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January 5, 2024

RE: Historic Bridge 01892
Job 100205
Cache River Bridge and
Approaches
Green and Lawrence Counties
Historic Bridge Marketing Request

To Whom It May Concern:

The Arkansas Department of Transportation (ARDOT) replaced ARDOT Bridge Number 01892 (Cache River Bridge) on Highway 412 in Green and Lawrence Counties in 1995 through job 100205. Bridge 01892 was listed in the National Register of Historic Places in April 1990. A location map and further information about the bridge is enclosed.

During the planning for job 100205, a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) outlined stipulations to avoid use of the bridge. However, debris has become an issue, collecting on the piers and affecting the flow of the river. ARDOT's Historic Bridge Analysis Committee (HBAC) has decided to market the bridge for relocation, seeking a responsible entity to accept it for pedestrian use.


The Fixing America's Surface Transportation (FAST) Act, 23 USC § 144 (g)(5) states: "Any State which proposes to demolish a historic bridge for a replacement project ... shall first make the bridge available for donation to a State, locality, or responsible private entity..." As part of the mitigation process, ARDOT is offering to donate Bridge 01892 to any government or entity that demonstrates a willingness to accept title for the relocated bridge for use at another site, preserve the historic features of, and assume the financial responsibility for the continued maintenance on the structure.

Normally, the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), through ARDOT, can reimburse costs associated with preservation up to the demolition estimate expense. However, the reimbursement funds allocated to this bridge will be exhausted during the dismantling and relocation process.

If you are interested in acquiring this bridge, please respond with a letter of interest addressed to me within 45 days from the date of this letter. Such letter submission does not commit an entity to accept the bridge. Following its receipt, ARDOT's HBAC will request a preservation plan to include the required information for consideration before a

preferred recipient is selected. For further information, contact Nikki Senn at (501) 569-2979 or Nikki.Senn@ardot.gov.

Sincerely,


for John Fleming
Division Head
Environmental Division

Enclosures
Bridge Description
Location Map

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c: Assistant Chief Engineer – Planning
Bridge Division
District 10 Engineer

ARDOT Job 100205
Historic Bridge Marketing Description



Cache River Bridge, 1987

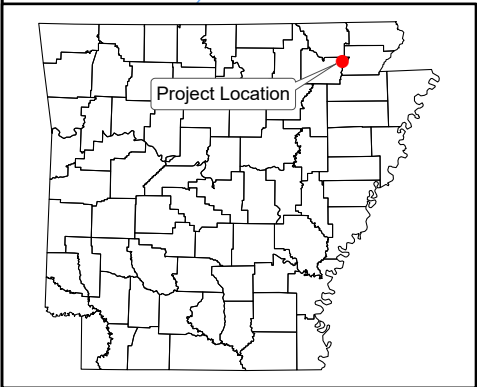
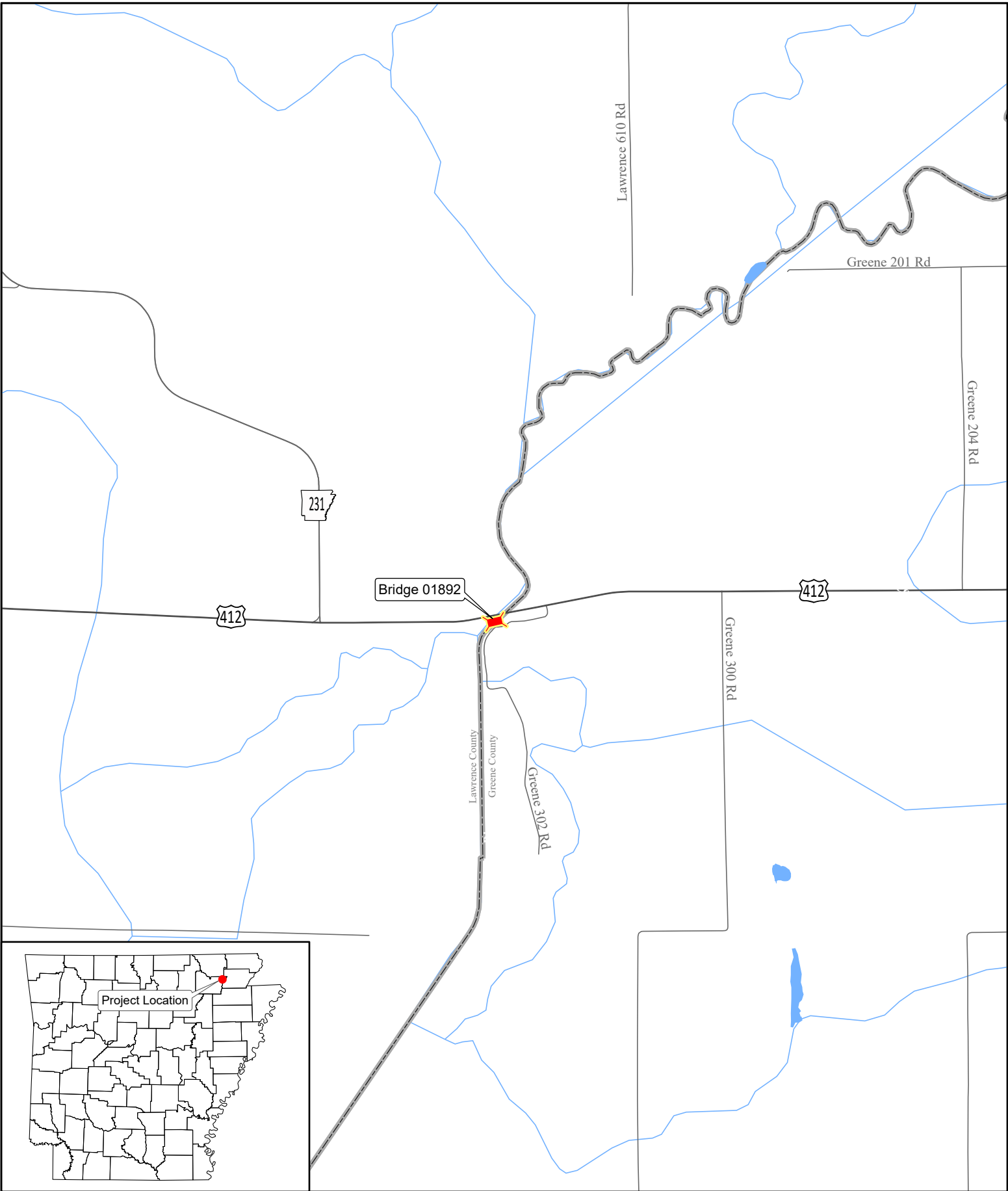


Cache River Bridge, 2023

ARDOT Bridge Number 01892 previously carried State Highway 412 over the Cache River. The Vincennes Bridge Company of Vincennes, Indiana, built the bridge in 1935. The Vincennes Bridge Company constructed bridges that were significant to the growth of Arkansas's transportation and economy. The company was known primarily for its standardized truss designs.

This Parker pony truss span is approximately 102 feet long with a 24-foot clear roadway width. The bridge exhibits a 45-degree skew (to the previous roadway) and has rivet and pin connections. In 1995, Bridge 01892 was removed from service and isolated from traffic, with the removal of the deck and approach spans.

Bridge 01892 was listed in the National Register of Historic Places in 1990 for its statewide significance under Criterion A for its association with the *Arkansas Historic Bridges, Arkansas Highway and Transportation Era: 1923-1939* context, and under Criterion C for its skewed Parker pony truss design and association with the Vincennes Bridge Company. The Arkansas State Highway Department engineers modified a 100-foot pony truss standard plan to achieve the skew needed to cross the river economically.



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Job 100205

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September 5, 2023

Historic Bridge
Lawrence County



Project Location