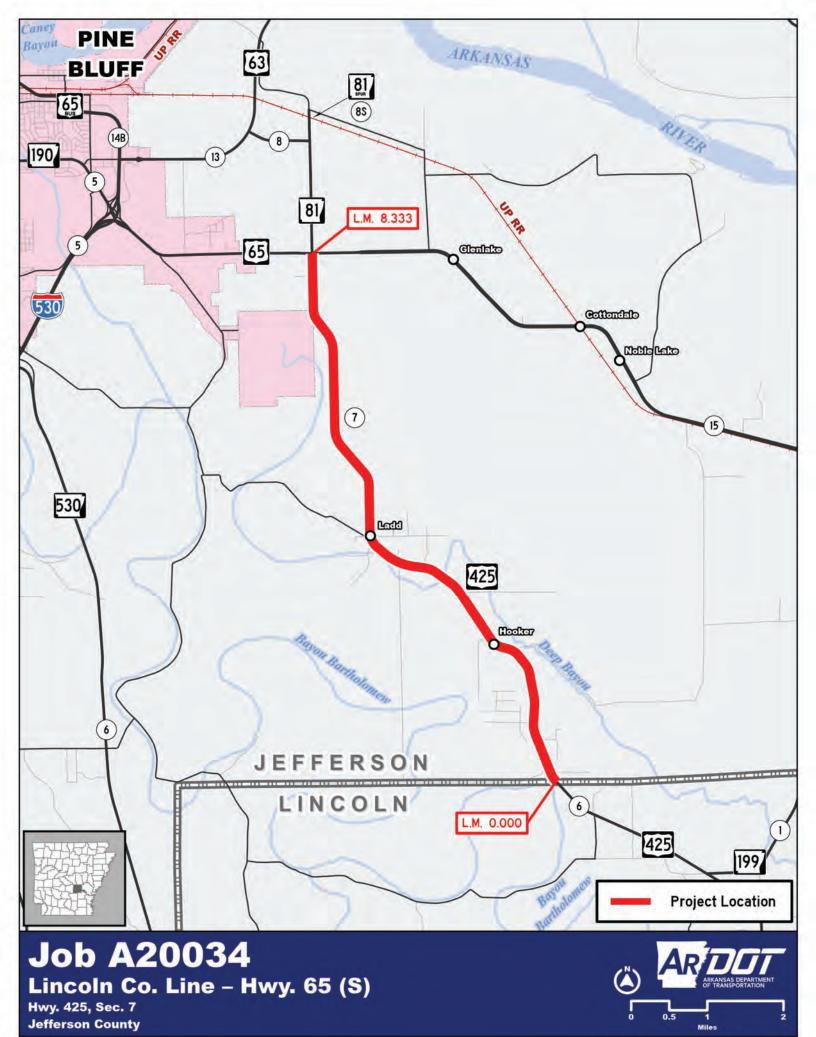
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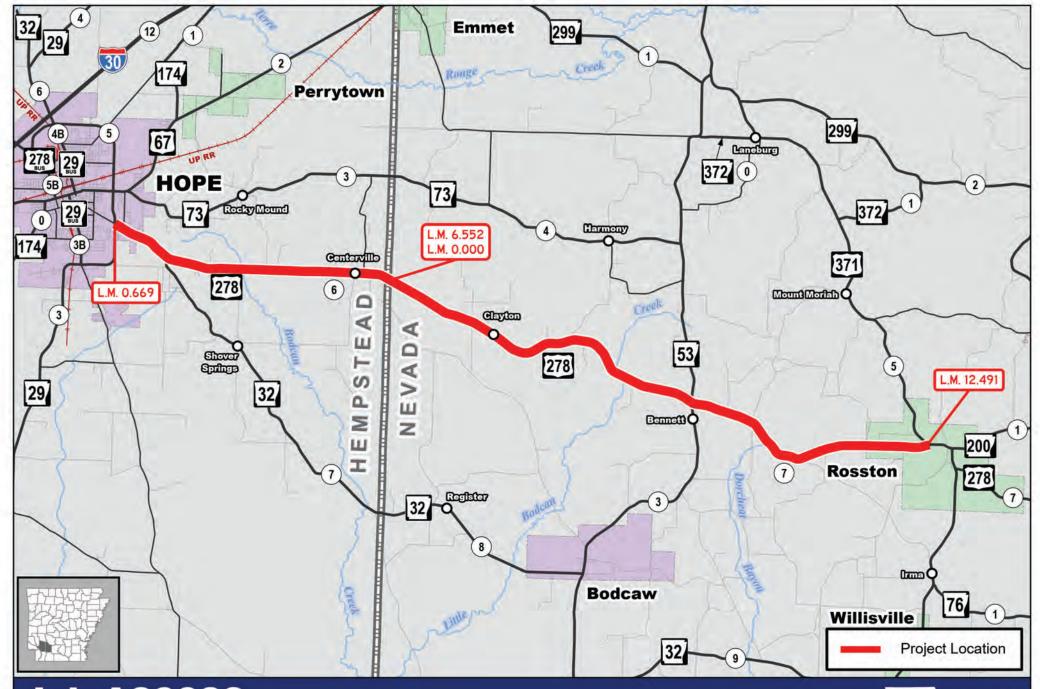
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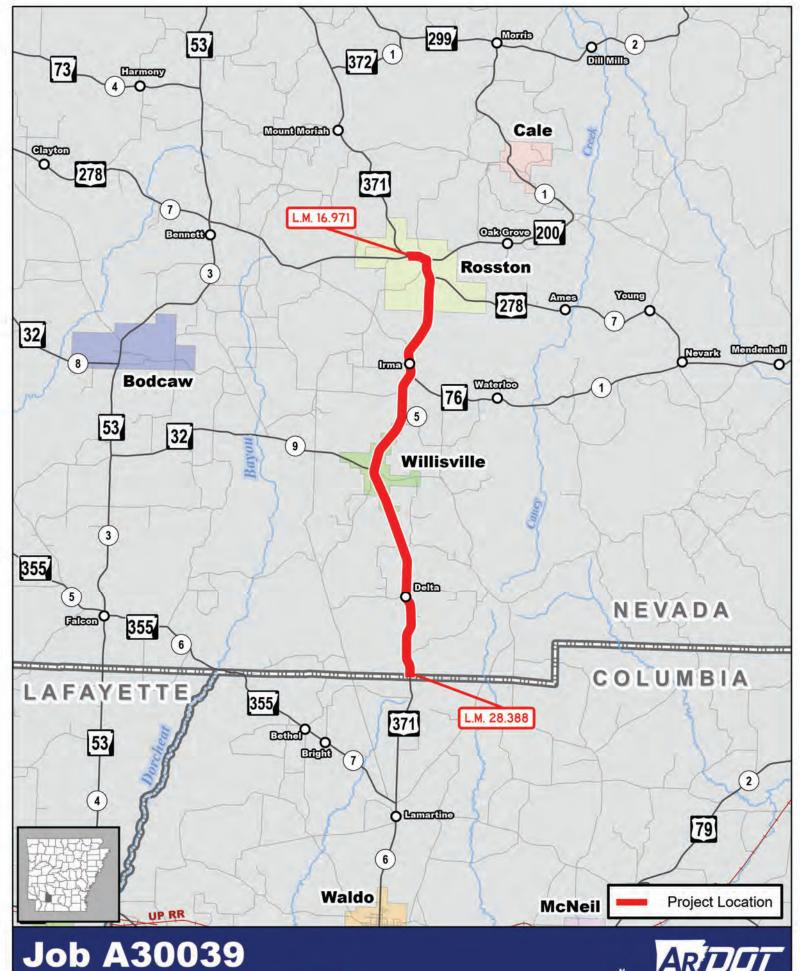




Hwy. 29 – Rosston (S) Hwy. 278, Secs. 6 & 7

Hempstead & Nevada Counties



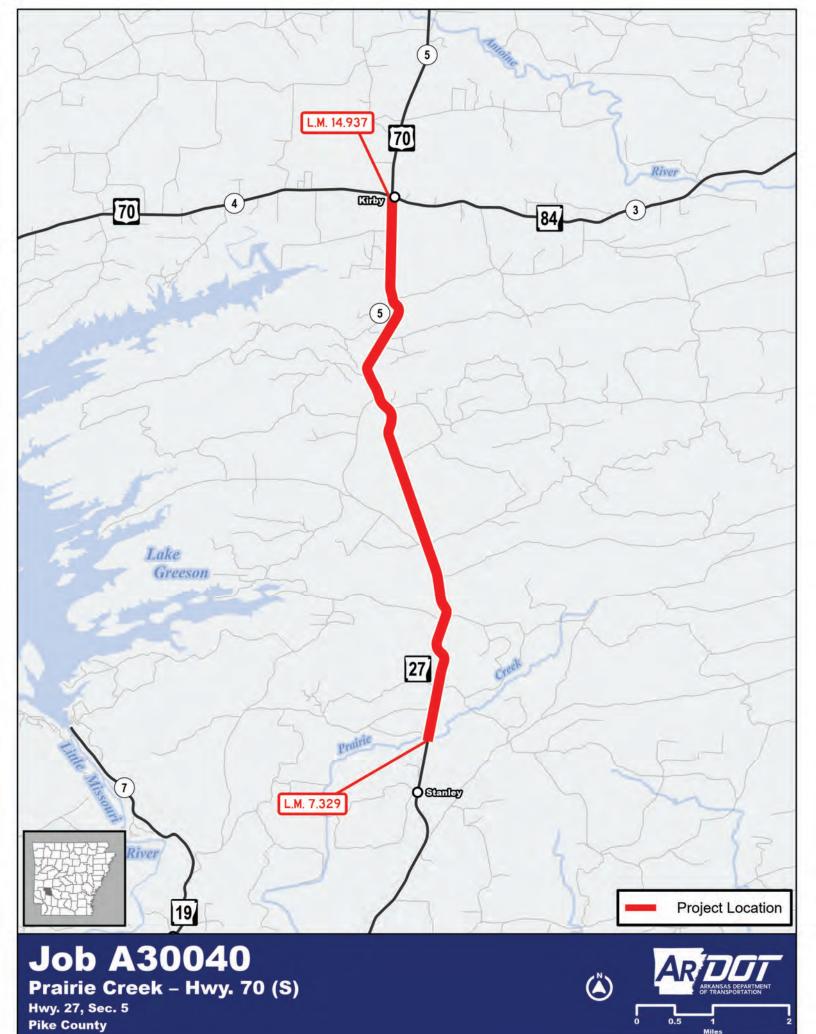


Rosston – Columbia Co. Line (S)

Hwy. 371, Sec. 5 Nevada County

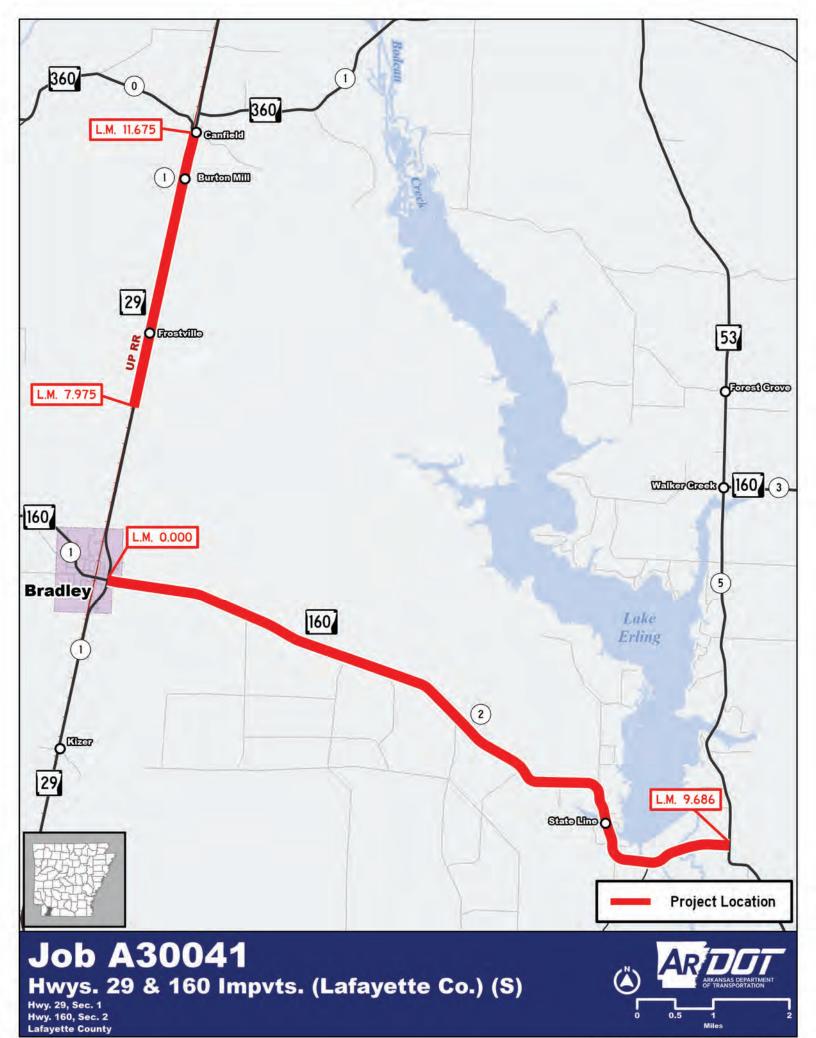


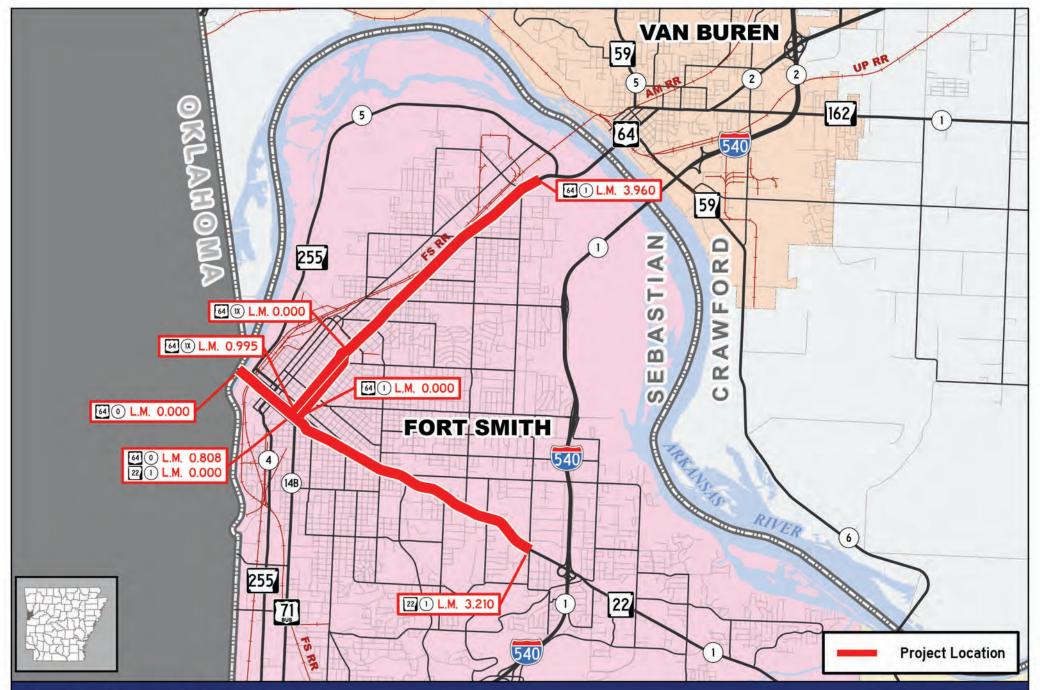




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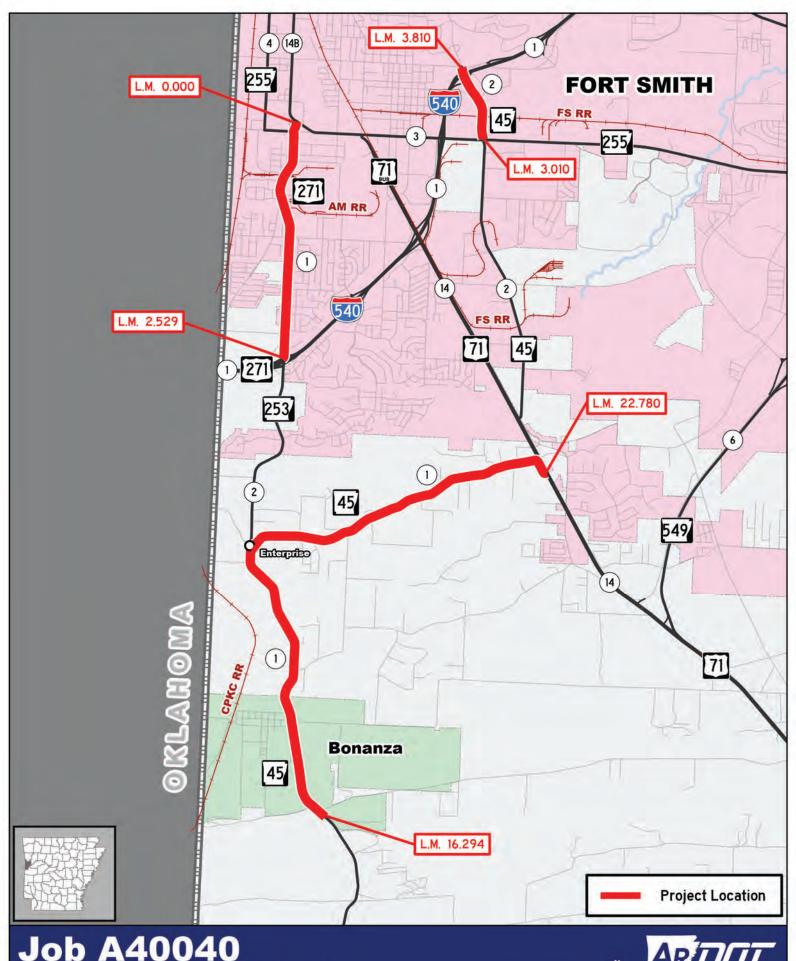




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Hwys. 22 & 64 Impvts. (Fort Smith) (S)

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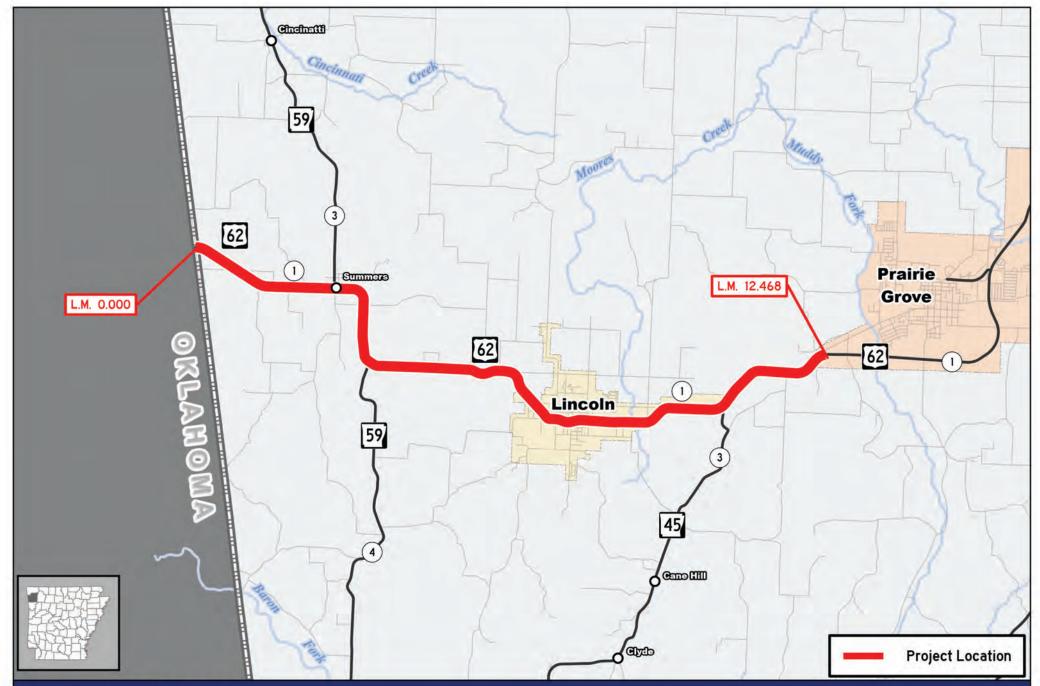




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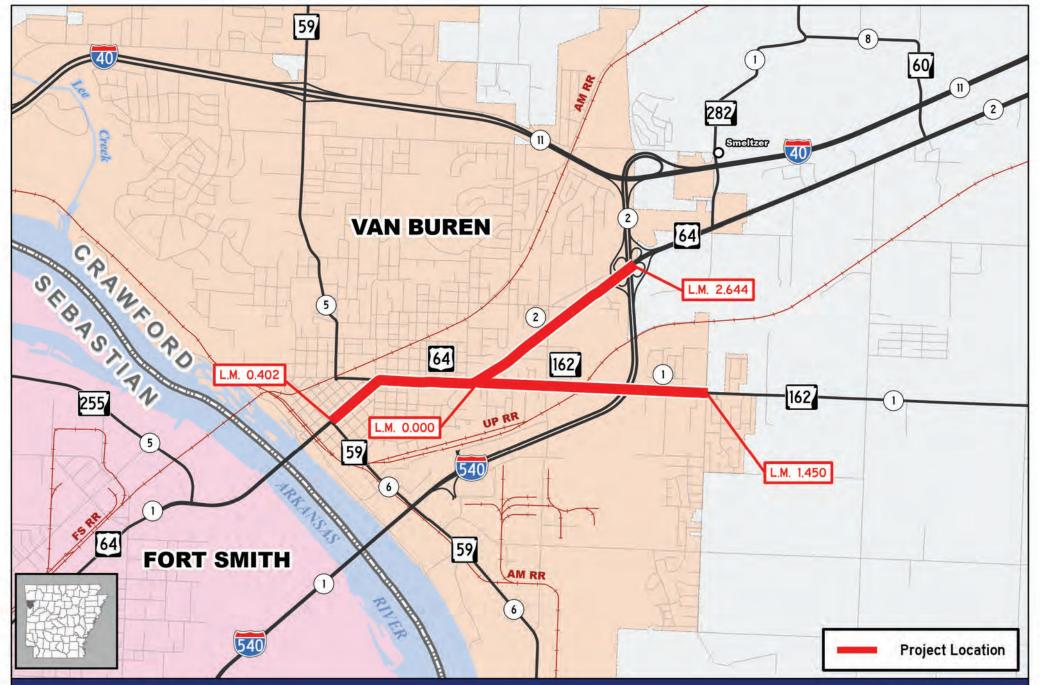




Oklahoma State Line – Prairie Grove (S)

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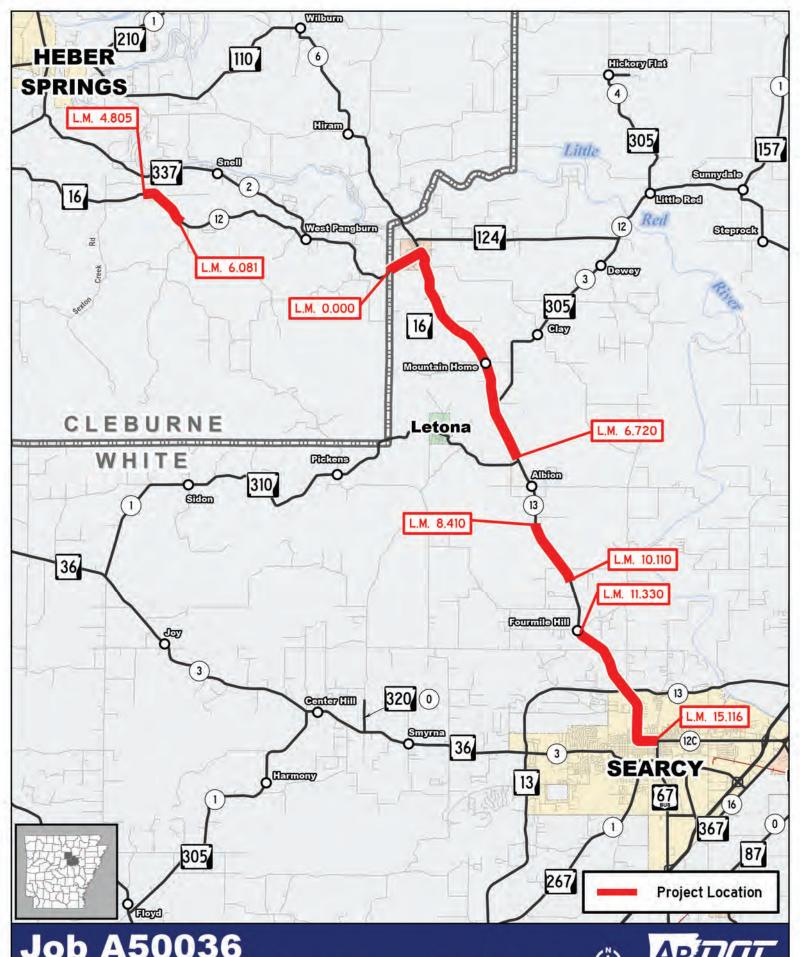




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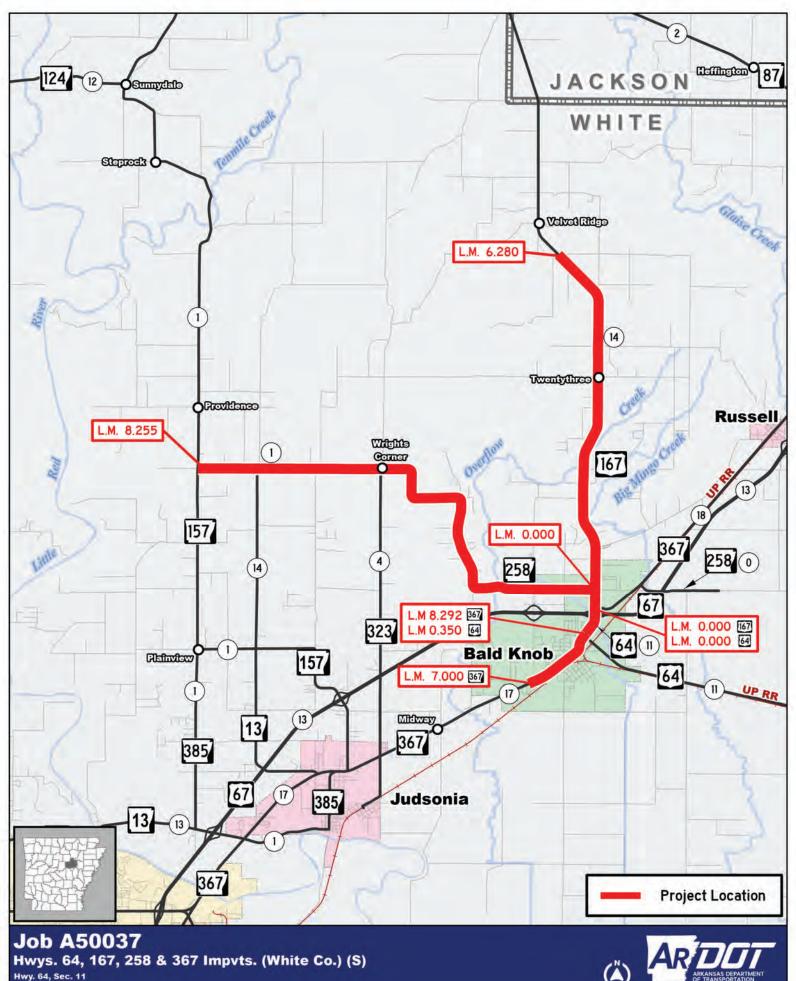


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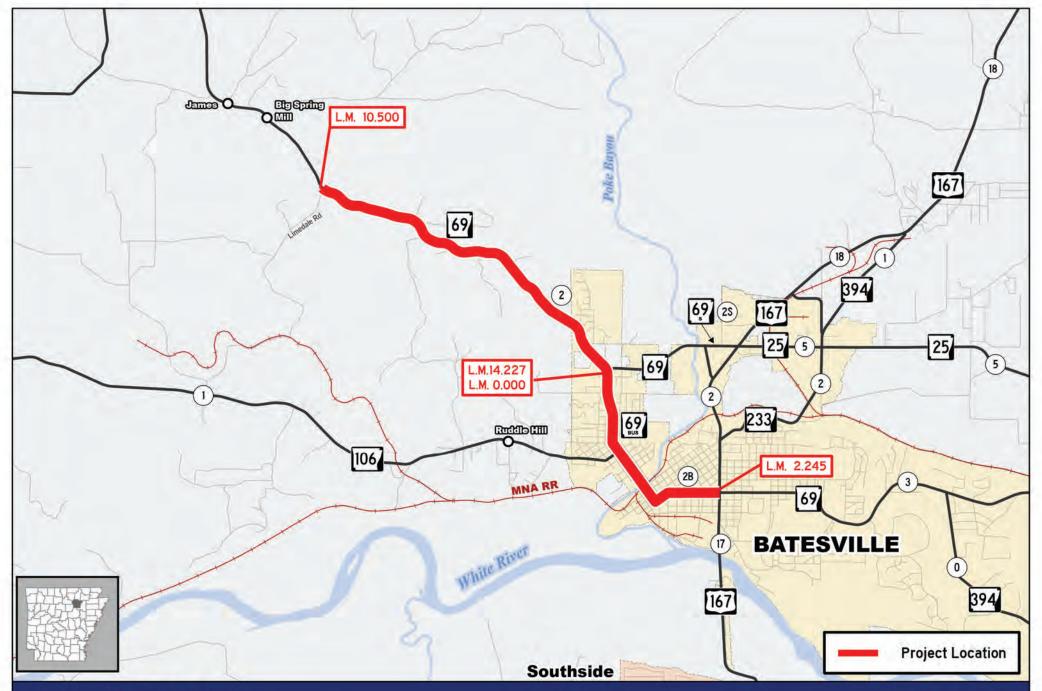






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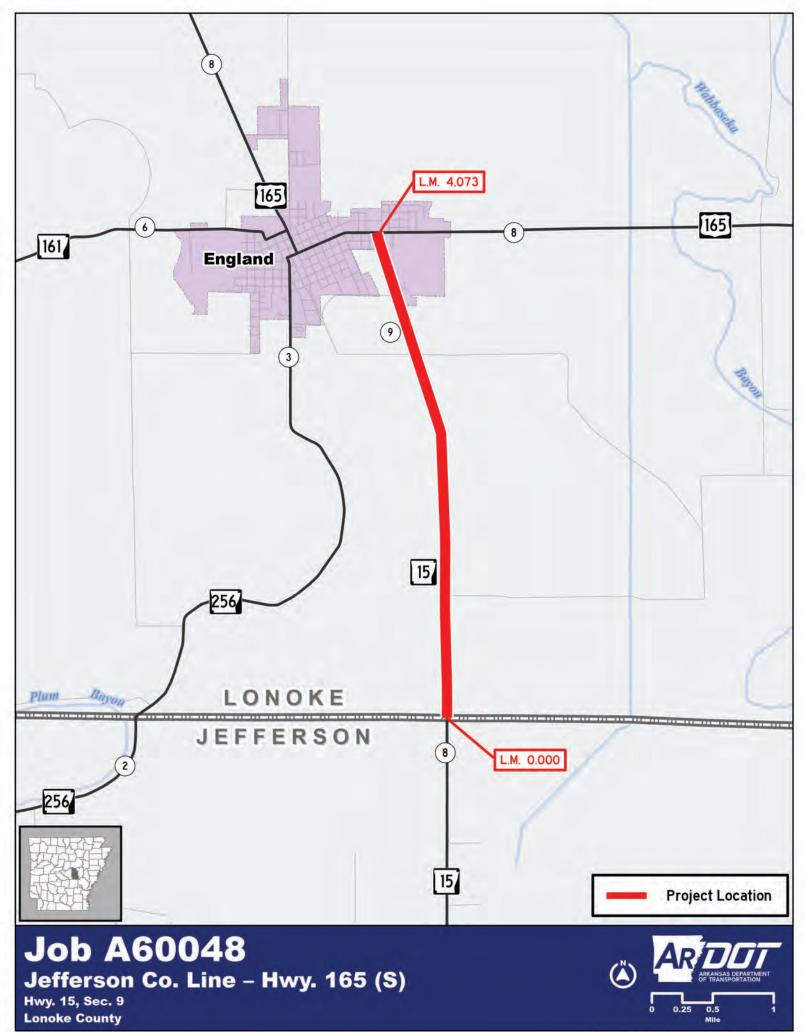
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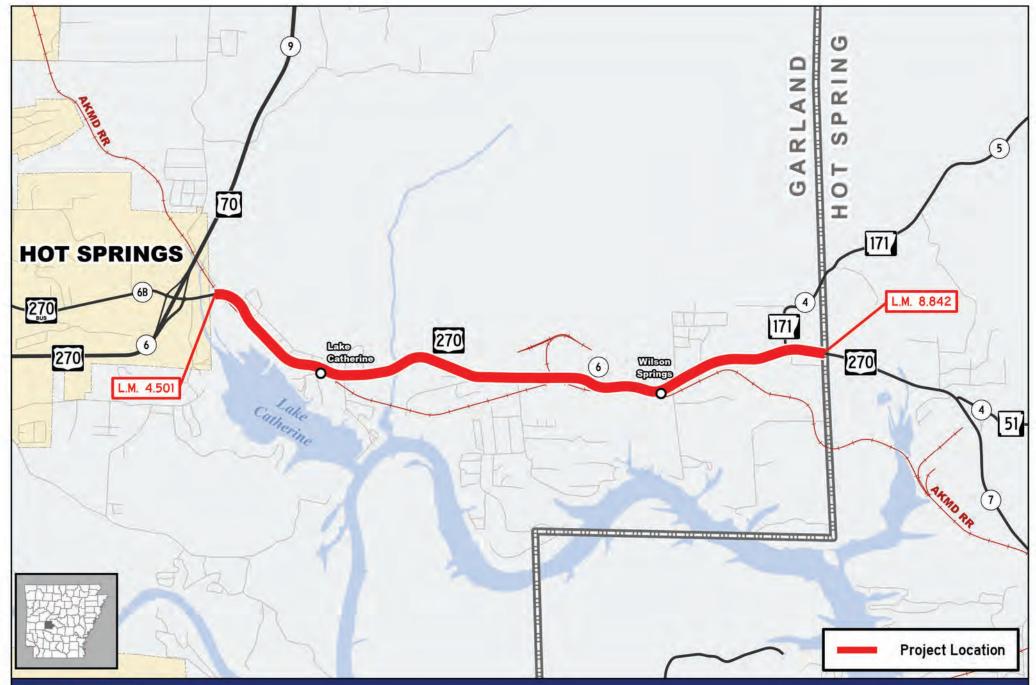


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Hwy. 69, Secs 2 & 2B Independence County



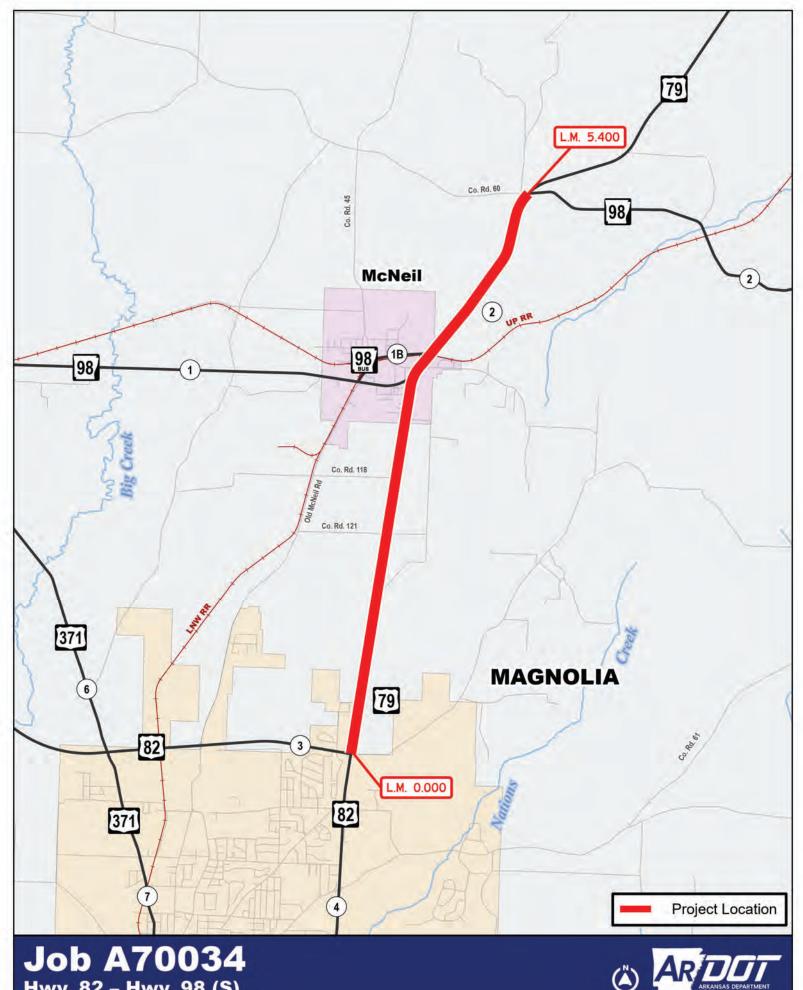




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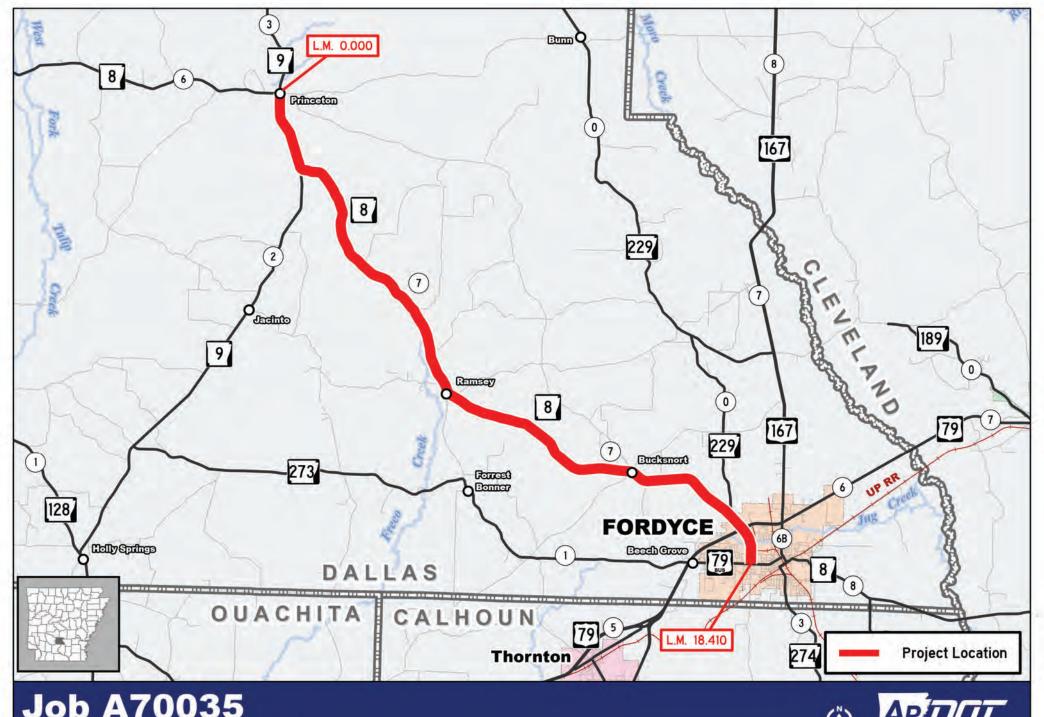
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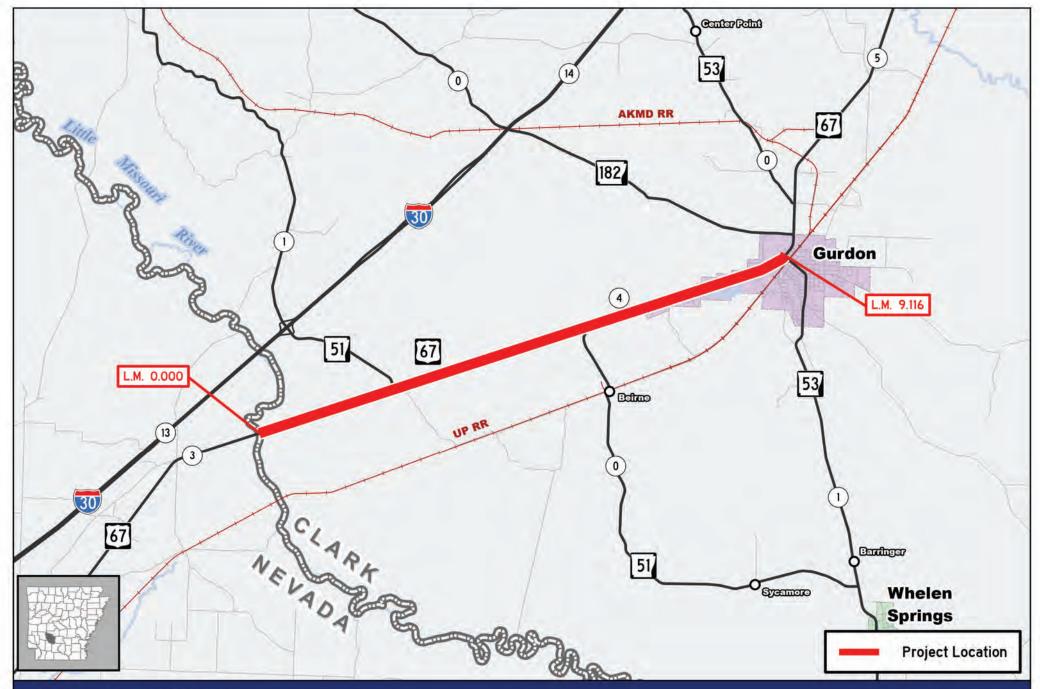
Hwy. 79, Sec. 2 Columbia County



Job A70035 Princeton – Hwy. 79B (S) Hwy. 8, Sec. 7

Hwy. 8, Sec. 7 Dallas County

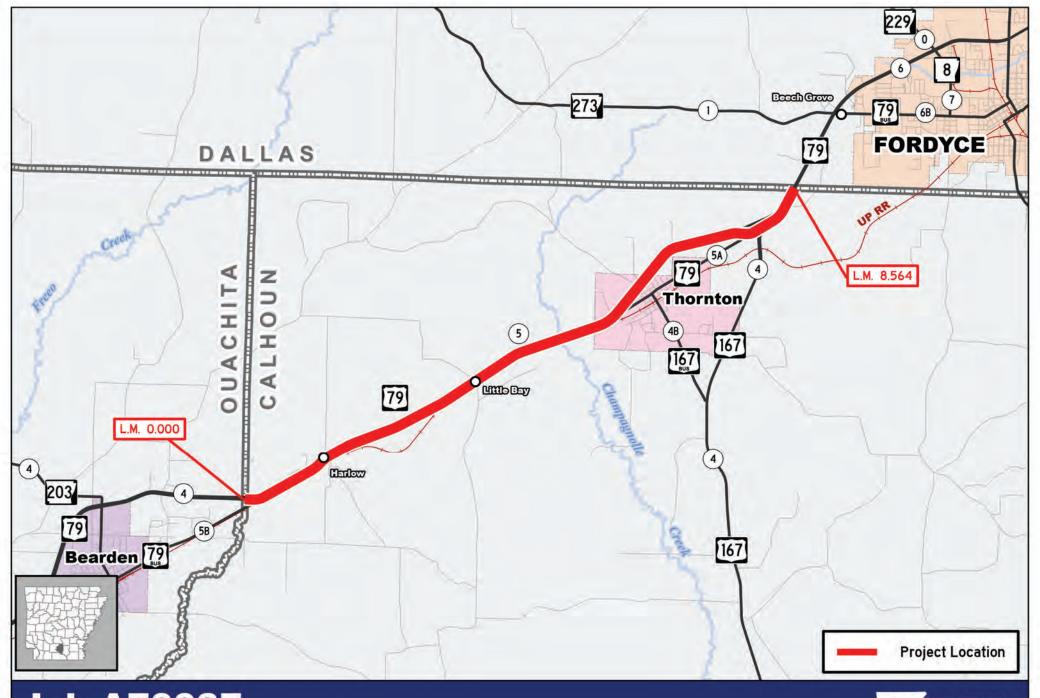




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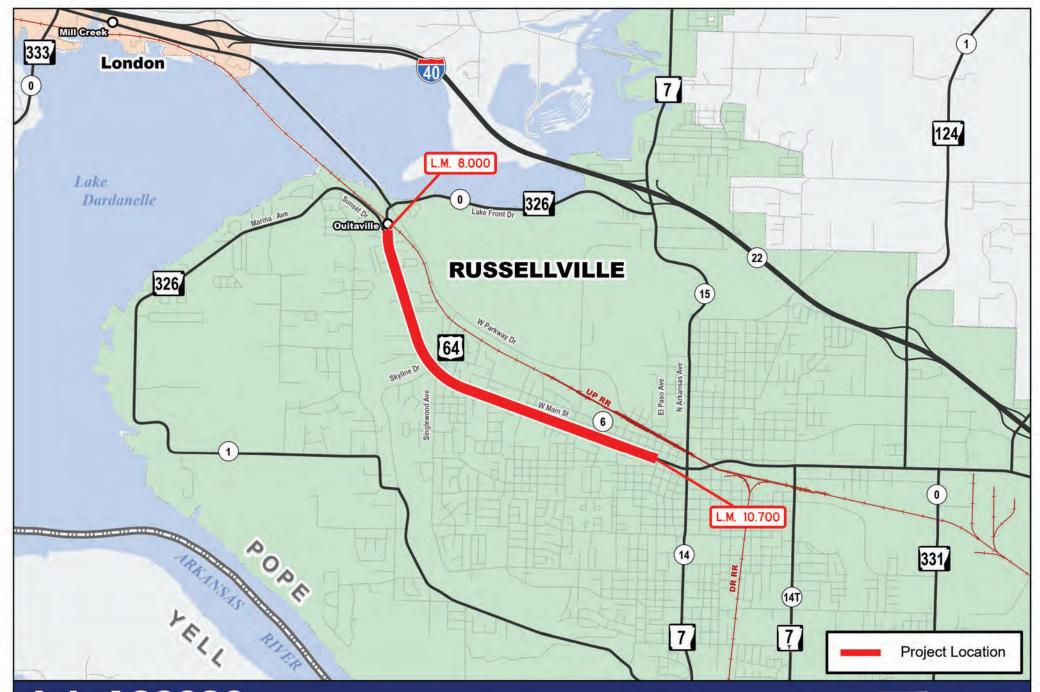
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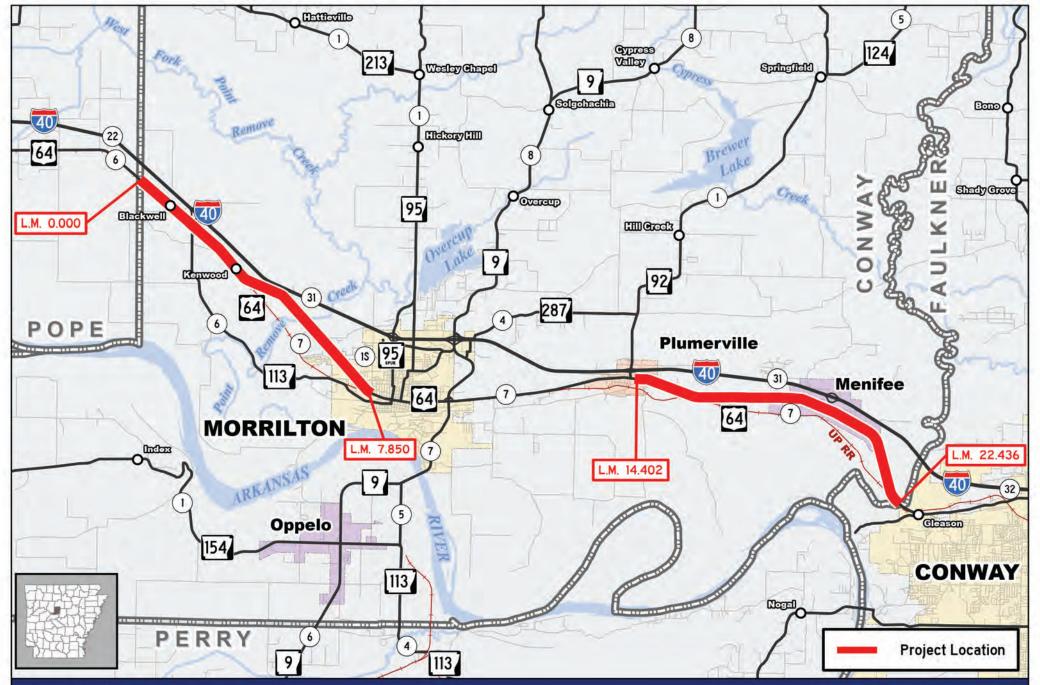




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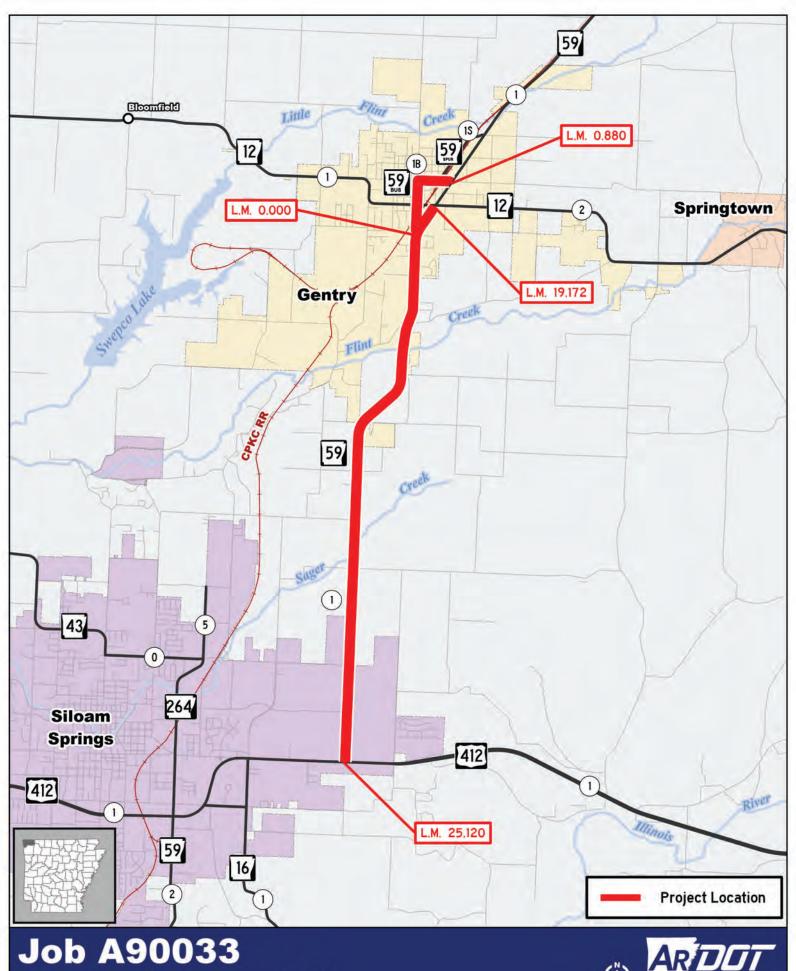




Pope Co. Line - Faulkner Co. Line (Sel. Secs.) (S)

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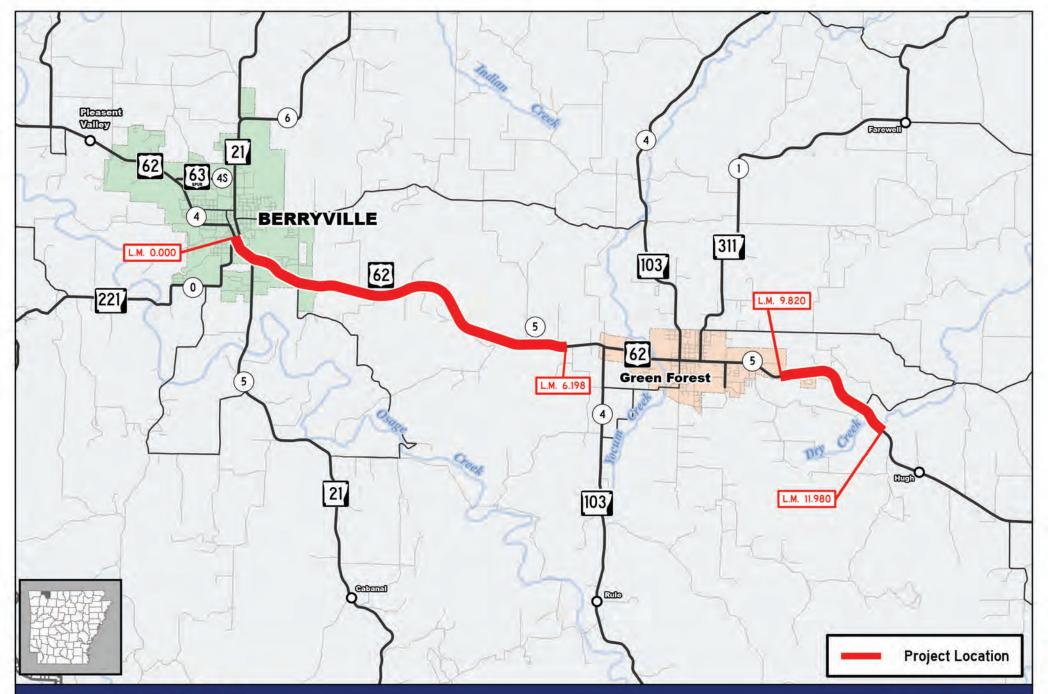


Gentry - Siloam Springs (S)

Hwy. 59, Secs. 1 & 1B **Benton County**



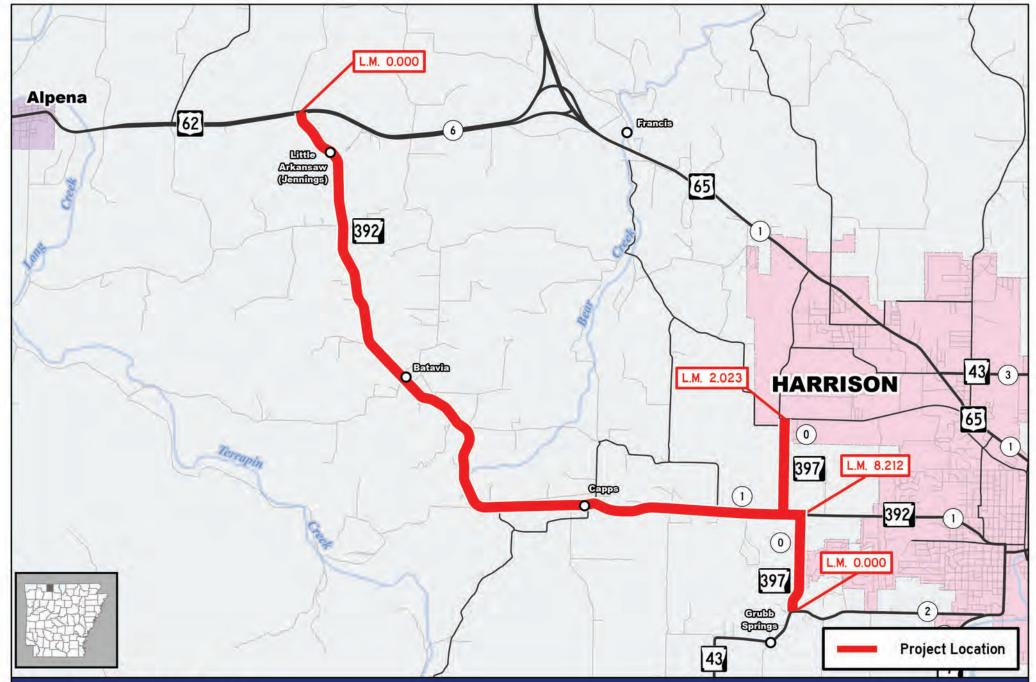




Berryville - East (Sel. Secs.) (S)

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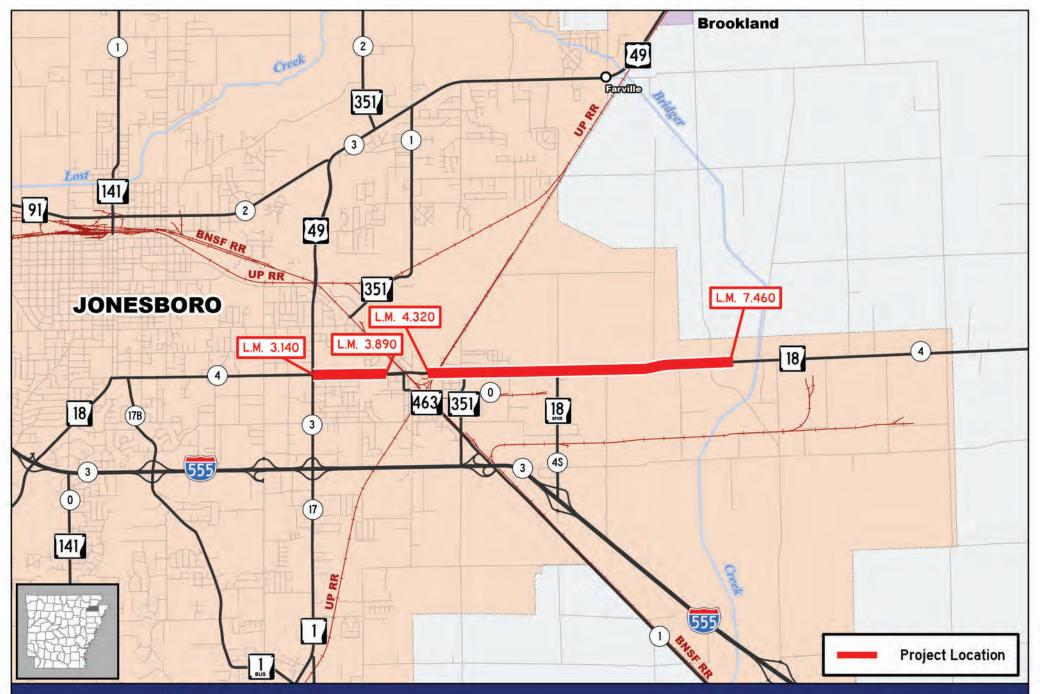




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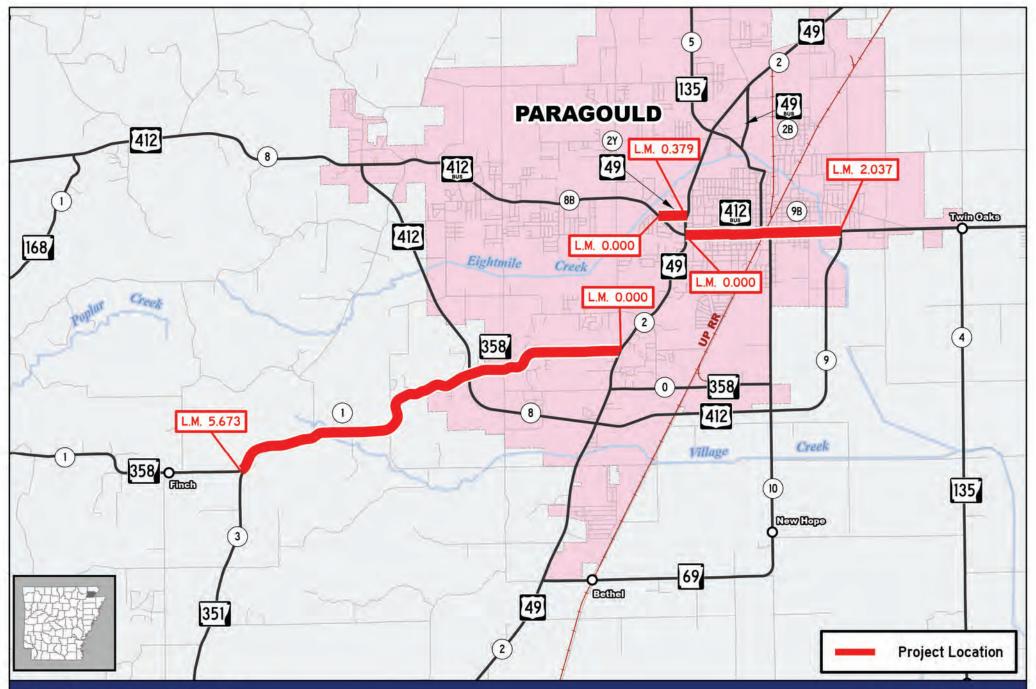




Hwy. 49 – East (Sel. Secs.) (Jonesboro) (S)

Hwy. 18, Sec. 4 Craighead County

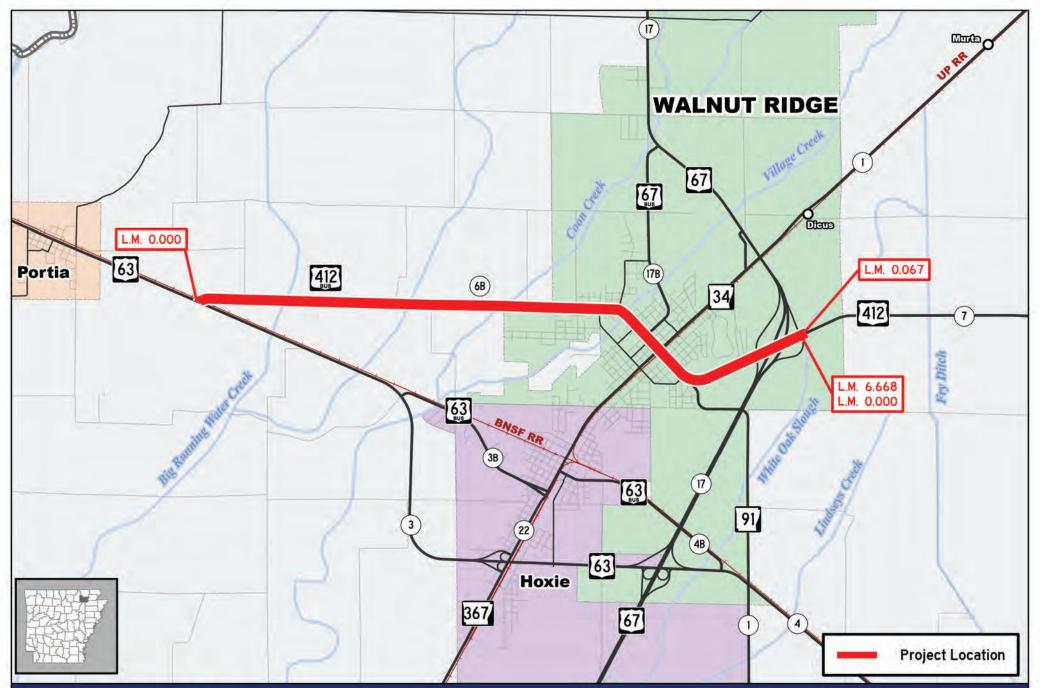




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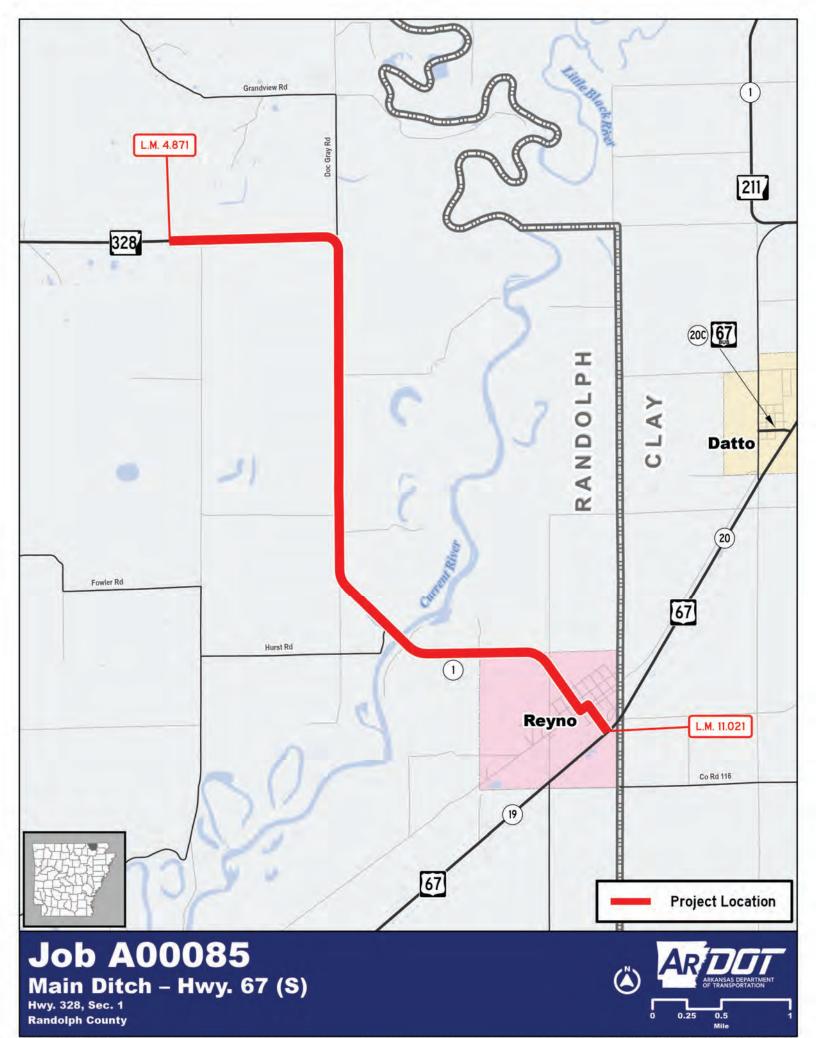




Job A00075 Hwy. 63 – Hwy. 67 (S) Hwy. 412, Secs. 6B & 7

Lawrence County





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November 20, 2024

TO: Environmental Job File

FROM: Jason Kennedy, Cultural Resources

SUBJECT: Cultural Resources Clearance

Job A10044

I-40 – Hwy. 50 (Widener) (S)

Route 38, Section 5 St. Francis County

This job proposes 2.45 miles of Patching, Leveling and 2" Overlay, as well as 2-foot shoulders, along Highway 38 between Log Mile 0.000 at Interstate 40 and Highway 50, in Widener, St. Francis County. No new right-of-way (ROW) will be acquired. All work will occur within the existing roadway.

A records check at the Arkansas Archeological Survey shows no sites in or near the proposed project. No historic structures were shown on the Arkansas Historic Preservation Program's structure database that are eligible or listed on the National Register of Historic Places near the project. No cultural indicators were found on the 1857 GLO plat near the project. The 1936 St. Francis County General Highway and Transportation map shows several structures along the existing highway.

Available plans, the topography, and previous infrastructure were examined to assess previous ground disturbance. All work will be within the existing ROW, and the limited scope of the project occurs within previously disturbed areas (highway construction). This type of undertaking will not affect historic properties. This project requires no Section 106 review under Appendix B, Activity 2, of the 2024 Amended Programmatic Agreement.



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August 30, 2023

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FROM: Jason Kennedy, Cultural Resources Section

SUBJECT: Cultural Resources Clearance

Job 110787

Hwy. 38 – Hwy. 79 (S) Route 50, Section 1 St. Francis County

The project proposes to level up, overlay, and add 2' Shoulders on 14.58 miles of Highway 50 from the Log Mile 6.857 to the Log Mile 21.436, the Crittenden County line in St. Francis County. No new right-of-way (ROW) will be acquired. Shoulders will be added on each side of the highway on the flat, grassy area between the road and ditches in the existing ROW.

A records check of the Arkansas Archeological Survey's database showed seven archeological sites near the proposed project area. Site 3SF97 is pre-historic, and Sites 3SF282, 3SF290, and 3SF332 are multi-component, and Sites 3SF335 to 3SF337 are historic. All sites were identified during bayou surveys outside of the ROW and will not be impacted.

Based on records check of Arkansas Historic Preservation Program's database for National Register of Historic Places (NRHP) properties, no previously recorded historic structures are located on or adjacent to the proposed project area. Two cemeteries, the New Home Cemetery and Shiloh Cemetery are located outside the project area. Both are shown on the 1940 Whitmore, AR topo map as outside of the ROW by at least 60 feet.

Nineteenth through twentieth century maps were examined. Both the 1823, General Land Office plat maps of Township 5 North, Range 6 East and the

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1825 plat maps of Township 5 North, Range 5 East showed no cultural resources in the vicinity of the project area. The 1936 St. Francis County map show numerous structures along the project area. Bridges M3290 and M3330 – M3333 are 45 years of age or older and are within the project area. All were evaluated as not eligible to the NRHP. Bridges M3290 and M3331 were previously evaluated as not eligible under jobs 110617 and 110717 (AHPP Tracking Number 99732 and 103907). The Advisory Council on Historic Preservation's Program Comment on post-1945 concrete and steel bridges (77 FR 68790) applies to Bridges M3330, M3332, and M3333. Those three bridges have been determined not eligible for inclusion to the NRHP in the NRHP Eligibility Determination Report: Pre-1976 Arkansas Historic Highway Bridge Inventory under Job 012356.

The existing topography, aerial imagery, previous infrastructure and construction practices were examined to assess previous ground disturbance. This type of undertaking will not affect historic properties. All work will be within the existing ROW, and the scope of the project occurs within previously disturbed areas. Therefore, this project requires no Section 106 review under Appendix C, Activity 2, of the 2021 Programmatic Agreement.



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SUBJECT: Cultural Resources Clearance

Job A10046

E. of Hwy. 121 - Hughes

(Sel. Secs.) (S)

Route 79, Secs. 16 & 17 Lee and St. Francis Counties

This job proposes 13.42 miles of 2" mill and 2" overlay along select sections of Highway 79 in Lee and St. Francis Counties from Log Mile 5.092 in Lee County to Log Mile 3.714 in St. Francis County.

This project is subject to the 2024 Amended Programmatic Agreement and falls under Activity C in Appendix A. The project is exempted from further work or Section 106 review.



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FROM: Jason Kennedy, Cultural Resources

SUBJECT: Cultural Resources Clearance

Job A10047

Bruin Rd. – Hwy. 147 (S) Route 131, Section 2 Crittenden County

This job proposes 8.811 miles of 2" Overlay and 2-foot shoulders along Highway 131 between Bruin Road and Highway 147, in Crittenden County. No new right-of-way (ROW) will be acquired. All work will occur within the existing roadway.

A records check at the Arkansas Archeological Survey shows no sites in or near the proposed project. No historic structures were shown on the Arkansas Historic Preservation Program's structure database that are eligible or listed on the National Register of Historic Places near the project. No cultural indicators were found on the 1825 and 1841 GLO plats near the project. The 1936 Crittenden County General Highway and Transportation map shows several structures along the existing highway.

Available plans, the topography, and previous infrastructure were examined to assess previous ground disturbance. All work will be within the existing ROW, and the limited scope of the project occurs within previously disturbed areas (highway construction). This type of undertaking will not affect historic properties. This project requires no Section 106 review under Appendix B, Activity 2, of the 2024 Amended Programmatic Agreement.



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August 15, 2024

TO: Environmental Job File

FROM: Richard Jenkins, Cultural Resources

SUBJECT: Cultural Resources Clearance

Job A20031

Bradley Co. Line - Wilmar (S) Route 278, Section 14

Drew County

This job proposes 4.8 miles of mill and inlay/overlay on Highway 278, in Drew County.

This project is subject to the 2024 Amended Programmatic Agreement and falls under Activity C in Appendix A. The project is exempt from further work or Section 106 review.



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September 26, 2024

TO: Environmental Job File

FROM: Richard Jenkins, Cultural Resources

SUBJECT: Cultural Resources Clearance

Job A20032

Hurricane Creek - Hwy. 104 (Sel. Secs.) (S)

Route 270, Sections 10 & 11
Grant and Jefferson Counties

This job proposes 5.47 miles of mill and inlay; thin overlay on Highway 270, in Grant and Jefferson Counties.

This project is subject to the 2024 Amended Programmatic Agreement and falls under Activity C in Appendix A. The project is exempt from further work or Section 106 review.



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September 26, 2024

TO: Environmental Job File

FROM: Richard Jenkins, Cultural Resources A

SUBJECT: Cultural Resources Clearance

Job A20033

Hwy's 82 & 425 Impvts. (S)

Route 82, Section 8

Route 425, Sections 2 & 3 Ashley and Drew Counties

This job proposes 15.73 miles of UTBWC (Ultrathin Bonded Wearing Course) and 2' mill and overlay on Highways 82 and 425, in Ashley and Drew Counties.

This project is subject to the 2024 Amended Programmatic Agreement and falls under Activities C and D in Appendix A. The project is exempt from further work or Section 106 review.



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September 26, 2024

TO: Environmental Job File

FROM: Richard Jenkins, Cultural Resources

SUBJECT: Cultural Resources Clearance

Job A20034

Lincoln Co. Line - Hwy. 65 (S)

Route 425, Section 7 Jefferson County

This job proposes 8.33 miles of 2' mill and 2" overlay on Highway 425, in Jefferson County.

This project is subject to the 2024 Amended Programmatic Agreement and falls under Activity C in Appendix A. The project is exempt from further work or Section 106 review.



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September 26, 2024

TO: Environmental Job File

FROM: Richard Jenkins, Cultural Resources

SUBJECT: Cultural Resources Clearance

Job A30038

Hwy. 29 - Rosston (S) Route 278, Sections 6 & 7

Hempstead and Nevada Counties

This job proposes 18.37 miles of 2-inch overlay with spot patching, spot leveling; mill and inlay on Highway 278, in Hempstead and Nevada Counties.

This project is subject to the 2024 Amended Programmatic Agreement and falls under Activity C in Appendix A. The project is exempt from further work or Section 106 review.



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September 26, 2024

TO: Environmental Job File

FROM: Richard Jenkins, Cultural Resources Section A

SUBJECT: Cultural Resources Clearance

Job A30039

Rosston – Columbia Co. Line (S)

Route 371, Section 5 Nevada County

This job proposes 11.42 miles of 2-inch overlay with spot patching, spot leveling, and rumble strips on Highway 371, in Nevada County.

This project is subject to the 2024 Amended Programmatic Agreement and falls under Activities C and F in Appendix A. The project is exempt from further work or Section 106 review.



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September 26, 2024

TO: Environmental Job File

FROM: Richard Jenkins, Cultural Resources

SUBJECT: Cultural Resources Clearance

Job A30040

Prairie Creek - Hwy. 70 (S)

Route 27, Section 5

Pike County

This job proposes 7.61 miles of 2-inch overlay with spot patching and spot leveling on Highway 27, in Pike County.

This project is subject to the 2024 Amended Programmatic Agreement and falls under Activity C in Appendix A. The project is exempt from further work or Section 106 review.



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INTEROFFICE MEMORANDUM

November 20, 2024

TO: Environmental Job File

FROM: Jason Wilhelmi, Cultural Resources

SUBJECT: Cultural Resources Clearance

Job A30041

Hwys. 29 & 160 Impvts. (Lafayette Co.) (S) Route 29, Section 1 Route 160, Section 2 Lafayette County

This job proposes to add 2-inch asphalt overlay on Highways 29 and 160 and add 2-foot shoulders to Highway 160, totaling 13.39 miles, in Lafayette County. No new right-of-way (ROW) or temporary construction easements (TCE) will be required.

The records review of the Arkansas Archeological Survey's (ARAS) database found that there are 2 sites (3LA0354 and 3LA0356) recorded near, adjacent to, or potentially in the Highway 29 ROW corridor and 1 site (3LA0278) near the Highway 160 ROW corridor. The ARAS database found Historic CCC Camp Bradley (3LA0356) and auxiliary tower (3LA0354) near the Highway 29 ROW corridor. Both sites have been destroyed. Site 3LA0278 is overgrown and consists of a log barn (destroyed), a barn with a tin roof surrounded by privet, and a gate, and located near the Highway 160 ROW corridor. The barn is not eligible for the NRHP.

The records review of Arkansas Historic Preservation Program's (AHPP) database contained no documentation of any properties near the project.

Other records reviewed included the 1823, 1854, and 1855 General Land Office (GLO) plats of T18S, R24W and the 1823 and 1855 GLO plats of T19S, R24W. The 1936 Lafayette County General Highway and Transportation map and the following topographic maps were also reviewed: the 1952 and 2024 7.5' Canfield, AR and the 1952 7.5' Bradley Southeast, AR.

The GLO plats depicted what appears to be the Red River in western Lafayette County, but cultural features. The 1936 Lafayette County General Highway and Transportation map showed a few structures concentrated in the vicinity of the cities of Bradley and Canfield, but few others elsewhere. There was also a church with a cemetery off Highway 160. This church and cemetery are also shown on the 1952 Bradley Southeast quad

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map. The 1952 Canfield quad map showed a Lookout Tower (possibly 3LA0354). This tower is not shown on the 2024 Canfield quad map.

The existing topography, aerial imagery, previous infrastructure and construction practices were examined to assess previous ground disturbance. All work will be within the existing ROW, and the scope of the project occurs within previously disturbed areas (highway construction). Therefore, this project is exempt from additional Section 106 review under Appendix B, Activity 2, of the 2024 Amended Programmatic Agreement.



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August 15, 2024

TO: Environmental Job File

FROM: Daniel Hildebran, Cultural Resources

Down Haller

SUBJECT: Cultural Resources Clearance

Job A40038

Hwys. 22 & 64 Impvts. (Fort Smith) (S)

Route 22, Section 1

Route 64, Sections 0, 1 & 1X

Sebastian County

This project proposes 2" mill and 2" overlay on 8.97 miles of Highways 22 and 64 in Sebastian County.

This project is subject to the 2021 Programmatic Agreement and falls under Activity C in Appendix B. The project is exempt from further work or Section 106 review.



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FROM: Daniel Hildebran, Cultural Resources

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SUBJECT: Cultural Resources Clearance

Job A40040

Hwys. 45 & 271 Impvts. (S) Route 45, Sections 1 & 2 Route 271, Section 1 Sebastian County

This project proposes 2" mill and 2" overlay on 7.286 miles of Highway 45 and apply UTBWC on 2.529 miles of Hwy. 271 in Sebastian County.

This project is subject to the 2021 Programmatic Agreement and falls under Activities C and D in Appendix B. The project is exempt from further work or Section 106 review.



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August 15, 2024

TO: Environmental Job File

FROM: Daniel Hildebran, Cultural Resources

Donal Haller

SUBJECT: Cultural Resources Clearance

Job A40041

Oklahoma State Line – Prairie Grove (S)

Route 62, Section 1 Washington County

This project proposes 2" mill and 2" overlay on 12.47 miles of Highway 62 in Washington County.

This project is subject to the 2021 Programmatic Agreement and falls under Activity C in Appendix B. The project is exempt from further work or Section 106 review.



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TO: Environmental Job File

FROM: Daniel Hildebran, Cultural Resources

Down Haller

SUBJECT: Cultural Resources Clearance

Job A40042

Hwys. 64 & 162 Impvts. (Van Buren) (S)

Route 64, Section 2 Route 162, Section 1 Crawford County

This project proposes 2" mill and 2" overlay on 3.69 miles of Highways 64 and 162 in Crawford County.

This project is subject to the 2021 Programmatic Agreement and falls under Activity C in Appendix B. The project is exempt from further work or Section 106 review.



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August 15, 2024

TO: Environmental Job File

FROM: Daniel Hildebran, Cultural Resources

Down Haller

SUBJECT: Cultural Resources Clearance

Job A50036

E. of Sexton Creek Rd. - Searcy (Sel. Secs.) (S)

Route 16, Sections 12 & 13 Cleburne & White Counties

This project proposes 2" mill and 2" overlay on 12.206 miles of Highway 16, Section 13 and apply UTBWC on 1.276 miles of Highway 16, Section 12, in Cleburne and White Counties.

This project is subject to the 2021 Programmatic Agreement and falls under Activities C and D in Appendix B. The project is exempt from further work or Section 106 review.



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August 15, 2024

TO: Environmental Job File

FROM: Daniel Hildebran, Cultural Resources

Donal Haller

SUBJECT: Cultural Resources Clearance

Job A50037

Hwys. 64, 167, 258 & 367 Impvts. (White Co.) (S)

Route 64, Section 11 Route 167, Section 14 Route 258, Section 1 Route 367, Section 17

White County

This project proposes 1" mill and 2" overlay on Highway 69, apply UTBWC on Hwy. 258, and 2" mill and 2" overlay on Hwy. 367 for a total of 16.18 miles, in White County.

This project is subject to the 2021 Programmatic Agreement and falls under Activities C and D in Appendix B. The project is exempt from further work or Section 106 review.



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August 15, 2024

TO: Environmental Job File

FROM: Daniel Hildebran, Cultural Resources

Down Haller

SUBJECT: Cultural Resources Clearance

Job A50038

Limedale Rd. - Batesville (S) Route 69, Sections 2 & 2B Independence County

This project proposes 2" mill and 2" overlay on 3.32 miles of Highway 69, in Independence County.

This project is subject to the 2021 Programmatic Agreement and falls under Activity C in Appendix B. The project is exempt from further work or Section 106 review.



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INTEROFFICE MEMORANDUM

November 20, 2024

TO: Environmental Job File

FROM: Jason Kennedy, Cultural Resources Section

SUBJECT: Cultural Resources Clearance

Job A60048

Jefferson Co. Line - Hwy. 165 (S)

Route 15, Section 9 Lonoke County

This job proposes 13.42 miles of level-up and thin overlay along Highway 15 from the Jefferson County Line to Log Mile 4.07 in England, Lonoke County.

This project is subject to the 2024 Amended Programmatic Agreement and falls under Activity C in Appendix A. The project is exempted from further work or Section 106 review.



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November 20, 2024

TO: Environmental Job File

FROM: Jason Kennedy, Cultural Resources Section

SUBJECT: Cultural Resources Clearance

Job A60049

Hot Springs – Hot Spring Co. Line (S)

Route 270, Section 6 Garland County

This job proposes 4.34 miles of 1" mill and 2" overlay along Highway 270 from Log Mile 4.501 in Hot Springs to Log Mile 8.842 at the Hot Spring County Line in Garland County.

This project is subject to the 2024 Amended Programmatic Agreement and falls under Activity C in Appendix A. The project is exempted from further work or Section 106 review.



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INTEROFFICE MEMORANDUM

May 21, 2024

TO: Environmental Job File

MH

FROM: Milton Hughes, Cultural Resources

SUBJECT: Cultural Resources Clearance

Job A70034

Hwy. 82 – Hwy. 98 (S) Route 79, Section 2 Columbia County

This job proposes to add 1-inch asphalt overlay with spot patching and spot leveling to 5.4 miles of Highway 79 in Columbia County. Bridge Number 01978 spans the St. Louis Southwest RR at L.M.3.67 and is listed on the National Register of Historic Places.

The records review of the Arkansas Archeological Survey's (ARAS) database found that the closest documented archeological site is located about ¼-mile west of the project. The Arkansas Historic Preservation Program's (AHPP) database shows Bridge 01978 (CO0555 - the McNeil Overpass). The maintenance/improvement activities associated with the project will be limited to the existing bridge travel surfaces only and will not affect the integrity or alter significant structural elements of the bridge.

No evidence of traces, paths, roads, fields, or any other notation of cultural features were identified on the General Land Office plat of Township 16 South, Range 20 West. The 1936 Columbia County highway map shows that the current alignment of the highway was not yet in place and only a few structures and an unimproved road were noted in or near what was to become Highway 79.

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The 1968 7.5' Magnolia, ARK topographic map shows the existing highway in place and only a few structures located along the project limits. Aerial imagery from 1956, 1963, and 1983 did not identify any potential historic properties along the route. The original construction and subsequent improvements to Highway 79 in the project area would have destroyed any evidence of the unimproved road or houses noted on the 1936 map.

The existing topography, known construction practices, utilities, and plans were examined to assess previous ground disturbance. All work will take place on existing paved surfaces, and no intact ground will be impacted. No new ROW or TCE will be required. This type of undertaking will not affect historic properties. Therefore, this project requires no Section 106 review under Appendix C, Activity 15, of the 2021 Programmatic Agreement.





Sarah Huckabee Sanders Governor Shea Lewis Secretary

June 08, 2024

Mr. Josh Seagraves
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RE: Dallas County: General

Section 106 Review: FHWA

Proposed Undertaking: Princeton - Hwy. 79B (S)

Route 8, Section 7

ArDOT Job Number: A70035 AHPP Tracking Number: 112412

Dear Mr. Seagraves:

The staff of the Arkansas Historic Preservation Program (AHPP) has reviewed the submission for the above-mentioned project in multiple sections, Township 10 South, Range 13 West in Dallas County, Arkansas west of Fordyce. The project proposes to add a 2-inch asphalt overlay with spot patching and spot leveling on 18.41 miles of Highway 8. There are many previously recorded archeological sites near the area of potential effect. Nine of these include General Land Office (GLO) agricultural fields. Nine historic structures are located in or near the APE, one of which is listed on the National Register of Historic Places (NRHP) and three that are eligible for inclusion in the NRHP. All work will occur within the current right-of-way (ROW) and on existing pavements. No new ROW or temporary construction easements (TCE) are needed.

Based on the provided information, the AHPP concurs with the finding of **no historic properties affected pursuant to 36 CFR § 800.4(d)(1)** for the proposed undertaking. In the event of a post-review discovery of historic properties within the area of potential effects, please contact the AHPP and other consulting parties in accordance with 36 CFR § 800.13(b)(3).

Thank you for the opportunity to review this submission. Please refer to the AHPP Tracking Number listed above in all correspondence. If you have any questions, please call Jessica Cogburn of my staff at 501-324-9357 or email jessica.cogburn@arkansas.gov.

Sincerely,

Jessica H.

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State Historic Preservation Officer and Director, AHPP

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



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INTEROFFICE MEMORANDUM

November 19, 2024

TO:

Environmental Job File

FROM:

Milton Hughes, Cultural Resources

MH

SUBJECT:

Cultural Resources Clearance

Job A70036

Nevada County Line - Hwy. 53 (S)

Route 67, Section 4 Clark County

This job proposes to level up and add 2-inch asphalt overlay with spot patching to 9.12 miles of Highway of Highway 67 in Clark County. Bridge 01381 is slated for surface rehabilitation. No new right-of-way (ROW) or temporary construction easements (TCE) will be required.

The records review at the Arkansas Archeological Survey's (ARAS) database found that there are no sites recorded near, adjacent to, or potentially in the Highway 67 ROW corridor. The Arkansas Historic Preservation Program's (AHPP) database contained documentation of 4 properties near the project including one listed bridge (CL0949) that spans the Little Missouri River, two properties (CL0897 and CL0880) with unknown NRHP eligibility status and one property (CL0429) that is not eligible. Bridge Number 01381 spanning the Little Missouri River is listed on the National Register of Historic Places and is slated for surface rehabilitation. None of the noted properties will be adversely affected by the project.

Records reviewed included the 1858 General Land Office (GLO) plat of T9S, R20W; the 1855 GLO plat of T9S, R21W; the 1844 GLO plat of T10S, R21W; and the 1837 and 1857 GLO plats of T10S, R22W. The 1936 Clark County highway map and the following topographic maps were also reviewed: the 1901 30' Gurdon, AR, the 1970 7.5' Gurdon, ARK and the 1970 7.5' Okolona South, ARK. Aerial imagery dating to 1956, 1968, and 1983 was also reviewed.

The 1844 GLO plat showed roads crossing what would eventually become the Highway 64 corridor. Highway 64 was not in existence in 1901 and only a few scattered structures were noted in or near the project on that topographic map. Numerous structures were noted along the highway on the other topographic map resources, the 1936 Clack County highway map and aerial imagery.

The existing topography, aerial imagery, previous infrastructure and construction practices were examined to assess previous ground disturbance. All work will be limited to existing paved surfaces and no archeological sites or historic properties will be affected by this resurfacing project. This project is

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subject to the 2024 Amended Programmatic Agreement and falls under Activities 2 and 12 of Appendix B. The project is exempted from further work or Section 106 review.



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INTEROFFICE MEMORANDUM

May 10, 2024

TO: Environmental Job File

MH

FROM: M. Hughes, Cultural Resources

SUBJECT: Cultural Resources Clearance

Job A70037

Ouachita Co. Line – Dallas Co. Line (S)

Route 79, Section 5 Calhoun County

This job proposes to apply ultrathin bonded wearing course to 8.56 miles of Highway 79 in Calhoun County. All work will take place on existing paved surfaces.

This project is subject to the 2021 Programmatic Agreement and falls under Activity D of Appendix B. The project is exempt from further work or Section 106 review.



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INTEROFFICE MEMORANDUM

July 14, 2022

TO: Environmental Job File

FROM: Wm. Lane Shields, Cultural Resources Section

SUBJECT: Cultural Resources Clearance

Job 080654

Hwy. 326-El Paso Ave.

(Russellville) (S) Hwy. 640, Sec. 6 Pope County

This job proposes to apply microsurfacing on 2.7 miles of Hwy 640 in Russellville, Pope County.

This job is subject to the 2021 Programmatic Agreement and falls under Activity C of Appendix B. The job is exempt from further work and from Section 106 review.



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INTEROFFICE MEMORANDUM

November 19, 2024

TO: Environmental Job File

FROM: Wm. Lane Shields, Cultural Resources Section

SUBJECT: Cultural Resources Clearance

Job A80038

Pope Co. Line-Faulkner Co.

Line (Sel. Secs.) Route 64, Section 7 Conway County

This project proposes to level up and overlay with spot patches along two sections totaling 15.884 mi. of Hwy. 65 between the Pope County Line and the Faulkner County Line.

This project is subject to the 2024 Amended Programmatic Agreement under Appendix A, Activity C. The project is exempted from further work or Section 106 review.



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INTEROFFICE MEMORANDUM

November 20, 2024

TO: Environmental Job File

FROM: Wm. Lane Shields, Cultural Resources Section

SUBJECT: Cultural Resources Clearance

Job A90033

Gentry-Siloam Springs Route 59, Secs. 1 & 1B

Benton County

This project proposes to mill and overlay 1.35 mi., overlay 4.6 mi. and spot level over 6.83 mi. of Hwy. 59 from Gentry to just east of Siloam Springs, in Benton County.

This project is subject to the 2024 Amended Programmatic Agreement under Appendix A, Activity C. The project is exempted from further work or Section 106 review.



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INTEROFFICE MEMORANDUM

November 21, 2024

TO: Environmental Job File

FROM: Wm. Lane Shields, Cultural Resources Section

SUBJECT: Cultural Resources Clearance

Job A90034

Berryville-East (Sel. Secs.) (S)

Route 62, Section 5 Carroll County

This project proposes to overlay 8.36 mi. in two sections of about 12 mi. along Hwy. 62, from the Berryville square to east of Green Forest, in Carroll County. The first 2.3 mi. will be milled prior to the overlay.

This project is subject to the 2024 Amended Programmatic Agreement under Appendix A, Activity C. The project is exempted from further work or Section 106 review.



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INTEROFFICE MEMORANDUM

July 24, 2024

TO: Environmental Job File

FROM: Jason Kennedy, Cultural Resources Section

SUBJECT: Cultural Resources Clearance

Job A90035

Hwys. 392 & 397 Impvts (Boone Co.) (S)

Route 392, Section 1 Route 397, Section 0

Boone County

This job proposes 10.23 miles of 2" overlay and 2" mill and 2" overlay on Highway 392 from the Highway 62 intersection to the Highway 397 intersection and on Highway 397 from the Industrial Park Road to Arkansas 43 in Boone County.

This project is subject to the 2021 Programmatic Agreement and falls under Activity C in Appendix B. The project is exempt from further work or Section 106 review.



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INTEROFFICE MEMORANDUM

August 1, 2024

TO: Environmental Job File

FROM: Shelby Linck, Cultural Resources Section SL

SUBJECT: Cultural Resources Clearance

Job A00072

Hwy. 49 – East (Sel. Secs.) (Jonesboro) (S)

Route 18, Section 4 Craighead County

This job proposes 3.89 miles of 2" mill and 2" overlay on select sections of Highway 18 in Craighead County. Work will be completed on Highway 18 east of the Highway 49 and Highway 18 intersection in Nettleton to just west of Whitten Creek.

This project is subject to the 2021 Programmatic Agreement and falls under Activity C in Appendix B. The project is exempt from further work or Section 106 review.



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INTEROFFICE MEMORANDUM

August 1, 2024

TO:

Environmental Job File

FROM:

Shelby Linck, Cultural Resources Section

SUBJECT:

Cultural Resources Clearance

Job A00073

Hwy. 49Y, 358 & 412B Impvts. (Paragould) (S)

Route 49, Section 2Y Route 358, Section 1 Route 412, Section 9B

Greene County

This job proposes 8.09 miles total of mill and inlay on Highway 49, level up and 2" overlay on Highway 358, and 2" mill and 2" overlay on Highway 412 in Greene County. Work will be completed on Highway 49 between Highway 412 and South 15th Street in Paragould; on Highway 358 between the intersection of Highway 49 and Highway 358 to the intersection of Highway 358 and Highway 351; and on Highway 412 between the intersection of South 15th Street and Highway 412 to the intersection of Highway 412 and South 14th Street in Paragould.

This project is subject to the 2021 Programmatic Agreement and falls under Activity C in Appendix B. The project is exempt from further work or Section 106 review.



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INTEROFFICE MEMORANDUM

November 19, 2024

TO: Environmental Job File

FROM: Shelby Linck, Cultural Resources Section

SUBJECT: Cultural Resources Clearance

Job A00075

Hwy. 63 – Hwy. 67 (S)

Route 412, Sections 6B and 7

Lawrence County

This job proposes 6.74 miles of 2" mill and 2" overlay on Highway 412 in Lawrence County. Work will be completed on Highway 412 between Highway 140, the intersection of Highways 412 and 63 (log mile 0.000), and near the intersection of Highways 412 and 67 (log miles 0.000, 6.668, and 0.067).

This project is subject to the 2024 Amended Programmatic Agreement and falls under Activity C in Appendix A. The project is exempt from further work or Section 106 review.



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INTEROFFICE MEMORANDUM

November 19, 2024

TO: Environmental Job File

FROM: Daniel Hildebran, Cultural Resources

Donal Haller

SUBJECT: Cultural Resources Clearance

Job A00085

Main Ditch - Hwy. 67 (S) Route 328, Section 1 Randolph County

This project proposes to full-depth reclamation and 2" overlay on Highway 328 for a total of 6.15 miles in Randolph County.

This project is subject to the 2024 Programmatic Agreement and falls under Activity 2 in Appendix B. The project is exempt from further work or Section 106 review.



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FISH AND WILDLIFE SERVICE

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In Reply Refer To: 10/31/2024 14:02:00 UTC

Project Code: 2025-0013606

Project Name: January 2025 Pavement Preservation

Subject: List of threatened and endangered species that may occur in your proposed project

location or may be affected by your proposed project

To Whom It May Concern:

The enclosed species list identifies threatened, endangered, proposed and candidate species, as well as proposed and final designated critical habitat, that may occur within the boundary of your proposed project and/or may be affected by your proposed project. The species list fulfills the requirements of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Service) under section 7(c) of the Endangered Species Act (Act) of 1973, as amended (16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*).

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evaluation similar to a Biological Assessment be prepared to determine whether the project may affect listed or proposed species and/or designated or proposed critical habitat. Recommended contents of a Biological Assessment are described at 50 CFR 402.12.

Project code: 2025-0013606

If a Federal agency determines, based on the Biological Assessment or biological evaluation, that listed species and/or designated critical habitat may be affected by the proposed project, the agency is required to consult with the Service pursuant to 50 CFR 402. In addition, the Service recommends that candidate species, proposed species and proposed critical habitat be addressed within the consultation. More information on the regulations and procedures for section 7 consultation, including the role of permit or license applicants, can be found in the "Endangered Species Consultation Handbook" at:

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Migratory Birds: In addition to responsibilities to protect threatened and endangered species under the Endangered Species Act (ESA), there are additional responsibilities under the Migratory Bird Treaty Act (MBTA) and the Bald and Golden Eagle Protection Act (BGEPA) to protect native birds from project-related impacts. Any activity, intentional or unintentional, resulting in take of migratory birds, including eagles, is prohibited unless otherwise permitted by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (50 C.F.R. Sec. 10.12 and 16 U.S.C. Sec. 668(a)). For more information regarding these Acts see https://www.fws.gov/program/migratory-bird-permit/what-we-do.

The MBTA has no provision for allowing take of migratory birds that may be unintentionally killed or injured by otherwise lawful activities. It is the responsibility of the project proponent to comply with these Acts by identifying potential impacts to migratory birds and eagles within applicable NEPA documents (when there is a federal nexus) or a Bird/Eagle Conservation Plan (when there is no federal nexus). Proponents should implement conservation measures to avoid or minimize the production of project-related stressors or minimize the exposure of birds and their resources to the project-related stressors. For more information on avian stressors and recommended conservation measures see https://www.fws.gov/library/collections/threats-birds.

In addition to MBTA and BGEPA, Executive Order 13186: *Responsibilities of Federal Agencies to Protect Migratory Birds*, obligates all Federal agencies that engage in or authorize activities that might affect migratory birds, to minimize those effects and encourage conservation measures that will improve bird populations. Executive Order 13186 provides for the protection of both migratory birds and migratory bird habitat. For information regarding the implementation of Executive Order 13186, please visit https://www.fws.gov/partner/council-conservation-migratory-birds.

We appreciate your concern for threatened and endangered species. The Service encourages Federal agencies to include conservation of threatened and endangered species into their project planning to further the purposes of the Act. Please include the Consultation Code in the header of this letter with any request for consultation or correspondence about your project that you submit to our office.

Attachment(s):

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This species list is provided by:

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PROJECT SUMMARY

Project Code: 2025-0013606

Project Name: January 2025 Pavement Preservation
Project Type: Road/Hwy - Maintenance/Modification

Project Description: Pavement Preservation

Project Location:

The approximate location of the project can be viewed in Google Maps: https://www.google.com/maps/@35.82109685,-90.66093746492476,14z



Counties: Arkansas

ENDANGERED SPECIES ACT SPECIES

Project code: 2025-0013606

There is a total of 25 threatened, endangered, or candidate species on this species list.

Species on this list should be considered in an effects analysis for your project and could include species that exist in another geographic area. For example, certain fish may appear on the species list because a project could affect downstream species.

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MAMMALS

NAME STATUS

Gray Bat *Myotis grisescens*

Endangered

No critical habitat has been designated for this species. Species profile: https://ecos.fws.gov/ecp/species/6329

Indiana Bat Myotis sodalis

Endangered

There is **final** critical habitat for this species. Your location does not overlap the critical habitat.

Species profile: https://ecos.fws.gov/ecp/species/5949

Northern Long-eared Bat Myotis septentrionalis

Endangered

No critical habitat has been designated for this species. Species profile: https://ecos.fws.gov/ecp/species/9045

Ozark Big-eared Bat Corynorhinus (=Plecotus) townsendii ingens

Endangered

No critical habitat has been designated for this species. Species profile: https://ecos.fws.gov/ecp/species/7245

Tricolored Bat *Perimyotis subflavus*

Proposed

No critical habitat has been designated for this species.

Species profile: https://ecos.fws.gov/ecp/species/10515

Endangered

BIRDS

NAME STATUS

Eastern Black Rail Laterallus jamaicensis ssp. jamaicensis

Threatened

No critical habitat has been designated for this species. Species profile: https://ecos.fws.gov/ecp/species/10477

Ivory-billed Woodpecker Campephilus principalis

Endangered

No critical habitat has been designated for this species. Species profile: https://ecos.fws.gov/ecp/species/8230

Piping Plover Charadrius melodus

Threatened

Population: [Atlantic Coast and Northern Great Plains populations] - Wherever found, except those areas where listed as endangered.

There is **final** critical habitat for this species. Your location does not overlap the critical habitat.

Red-cockaded Woodpecker Picoides borealis

Endangered

No critical habitat has been designated for this species. Species profile: https://ecos.fws.gov/ecp/species/7614

Species profile: https://ecos.fws.gov/ecp/species/6039

Rufa Red Knot Calidris canutus rufa

Threatened

There is **proposed** critical habitat for this species. Your location does not overlap the critical

Species profile: https://ecos.fws.gov/ecp/species/1864

REPTILES

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NAME STATUS

Alligator Snapping Turtle *Macrochelys temminckii*

No critical habitat has been designated for this species.

Species profile: https://ecos.fws.gov/ecp/species/4658

Proposed Threatened

FISHES

NAME STATUS

Ozark Cavefish Amblyopsis rosae

No critical habitat has been designated for this species. Species profile: https://ecos.fws.gov/ecp/species/6490

Threatened

CLAMS

NAME STATUS

Arkansas Fatmucket *Lampsilis powellii*

No critical habitat has been designated for this species. Species profile: https://ecos.fws.gov/ecp/species/2213

Threatened

Fat Pocketbook *Potamilus capax*

No critical habitat has been designated for this species. Species profile: https://ecos.fws.gov/ecp/species/2780

Threatened

Endangered

Ouachita Fanshell *Cyprogenia sp. cf. aberti*

There is **final** critical habitat for this species. Your location does not overlap the critical habitat.

Species profile: https://ecos.fws.gov/ecp/species/10889

Endangered

Ouachita Rock Pocketbook Arcidens wheeleri

No critical habitat has been designated for this species. Species profile: https://ecos.fws.gov/ecp/species/4509

Pink Mucket (pearlymussel) Lampsilis abrupta

No critical habitat has been designated for this species. Species profile: https://ecos.fws.gov/ecp/species/7829

Endangered

Rabbitsfoot Quadrula cylindrica cylindrica

There is **final** critical habitat for this species. Your location does not overlap the critical habitat.

Species profile: https://ecos.fws.gov/ecp/species/5165

Threatened

Winged Mapleleaf Quadrula fragosa

Population: Wherever found, except where listed as an experimental population

No critical habitat has been designated for this species. Species profile: https://ecos.fws.gov/ecp/species/4127

Endangered

INSECTS

NAME STATUS

American Burying Beetle *Nicrophorus americanus*

Population: Wherever found, except where listed as an experimental population

No critical habitat has been designated for this species. Species profile: https://ecos.fws.gov/ecp/species/66

Threatened

NAME

Monarch Butterfly Danaus plexippus

No critical habitat has been designated for this species.

Species profile: https://ecos.fws.gov/ecp/species/9743

Western Regal Fritillary Argynnis idalia occidentalis

No critical habitat has been designated for this species.

Species profile: https://ecos.fws.gov/ecp/species/12017

Threatened

CRUSTACEANS

NAME

Benton County Cave Crayfish Cambarus aculabrum

No critical habitat has been designated for this species.

Species profile: https://ecos.fws.gov/ecp/species/5011

PLOWERING PLANTS

NAME

STATUS

Missouri Bladderpod Physaria filiformis

No critical habitat has been designated for this species.

Species profile: https://ecos.fws.gov/ecp/species/5361

Pondberry Lindera melissifolia

Endangered

No critical habitat has been designated for this species. Species profile: https://ecos.fws.gov/ecp/species/1279

CRITICAL HABITATS

THERE ARE NO CRITICAL HABITATS WITHIN YOUR PROJECT AREA UNDER THIS OFFICE'S JURISDICTION.

YOU ARE STILL REQUIRED TO DETERMINE IF YOUR PROJECT(S) MAY HAVE EFFECTS ON ALL ABOVE LISTED SPECIES.

Project code: 2025-0013606 10/31/2024 14:02:00 UTC

IPAC USER CONTACT INFORMATION

Agency: Arkansas Department of Transportation

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State: AR Zip: 72209

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You have indicated that your project falls under or receives funding through the following special project authorities:

• BIPARTISAN INFRASTRUCTURE LAW (BIL) (OTHER)



United States Department of the Interior



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In Reply Refer To: 11/08/2024 16:02:08 UTC

Project Code: 2025-0017042

Project Name: February 2025 Pavement Preservation

Subject: List of threatened and endangered species that may occur in your proposed project

location or may be affected by your proposed project

To Whom It May Concern:

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Project code: 2025-0017042

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PROJECT SUMMARY

Project Code: 2025-0017042

Project Name: February 2025 Pavement Preservation
Project Type: Road/Hwy - Maintenance/Modification

Project Description: Pavement Preservation

Project Location:

The approximate location of the project can be viewed in Google Maps: https://www.google.com/maps/@34.3172141,-92.2872798824665,14z



Counties: Arkansas

ENDANGERED SPECIES ACT SPECIES

Project code: 2025-0017042

There is a total of 28 threatened, endangered, or candidate species on this species list.

Species on this list should be considered in an effects analysis for your project and could include species that exist in another geographic area. For example, certain fish may appear on the species list because a project could affect downstream species.

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MAMMALS

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Endangered

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Endangered

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Species profile: https://ecos.fws.gov/ecp/species/5949

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Tricolored Bat *Perimyotis subflavus*

Proposed

No critical habitat has been designated for this species.

Species profile: https://ecos.fws.gov/ecp/species/10515

Endangered

BIRDS

NAME STATUS

Eastern Black Rail Laterallus jamaicensis ssp. jamaicensis

Threatened

No critical habitat has been designated for this species. Species profile: https://ecos.fws.gov/ecp/species/10477

Piping Plover Charadrius melodus

Threatened

Population: [Atlantic Coast and Northern Great Plains populations] - Wherever found, except those areas where listed as endangered.

There is **final** critical habitat for this species. Your location does not overlap the critical habitat.

Species profile: https://ecos.fws.gov/ecp/species/6039
Red-cockaded Woodpecker Dryobates borealis

Threatened

No critical habitat has been designated for this species. Species profile: https://ecos.fws.gov/ecp/species/7614

Rufa Red Knot Calidris canutus rufa

Threatened

There is **proposed** critical habitat for this species. Your location does not overlap the critical

habitat.

Species profile: https://ecos.fws.gov/ecp/species/1864

REPTILES

NAME STATUS

Alligator Snapping Turtle *Macrochelys temminckii*

Proposed

No critical habitat has been designated for this species.

Threatened

Species profile: https://ecos.fws.gov/ecp/species/4658

AMPHIBIANS

NAME STATUS

Ozark Hellbender *Cryptobranchus alleganiensis bishopi*

Endangered

No critical habitat has been designated for this species. Species profile: https://ecos.fws.gov/ecp/species/647

FISHES

NAME STATUS

Ozark Cavefish *Amblyopsis rosae*

Threatened

Endangered

No critical habitat has been designated for this species. Species profile: https://ecos.fws.gov/ecp/species/6490

CLAMS

NAME STATUS

Curtis Pearlymussel *Epioblasma florentina curtisii*

No critical habitat has been designated for this species. Species profile: https://ecos.fws.gov/ecp/species/5628

Fat Pocketbook *Potamilus capax*Endangered

No critical habitat has been designated for this species. Species profile: https://ecos.fws.gov/ecp/species/2780

Neosho Mucket *Lampsilis rafinesqueana*Endangered

There is **final** critical habitat for this species. Your location does not overlap the critical habitat.

Species profile: https://ecos.fws.gov/ecp/species/3788

Ouachita Fanshell *Cyprogenia sp. cf. aberti* Threatened

There is **final** critical habitat for this species. Your location does not overlap the critical habitat.

Species profile: https://ecos.fws.gov/ecp/species/10889

Ouachita Rock Pocketbook Arcidens wheeleri Endangered

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Pink Mucket (pearlymussel) *Lampsilis abrupta* Endangered

No critical habitat has been designated for this species. Species profile: https://ecos.fws.gov/ecp/species/7829

Rabbitsfoot Quadrula cylindrica cylindrica Threatened

There is **final** critical habitat for this species. Your location does not overlap the critical habitat.

Species profile: https://ecos.fws.gov/ecp/species/5165

Scaleshell Mussel *Leptodea leptodon* Endangered

No critical habitat has been designated for this species. Species profile: https://ecos.fws.gov/ecp/species/5881

Western Fanshell *Cyprogenia aberti* Threatened

There is **final** critical habitat for this species. Your location does not overlap the critical habitat.

Species profile: https://ecos.fws.gov/ecp/species/6895

NAME STATUS

Winged Mapleleaf Quadrula fragosa

Endangered

Population: Wherever found, except where listed as an experimental population $% \left(1\right) =\left(1\right) \left(1\right) \left($

No critical habitat has been designated for this species. Species profile: https://ecos.fws.gov/ecp/species/4127

INSECTS

NAME STATUS

American Burying Beetle *Nicrophorus americanus*

Threatened

Population: Wherever found, except where listed as an experimental population

No critical habitat has been designated for this species. Species profile: https://ecos.fws.gov/ecp/species/66

Monarch Butterfly Danaus plexippus

No critical habitat has been designated for this species. Species profile: https://ecos.fws.gov/ecp/species/9743

Western Regal Fritillary Argynnis idalia occidentalis

No critical habitat has been designated for this species. Species profile: https://ecos.fws.gov/ecp/species/12017

Proposed Threatened

Candidate

CRUSTACEANS

NAME STATUS

Benton County Cave Cravfish Cambarus aculabrum

No critical habitat has been designated for this species. Species profile: https://ecos.fws.gov/ecp/species/5011

Endangered

FLOWERING PLANTS

NAME STATUS

Missouri Bladderpod Physaria filiformis

No critical habitat has been designated for this species. Species profile: https://ecos.fws.gov/ecp/species/5361

Threatened

Endangered

Pondberry Lindera melissifolia

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Species profile: https://ecos.fws.gov/ecp/species/1279

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IPAC USER CONTACT INFORMATION

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Phone: 5015692617

You have indicated that your project falls under or receives funding through the following special project authorities:

• BIPARTISAN INFRASTRUCTURE LAW (BIL) (OTHER)



United States Department of the Interior



FISH AND WILDLIFE SERVICE

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In Reply Refer To: 11/08/2024 19:15:14 UTC

Project Code: 2025-0017218

Project Name: April 2025 Pavement Preservation

Subject: List of threatened and endangered species that may occur in your proposed project

location or may be affected by your proposed project

To Whom It May Concern:

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Project code: 2025-0017218

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PROJECT SUMMARY

Project Code: 2025-0017218

Project Name: April 2025 Pavement Preservation
Project Type: Road/Hwy - Maintenance/Modification

Project Description: Pavement Preservation

Project Location:

The approximate location of the project can be viewed in Google Maps: https://www.google.com/maps/@36.35141845,-93.53109326207459,14z



Counties: Arkansas

ENDANGERED SPECIES ACT SPECIES

Project code: 2025-0017218

There is a total of 16 threatened, endangered, or candidate species on this species list.

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MAMMALS

NAME STATUS

Gray Bat *Myotis grisescens*

Endangered

No critical habitat has been designated for this species. Species profile: https://ecos.fws.gov/ecp/species/6329

Indiana Bat Myotis sodalis

Endangered

There is **final** critical habitat for this species. Your location does not overlap the critical habitat.

Species profile: https://ecos.fws.gov/ecp/species/5949

Northern Long-eared Bat Myotis septentrionalis

Endangered

No critical habitat has been designated for this species. Species profile: https://ecos.fws.gov/ecp/species/9045

Ozark Big-eared Bat Corynorhinus (=Plecotus) townsendii ingens

Endangered

No critical habitat has been designated for this species. Species profile: https://ecos.fws.gov/ecp/species/7245

Tricolored Bat Perimyotis subflavus

Proposed Endangered

No critical habitat has been designated for this species.

Species profile: https://ecos.fws.gov/ecp/species/10515

NAME

No critical habitat has been designated for this species. Species profile: https://ecos.fws.gov/ecp/species/10477

Eastern Black Rail Laterallus jamaicensis ssp. jamaicensis

Threatened

STATUS

Piping Plover Charadrius melodus

Threatened

Population: [Atlantic Coast and Northern Great Plains populations] - Wherever found, except those areas where listed as endangered.

There is **final** critical habitat for this species. Your location does not overlap the critical habitat. Species profile: https://ecos.fws.gov/ecp/species/6039

Rufa Red Knot Calidris canutus rufa

Threatened

There is **proposed** critical habitat for this species. Your location does not overlap the critical

habitat.

BIRDS

Species profile: https://ecos.fws.gov/ecp/species/1864

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REPTILES

NAME STATUS

Alligator Snapping Turtle *Macrochelys temminckii*

Proposed

No critical habitat has been designated for this species.

Threatened

Species profile: https://ecos.fws.gov/ecp/species/4658

FISHES

NAME STATUS

Pallid Sturgeon Scaphirhynchus albus

Endangered

No critical habitat has been designated for this species. Species profile: https://ecos.fws.gov/ecp/species/7162

CLAMS

NAME STATUS

Fat Pocketbook *Potamilus capax*

Endangered

No critical habitat has been designated for this species. Species profile: https://ecos.fws.gov/ecp/species/2780

Scaleshell Mussel Leptodea leptodon

Endangered

No critical habitat has been designated for this species. Species profile: https://ecos.fws.gov/ecp/species/5881

Snuffbox Mussel *Epioblasma triquetra*

Endangered

No critical habitat has been designated for this species. Species profile: https://ecos.fws.gov/ecp/species/4135

INSECTS

NAME STATUS

Monarch Butterfly Danaus plexippus

Candidate

No critical habitat has been designated for this species. Species profile: https://ecos.fws.gov/ecp/species/9743

FLOWERING PLANTS

NAME STATUS

Missouri Bladderpod Physaria filiformis

Threatened

No critical habitat has been designated for this species. Species profile: https://ecos.fws.gov/ecp/species/5361

Pondberry Lindera melissifolia

Endangered

No critical habitat has been designated for this species. Species profile: https://ecos.fws.gov/ecp/species/1279

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United States Department of the Interior



FISH AND WILDLIFE SERVICE

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In Reply Refer To: 11/14/2024 15:35:05 UTC

Project Code: 2025-0019476

Project Name: Miscellaneous 2025 Pavement Preservation

Subject: List of threatened and endangered species that may occur in your proposed project

location or may be affected by your proposed project

To Whom It May Concern:

The enclosed species list identifies threatened, endangered, proposed and candidate species, as well as proposed and final designated critical habitat, that may occur within the boundary of your proposed project and/or may be affected by your proposed project. The species list fulfills the requirements of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Service) under section 7(c) of the Endangered Species Act (Act) of 1973, as amended (16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*).

New information based on updated surveys, changes in the abundance and distribution of species, changed habitat conditions, or other factors could change this list. Please feel free to contact us if you need more current information or assistance regarding the potential impacts to federally proposed, listed, and candidate species and federally designated and proposed critical habitat. Please note that under 50 CFR 402.12(e) of the regulations implementing section 7 of the Act, the accuracy of this species list should be verified after 90 days. This verification can be completed formally or informally as desired. The Service recommends that verification be completed by visiting the IPaC website at regular intervals during project planning and implementation for updates to species lists and information. An updated list may be requested through the IPaC system by completing the same process used to receive the enclosed list.

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Counties: Arkansas

ENDANGERED SPECIES ACT SPECIES

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MAMMALS

NAME STATUS

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Endangered

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Proposed

Endangered

Endangered

BIRDS

NAME STATUS

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No critical habitat has been designated for this species. Species profile: https://ecos.fws.gov/ecp/species/10477

Threatened

Threatened

Piping Plover Charadrius melodus

Population: [Atlantic Coast and Northern Great Plains populations] - Wherever found, except

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Red-cockaded Woodpecker Dryobates borealis

No critical habitat has been designated for this species. Species profile: https://ecos.fws.gov/ecp/species/7614

Threatened

Rufa Red Knot Calidris canutus rufa

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habitat.

Species profile: https://ecos.fws.gov/ecp/species/1864

Threatened

REPTILES

NAME STATUS

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No critical habitat has been designated for this species.

Species profile: https://ecos.fws.gov/ecp/species/4658

Proposed

Threatened

CLAMS

NAME STATUS

Ouachita Fanshell *Cyprogenia sp. cf. aberti*

Threatened

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Species profile: https://ecos.fws.gov/ecp/species/10889

NAME STATUS

Ouachita Rock Pocketbook Arcidens wheeleri

No critical habitat has been designated for this species. Species profile: https://ecos.fws.gov/ecp/species/4509

Pink Mucket (pearlymussel) Lampsilis abrupta

No critical habitat has been designated for this species. Species profile: https://ecos.fws.gov/ecp/species/7829

Rabbitsfoot Quadrula cylindrica cylindrica

There is **final** critical habitat for this species. Your location does not overlap the critical habitat.

Species profile: https://ecos.fws.gov/ecp/species/5165

Winged Mapleleaf Quadrula fragosa

Population: Wherever found, except where listed as an experimental population

No critical habitat has been designated for this species. Species profile: https://ecos.fws.gov/ecp/species/4127

INSECTS

NAME STATUS

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ARDOT ENVIRONMENTAL VERIFICATION CHECKLIST FOR CONSIDERATION OF POTENTIAL IMPACTS

ARDOT JobMulti	ple	F	AP	Multiple	
Job Title	<u> /arious – 20</u>	25 Pavem	ent Pre	servation Program Projects	
Environmental Resource	None	Minimal	Major	Comments	
Air Quality	Х			No impacts anticipated	
Cultural Resources	Х			"No hist. properties affected" or under F	<u>-</u> Д
Economic	Х			No impacts anticipated	
Endangered Species	Х			"No effect" on all listed species	
Environmental Justice/Title	VI X			No impacts anticipated	
Fish and Wildlife	X			No impacts anticipated	
Floodplains	Х			No impacts anticipated	
Forest Service Property	X			No impacts anticipated	
Hazardous Materials/Land	fills X			No impacts anticipated	
Land Use	X			No impacts anticipated	
Migratory Birds	X			No impacts anticipated	
Navigation/Coast Guard	X			No impacts anticipated	
Noise Levels	X			No impacts anticipated	
Prime Farmland	X			No impacts anticipated	
Protected Waters	X			No impacts anticipated*	
Public Recreation Lands	X			No impacts anticipated	
Public Water Supply/WHP	A X			No impacts anticipated*	
Relocatees	X			No relocations	
Section 4(f)/6(f)	X			No impacts anticipated	
Social	X			No impacts anticipated	
Underground Storage Tan	ks X			No impacts anticipated	
Visual	X			No impacts anticipated	
Streams	X			No impacts anticipated	
Water Quality	X			No impacts anticipated	
Wetlands	X			No impacts anticipated	
Wildlife Refuges	X			No impacts anticipated	
Section 401 Water Quality C	ertification	Required?		No	
Short-term Activity Authorization Required? No					
Section 404 Permit Required?				No Type None	
Remarks:					
*Water Pollution Control SP – A80038, A00075, A00085, A10045, A10046, A30041, A50038, A60049, A70037, A20034, A50037, & A30040					
Wellhead Protection Area SP – A10047					
Signature of Evaluator Name E. Hum Date 11/27/2024					