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INTEROFFICE MEMORANDUM

February 3, 2023

TO: Master Files

FROM:  John Fleming, Division Head, Environmental Division 

SUBJECT: Job 061760
FAP NHPP-30-2(274)
Social Hill Rest Area – Ouachita River (S)
Route I-30, Section 21
Hot Spring 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 job is to rehabilitate approximately 4 miles of I-30 between the Social Hill rest area and the Ouachita River in Hot Spring County, AR. This project would include spot leveling and 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: Indiana bat (*Myotis sodalis*), northern long-eared bat (*Myotis septentrionalis*), Eastern Black Rail (*Laterallus jamaicensis ssp. jamaicensis*), Piping Plover (*Charadrius melodus*), Red Knot (*Calidris canutus rufa*), alligator snapping turtle (*Macrochelys temminckii*), Arkansas Fatmucket (*Lampsilis powellii*), Ouachita Rock Pocketbook (*Arcidens wheeleri*), Pink Mucket (*Lampsilis abrupta*), Rabbitsfoot (*Theliderma cylindrica*), Missouri bladderpod (*Physaria filiformis*), 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.

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.

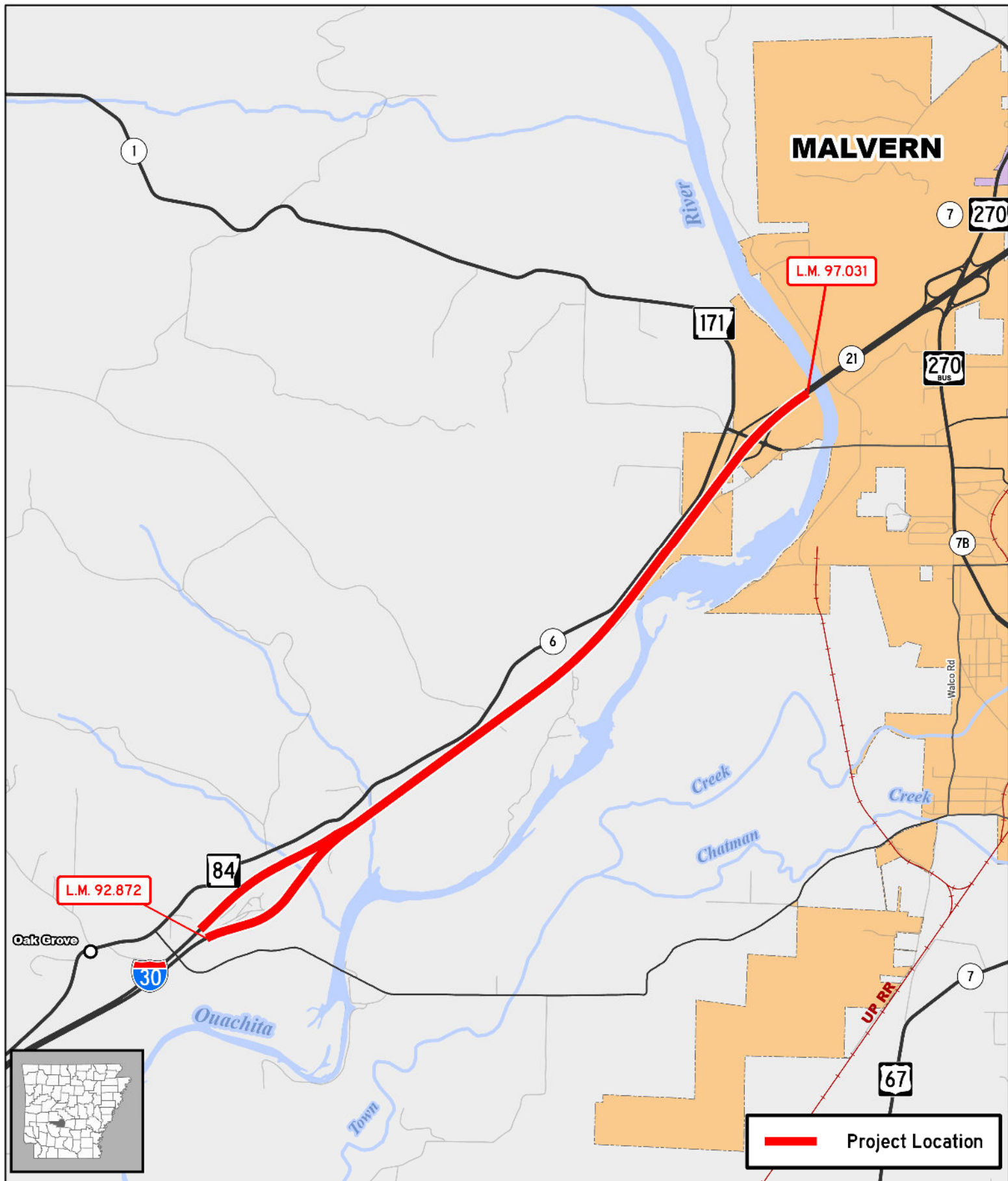
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Attachments:

- Location Map
- Cultural Resources Clearance
- Environmental Study Checklist

c: Program Management

- Right of Way
- Roadway Design
- District 6
- FHWA



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INTEROFFICE MEMORANDUM

January 11, 2023

TO: Environmental Job File

FROM: Jason Kennedy, Cultural Resources Section


SUBJECT: Cultural Resources Clearance
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This job proposes 4.16 miles of Ultrathin Bonded Wearing Course and spot leveling along Interstate 30 in Hot Spring County from Social Hill Rest Area at Log Mile 92.872 to Ouachita River at Log Mile 97.031.

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

ARDOT ENVIRONMENTAL VERIFICATION CHECKLIST FOR CONSIDERATION OF POTENTIAL IMPACTS

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Environmental Resource	None	Minimal	Major	Comments
Air Quality	X			No MSAT analysis required
Cultural Resources	X			Cultural resources clearance 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			No impacts anticipated
Land Use	X			All work within highway ROW
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:

WPC SP

Signature of Evaluator Kathryn Rose Date 2/3/2023