May 11, 2020

RE: Historic Bridge M2728
Job Number 050344
Hwy. 64 Strs. & Apprs.
Fulton County
Historic Bridge Marketing Request

To Whom It May Concern:

The Arkansas Department of Transportation (ArDOT) is replacing Bridge Number M2728 (English Creek Bridge) on Highway 289 in Fulton County. This bridge was listed in the National Register of Historic Places in 2009. A location map and further information about the bridge is enclosed.

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, the ArDOT is offering to donate Bridge Number M2728 to any government or entity that demonstrates a willingness to accept title for, maintain the structure in its current location or 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 ArDOT, through the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), 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 careful dismantling and relocation process.

The construction of the replacement bridge was underway when the original sponsor opted out of accepting the bridge. As a result, the bridge may be available for reuse later this year.
If you are interested in acquiring this bridge, please respond with a letter of interest within 30 days from the date above. For further information, contact Nikki Senn at (501) 569-2979.

Sincerely,

John Fleming
Division Head
Environmental Division

Enclosures

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c: Assistant Chief Engineer - Planning
   Bridge Division
   District 5 Engineer
   FHWA
   SHPO
ARDOT Bridge Number M2728, on Highway 289, was listed in the National Register of Historic Places in 2009. It is significant for its association with Arkansas Highway Transportation Department Era (1923-1939) development, as well as for its design.

The Virginia Bridge and Iron Company fabricated the bridge in 1929. The truss span is 122 feet long and 20 feet wide. The vertical clearance from the roadway is 14 feet and seven inches. This bridge over English Creek (Warn Creek) is one of eight bridges displaying the Pratt through truss design that remains in use on the Arkansas highway system.
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