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RE: Historic Bridge M1144
AHTD Job Number 040721
Hwy. 64 Strs. & Apprs.
Crawford County
Historic Bridge Marketing Request

The Arkansas State Highway and Transportation Department (AHTD) is planning to replace Bridge Number M1144 (Little Frog Bayou Bridge) on Highway 64B in Crawford County. This bridge was determined eligible to the National Register of Historic Places (NRHP) as part of the AHTD’s 2005 Historic Bridge Inventory. A location map and further information about the bridge is enclosed.

The Fixing America’s Surface Transportation (FAST) Act, 23 USC § 144 (n)(4) 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, the AHTD is offering to donate Bridge Number M1144 to any government or entity that demonstrates a willingness to accept title for, relocate it for use at another site, preserve the historic features of, and assume the financial responsibility for the continued maintenance on the structure.

Normally the AHTD, through the Federal Highway Administration, 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 within 45 days of receipt of this letter. For further information, contact Nikki Senn at (501) 569-2979.