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INTEROFFICE MEMORANDUM

February 3, 2023

TO: Master Files

FROM:  John Fleming, Division Head, Environmental Division 

SUBJECT: Job 020734
FAP NHPP-530-1(12)
Stagecoach Rd. – Hwy. 65B (S)
Route 530, Section 5
Jefferson 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. A public hearing will not be offered for this project.

The purpose of this project is to rehabilitate approximately 11 miles of I-530 between Stagecoach Rd. and Highway 65B in Jefferson County, AR. This project will include applying Ultrathin Bonded Wearing Course to the interstate and the entrance and exit ramps. During construction, a single 4-mile lane closure in one direction will be used to allow for the maintenance of traffic. All work will take place within the existing right of way. A project location map is attached.

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

The official species lists obtained through the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service's Information for Planning and Consultation identified the following species as potentially occurring within the project area: Eastern Black Rail (*Laterallus jamaicensis ssp. jamaicensis*), Piping Plover (*Charadrius melodus*), Red Knot (*Calidris canutus rufa*), alligator snapping turtle (*Macrochelys temminckii*), Pink Mucket (*Lampsilis abrupta*), Rabbitsfoot (*Theliderma cylindrica*), Winged Mapleleaf (*Quadrula fragosa*), and monarch butterfly (*Danaus plexippus*). This project will have "no effect" on the aforementioned species due to the limited scope of the action, lack of suitable habitat, and distance to known species locations.

The alligator snapping turtle is currently a proposed threatened species, and the monarch butterfly is a candidate species; however, the proposed project will not jeopardize the continued existence of either species.

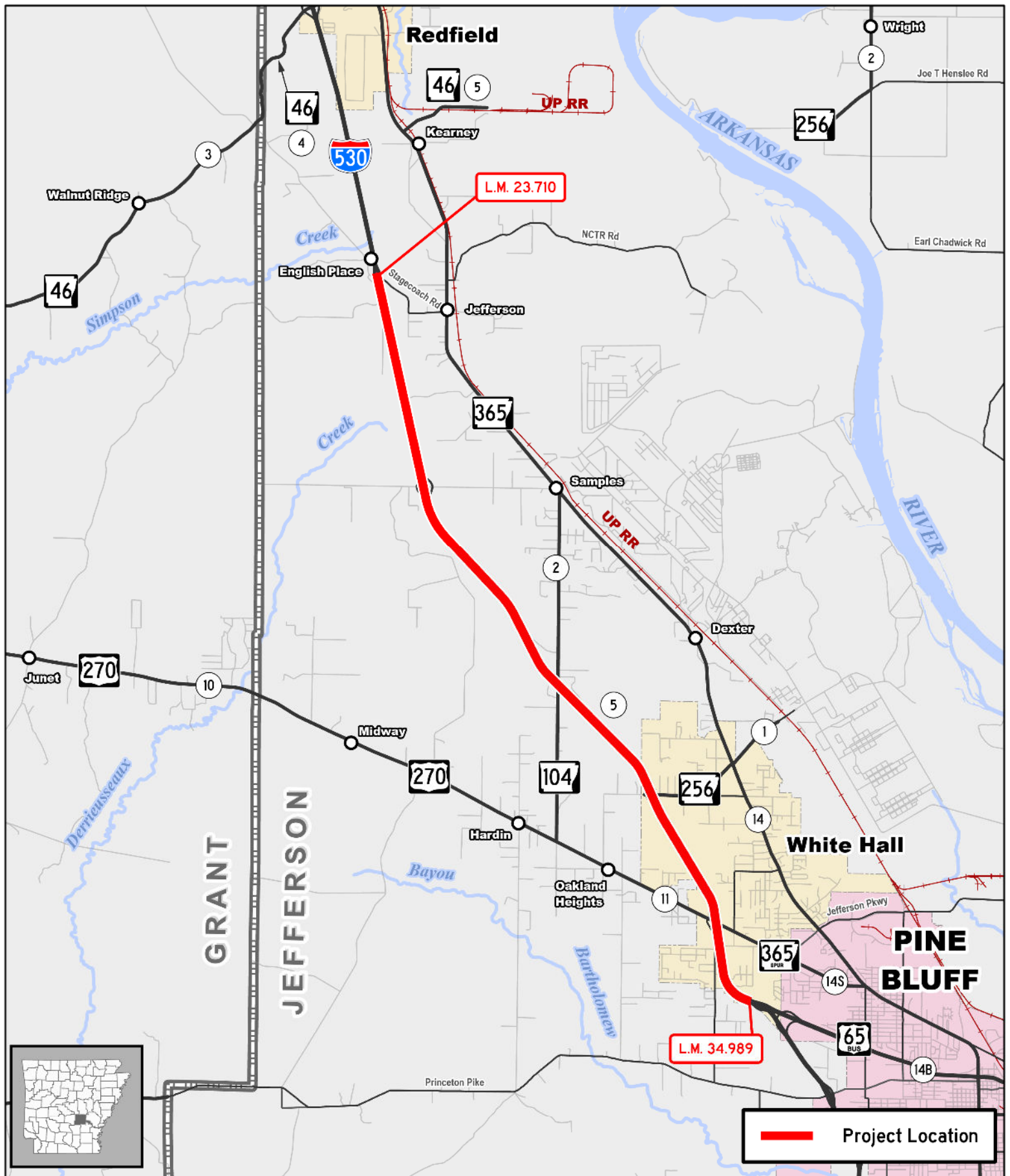
This project will not have a discharge of dredged or fill material into waters of the U.S.; therefore, a Section 404 permit will not be required.

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Attachments:

- Location Map
- Cultural Resources Clearance
- Environmental Study Checklist

c: Program Management
Right of Way
Roadway Design
District 2
FHWA



Job 020734
Stagecoach Rd. - Hwy. 65B (S)
I-530, Sec. 5
Jefferson County






INTEROFFICE MEMORANDUM

January 11, 2023

TO: Environmental Job File

FROM: Jason Kennedy, Cultural Resources Section


SUBJECT: Cultural Resources Clearance
Job 020734
Stagecoach Rd. – Hwy. 65B (S)
I-530, Section 5
Jefferson County

This job proposes 11.28 miles of Ultrathin Bonded Wearing Course along Interstate 530 in Jefferson County from Stagecoach Road at Log Mile 23.710 to Highway 65B at Log Mile 34.949.

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

ARDOT ENVIRONMENTAL VERIFICATION CHECKLIST FOR CONSIDERATION OF POTENTIAL IMPACTS

ARDOT Job 020734 FAP NHPP-530-1(12)
Job Title Stagecoach Rd. – Hwy. 65B (S)

Environmental Resource	None	Minimal	Major	Comments
Air Quality	X			No MSAT analysis required
Cultural Resources	X			Cultural resource memo attached
Economic	X			No impacts anticipated
Endangered Species	X			No Effect determination
Environmental Justice/Title VI	X			No Environmental Justice issues
Fish and Wildlife	X			None in project area
Floodplains	X			No impacts anticipated
Forest Service Property	X			None in project area
Hazardous Materials/Landfills	X			None in project area
Land Use	X			Project within highway right of way
Migratory Birds	X			No impacts anticipated
Navigation/Coast Guard	X			None in project area
Noise Levels	X			No impacts anticipated
Prime Farmland	X			No impacts anticipated
Protected Waters	X			None in project area
Public Recreation Lands	X			No impacts anticipated
Public Water Supply/WHPA	X			No impacts anticipated
Relocatees	X			No relocations
Section 4(f)/6(f)	X			No impacts anticipated
Social	X			No impacts anticipated
Underground Storage Tanks	X			None in project area
Visual	X			No impacts anticipated
Streams	X			No impacts anticipated
Water Quality	X			No impacts anticipated
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 N/A

Remarks: _____

Signature of Evaluator Kathryn Rose Date 2/3/2023



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February 22, 2023

TO: Master Files

FROM:  John Fleming, Division Head, Environmental Division 

SUBJECT: Job 020734
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Route 530, Section 5
Jefferson County
Tier 1 Categorical Exclusion Re-evaluation

A Tier 1 Categorical Exclusion was completed for the subject job on February 3, 2023. The original scope of work included applying Ultrathin Bonded Wearing Course (UTBWC) to approximately 11 miles of I-530 between Stagecoach Rd. and Highway 65B in Jefferson County, AR. The scope of work was recently changed from UTBWC to mill and overlay for approximately 5 miles of the project and special clearing of the vegetation within the highway right of way was added for the length of the project. No additional environmental impacts are anticipated.

The project will remain 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 this project.

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INTEROFFICE MEMORANDUM

February 10, 2023

TO: Environmental Job File

FROM: Jason Kennedy, Cultural Resources Section


SUBJECT: Cultural Resources Clearance
Job 020734
Stagecoach Rd. – Hwy. 65B (S)
Route I-530, Section 5
Jefferson County

This memo is an addendum to the memo from January 11, 2023. The job originally proposed 11.28 miles of Ultrathin Bonded Wearing Course along Interstate 530 in Jefferson County from Stagecoach Road at Log Mile 23.710 to Highway 65B at Log Mile 34.949. The scope for treatment from Log Mile 29.813 to Log Mile 34.949 has been changed to mill and overlay.

The change to this portion of the project area 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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Section 401 Water Quality Certification Required? N
 Short-term Activity Authorization Required? N
 Section 404 Permit Required? N Type N/A

Remarks: _____

Signature of Evaluator Kathryn Rose Date 2/16/2023