



# INTEROFFICE MEMORANDUM

April 2, 2020

**TO:** Master Files

**FROM:** John Fleming, Division Head, Environmental Division 

**SUBJECT:** Job Number 020629  
FAP Number STPR-0921(3)  
Hwy. 65 – Yellow Bend Port (S)  
Route 35, Sections 9, 10, & 11  
Chicot & Desha Counties  
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 project is to rehabilitate 8.9 miles of Highway 35 in Chicot and Desha Counties. The existing road has two 10' travel lanes and 4' grass shoulders. The project will include a full depth reclamation with an asphalt overlay, addition of 2' paved shoulders, and polymer overlay of three bridges (Bridge Numbers 05138, 05139, and 05140). All work will occur within existing right of way. A project location map is attached.

Design data for this project is as follows:

Design Year	Average Daily Traffic	Percent Trucks	Design Speed
2020	270	20	55 mph
2040	300		

The project will not involve relocations, floodplains, prime farmlands, underground storage tanks, hazardous materials, any environmental justice issues, noise level increase, 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 toxic concerns. The State Historic Preservation Officer clearance is attached.

The official species lists were obtained through the US Fish and Wildlife Service's Information for Planning and Consultation website and lists the following species as potentially occurring at the site: Eastern Black Rail (*Laterallus jamaicensis ssp. jamaicensis*), Red Knot (*Calidris canutus rufa*), Piping Plover (*Charadrius melodus*), Least Tern (*Sterna antillarum*), and pallid sturgeon (*Scaphirhynchus albus*). Due to the lack of suitable habitat, distance to known occurrences, and limited scope of the project, it has been determined that this project will have "no effect" on the aforementioned federally listed species.

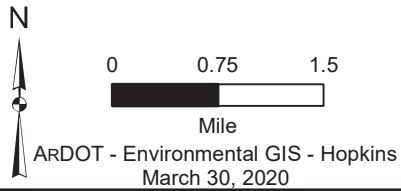
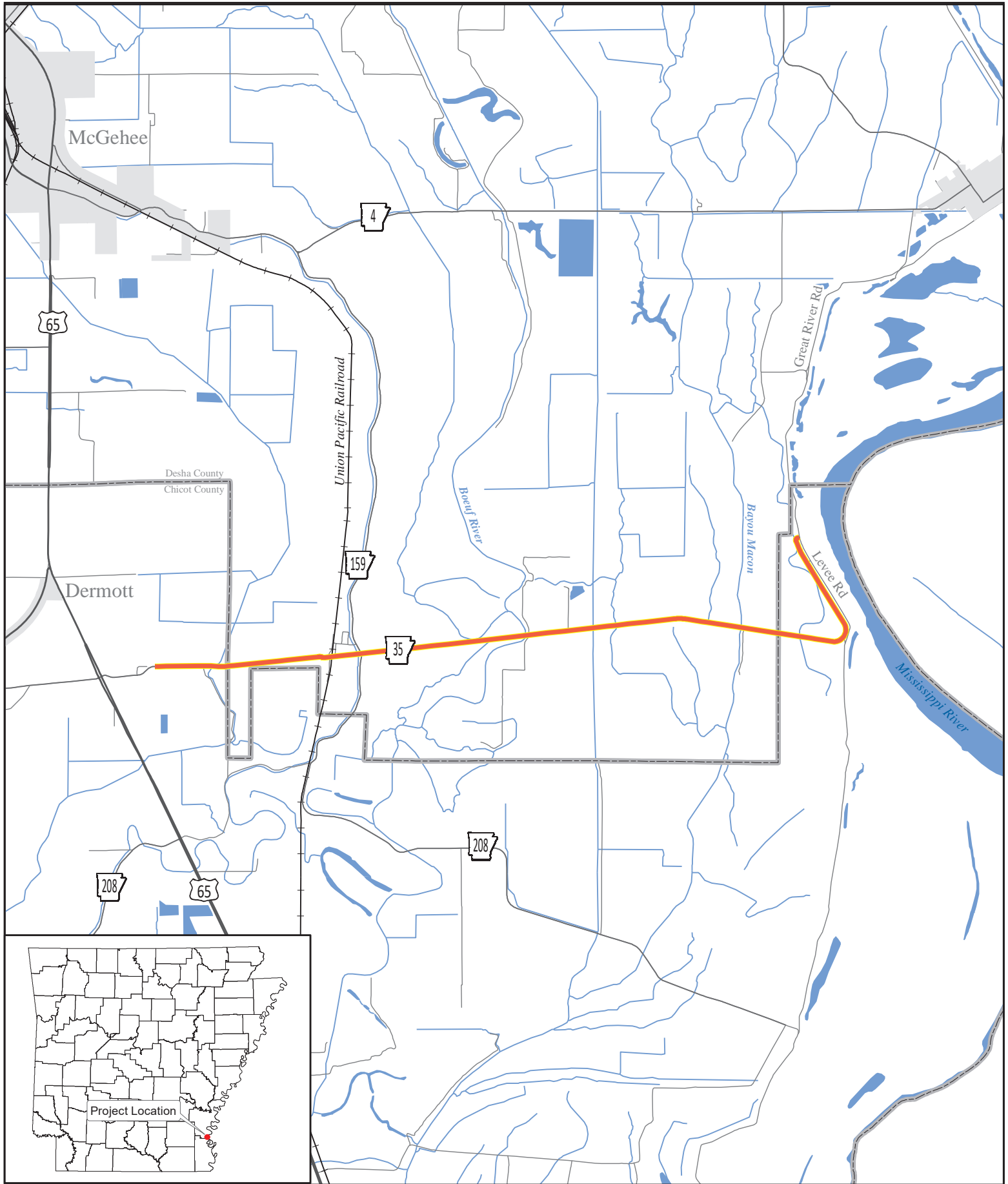
The project will have a discharge of dredged or fill material into waters of the United States associated with the culvert replacements, impacting four small wetlands totaling less than 0.1 acre; therefore, a Section 404 permit will be required. The project should be authorized by Nationwide Permit 14 for Linear Transportation Projects as defined in Federal Register 82(4):1860-2008.

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Attachments:

- Project Location Map
- SHPO Clearance
- Environmental Study Checklist
- Design Request Form

c: Program Management  
Right of Way  
Roadway Design  
District 2  
FHWA



Job 020629  
Hwy. 65 – Yellow Bend Port  
(Hwy. 35)  
Chicot & Desha Counties

 Project Location



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March 2, 2020

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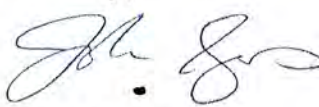
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RE: Job Number 020629  
Hwy. 65 – Yellow Bend Port (S)  
Route 35, Sections 9, 10, & 11  
Chicot & Desha Counties

Dear Secretary Hurst:

A Project Identification Form (PIF) for the referenced project is enclosed. Please review for concurrence with the findings of my staff. If you have any questions or require additional information, please contact Jason Eads of my staff at (501) 569-2181.

Date 3-5-20  
No known historic properties will be affected by this undertaking. This effect determination could change should new information come to light.  
Scott Kurf  
Arkansas State Historic Preservation Officer

Sincerely,  
  
for John Fleming  
Division Head  
Environmental Division

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Enclosure  
PIF

**ARDOT ENVIRONMENTAL VERIFICATION CHECKLIST  
FOR CONSIDERATION OF POTENTIAL IMPACTS**


ARDOT Job Number 020629 FAP Number STPR-0921(3)

Job Title Hwy. 65 – Yellow Bend Port (S)

Environmental Resource	None	Minimal	Major	Comments-required for each item
Air Quality	X			No air quality/MSAT impacts
Cultural Resources	X			SHPO clearance attached
Economic	X			No adverse impacts
Endangered Species	X			A “no effect” determination was made
Environmental Justice/Title VI	X			No impacts anticipated
Fish and Wildlife	X			No impacts due to scope of the project
Floodplains	X			None impacted by project
Forest Service Property	X			None in project area
Hazardous Materials/Landfills	X			No sites in project area
Land Use	X			Will not be impacted by project
Migratory Birds	X			No impacts anticipated
Navigation/Coast Guard	X			No navigable waterways involved
Noise Levels	X			No increases due to project
Prime Farmland	X			None in project area
Protected Waters	X			None occur in project area
Public Recreation Lands	X			None in project area
Public Water Supply/WHPA		X		Wellhead Protection SP included
Relocatees	X			No relocations
Section 4(f)/6(f)	X			4f resources not present
Social	X			No impacts to the social environment
Underground Storage Tanks	X			No USTs in project area
Visual	X			No changes to visual environment
Streams		X		Minor impacts associated with culvert replacements
Water Quality		X		Temporary decline during construction
Wetlands		X		Less than 0.1 acre of impacts
Wildlife Refuges	X			None in the project area

Section 401 Water Quality Certification Required? No  
 Short-term Activity Authorization Required? Yes  
 Section 404 Permit Required? Yes Type Nationwide Permit 14

Remarks: .

Signature of Evaluator  Date 3/31/2020

**ROADWAY DESIGN REQUEST**

Job Number 020629 FAP No. \_\_\_\_\_ County Chicot & Desha

Job Name Hwy. 65 – Yellow Bend Port (S)

Design Engineer George Davison Environmental Staff \_\_\_\_\_

Brief Project Description Full depth reclamation

A. Existing Conditions:

Roadway Width: 28' Shoulder Type/Width: 4' grass

Number of Lanes and Width: 2 – 10' Existing Right-of-Way: 40'

Sidewalks? N/A Location: \_\_\_\_\_ Width: \_\_\_\_\_

Bike Lanes? N/A Location: \_\_\_\_\_ Width: \_\_\_\_\_

B. Proposed Conditions:

Roadway Width: 28' Shoulder Type/Width: 2' paved

Number of Lanes and Width: 2 – 10' Proposed Right-of-Way: N/A

Sidewalks? N/A Location: \_\_\_\_\_ Width: \_\_\_\_\_

Bike Lanes? N/A Location: \_\_\_\_\_ Width: \_\_\_\_\_

C. Construction Information:

If detour: Where: \_\_\_\_\_ Length: \_\_\_\_\_

D. Design Traffic Data:

2020 ADT: 270 2040 ADT: 300 % Trucks: 20%  
Design Speed: 55 m.p.h.

E. Approximate total length of project: 8.93 miles mile(s)

F. Justification for proposed improvements: Rehabilitation of pavement structure

G. Total Relocates: N/A Residences: \_\_\_\_\_ Businesses: \_\_\_\_\_

H. Have you coordinated with any outside agencies (e.g., FHWA, City, County, etc.)? N/A

Agency/Official	Person Contacted	Date