April 13, 2020

RE: Historic Bridge M2052  
Job Number 100098  
Ditch No. 6 Str. & Apprs. (S)  
Mississippi County  
Historic Bridge Marketing Request

To Whom it May Concern:

The Arkansas Department of Transportation (ARDOT) is planning to replace Bridge Number M2052 (National Ditch Number 6 Bridge) on Highway 148 in Mississippi County. This bridge was determined eligible to the National Register of Historic Places (NRHP) through consultation with the State Historic Preservation Officer’s staff. 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 M3817 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 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 dismantling and relocation process.
If you are interested in acquiring this bridge, please respond with a letter of interest within 45 days from the date of this letter. 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
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District 10 Engineer
ARDOT Bridge Number M2052 on State Highway 148 was determined eligible for inclusion in the National Register of Historic Places in 2019. The bridge was constructed over National Ditch Number 6 in 1938. The truss span is 76 feet long and just under 22 feet wide.

Sixteen pony trusses with the Warren design remain in service in Arkansas. These trusses are associated with the Arkansas Highway and Transportation Department Era (1923-1939) context.