October 3, 2018

TO: Master Files

FROM: John Fleming, Division Head, Environmental Division

SUBJECT: 2019 Pavement Preservation Program Projects
Multiple Job and FAP Numbers
Various 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 Memorandum of Agreement on Categorical Exclusion Documentation and Processing. Public hearings will not be offered for these projects.

The purpose of these projects is to preserve and rehabilitate the highways. A table listing the projects, their locations, and type of work involved is attached, along with SHPO and Cultural Resources clearances. No endangered species will be impacted by the proposed projects. No Section 404 permits will be required.

JF:SL:mr

Attachments:
List of Projects
SHPO and Cultural Resources Clearances
Environmental Study Checklist

c: Program Management
Right of Way
Districts 1, 2, 5, 6, 7, and 10
FHWA
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August 28, 2018

TO: Job File

FROM: Richard Jenkins, Cultural Resources

SUBJECT: Archeological Clearance

ArDOT Job Number 020634
Stuttgart – Dewitt (Sel. Secs.) (S)
Route 130, Section 6
Arkansas County

The Arkansas Department of Transportation proposes to rehabilitate a portion of Highway 130 in Arkansas County. No new right-of-way will be acquired.

An examination of the Arkansas Archeological Survey’s (AAS) records was conducted for previously recorded archeological site and was negative. A records evaluation at the Department of Arkansas Heritage (AHPP) for historic properties or National Register listed or eligible structures was also negative. The Stuttgart topographic quadrangle map was examined for cemeteries, likely historic structures, and landforms conducive to hold archeological sites along the project’s route; none were found. The General Land Office map showed no cultural features near the project. The 1936 Arkansas County Highway map shows few structures near this project.

The proposed road improvements will occur in previously disturbed areas inside the current AHTD right-of-way. No cultural resources are expected to be impacted. This project is subject to the 1999 MOA and fall under the exempted Work Category “Resurfacing.” The project is not considered an undertaking and requires no further work or Section 106 review.
August 28, 2018

TO: Job File

FROM: Richard Jenkins, Cultural Resources

SUBJECT: Archeological Clearance
ARDOT Job Number 050367
Oak Bluff Rd – Hwy. 122 (S)
Route 25, Section 5
Independence County

The Arkansas Department of Transportation proposes to rehabilitate a portion of Highway 25 in Independence County. No new right-of-way will be acquired.

An examination of the Arkansas Archeological Survey’s (AAS) records was conducted for previously recorded archeological site and was negative. A records evaluation at the Department of Arkansas Heritage (AHPP) for historic properties or National Register listed or eligible structures was also negative. The Cord, Charlotte, and Sulphur Rock topographic quadrangle maps were examined for cemeteries, likely historic structures, and landforms conducive to hold archeological sites along the project’s route; none were found. The General Land Office map showed no cultural features near the project. The 1936 Independence County Highway map shows few structures near this project.

The proposed road improvements will occur in previously disturbed areas inside the current AHTD right-of-way. No cultural resources are expected to be impacted. This project is subject to the 1999 MOA and fall under the exempted Work Category “Resurfacing.” The project is not considered an undertaking and requires no further work or Section 106 review.
August 28, 2018

TO: Job File
FROM: Richard Jenkins, Cultural Resources

SUBJECT: Archeological Clearance
ARDOT Job Number 061517
Salt Creek Rd. – I-30 (Benton) (S)
Route 5, Section 7
Saline County

The Arkansas Department of Transportation proposes to rehabilitate a portion of Highway 5 in Saline County. No new right-of-way will be acquired.

An examination of the Arkansas Archeological Survey’s (AAS) records was conducted for previously recorded archeological site and was negative. A records evaluation at the Department of Arkansas Heritage (AHPP) for historic properties or National Register listed or eligible structures was also negative. The Benton topographic quadrangle map was examined for cemeteries, likely historic structures, and landforms conducive to hold archeological sites along the project’s route; none were found. The General Land Office map showed no cultural features near the project. The 1936 Saline County Highway map shows several structures near this project.

The proposed road improvements will occur in previously disturbed areas inside the current AHTD right-of-way. No cultural resources are expected to be impacted. This project is subject to the 1999 MOA and fall under the exempted Work Category “Resurfacing.” The project is not considered an undertaking and requires no further work or Section 106 review.
September 6, 2018

Mr. John Fleming
Division Head
Environmental Division
Arkansas State Highway and Transportation Department
PO Box 2261
Little Rock, AR 72203-2261

RE: Saline County – Shaw vic.
Section 106 Review – FHWA
Request for Technical Assistance
ARDOT Number 061524
Holly Creek—Hwy. 190 (S)
Route 35, Section 1
AHPP Tracking Number 102109

Dear Mr. Fleming:

This letter is written in response to your inquiry regarding properties of architectural or historical significance in the area of the proposed referenced project. The staff of the Arkansas Historic Preservation Program has reviewed the documentation for the structures included in your letter of September 5, 2108. We understand that SA0154 has been razed and, of course, is no longer eligible for inclusion in the National Register of Historic Places (NRHP). Nevertheless, we concur that this undertaking will have no effect to historic properties.

Tribes that have expressed an interest in the area include the Caddo Nation (Ms. Tamara Francis), the Chickasaw Nation (Ms. Karen Brunso), the Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma (Dr. Ian Thompson), the Jena Band of Choctaw Indians (Alina J. Shively), the Muscogee (Creek) Nation (Ms. Corain Lowe-Zepeda), the Osage Nation (Dr. Andrea Hunter), the Quapaw Nation of Oklahoma (Mr. Everett Bandy), and the Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma (Ms. Tonya Tipton). We recommend that they be consulted in accordance with 36 CFR § 800.2 (c) (2).

Once the undertaking is further along in the planning stages, we look forward to reviewing the proposed project. If you should have any questions or comments, please do not hesitate to contact Theresa Russell of my staff at (501)-324-9357.

Sincerely,

Scott Kaufman
Director, AHPP

cc: Mr. Randal Looney, Federal Highway Administration
Dr. Ann Early, Arkansas Archeological Survey
June 12, 2018

TO: Job File

FROM: Kristina U. Boykin, Cultural Resources Section KB.

SUBJECT: Archeological Clearance
Job Number 070440
Stephens – North (Sel. Secs.) (S)
Route 79, Section 3
Ouachita County

The Arkansas Department of Transportation proposes to mill and inlay select sections of Highway 79 from Log Mile (LM) 7.16 to LM 8.74 and LM 9.90 to LM 11.90 for 3.58 miles in Ouachita County. An examination of the Arkansas Archeological Survey’s records shows no sites in or near the right-of-way (ROW). The records check at the Arkansas Historic Preservation Program for National Register of Historic Places listed and/or eligible structures revealed no historic properties recorded adjacent to the existing ROW. Also I examined the 1969 (photo-inspected 1976) Stephens and 1962 Buena Vista topographic quad maps for cemeteries, likely historic structures, and landforms conducive to hold archeological sites. The 1823, 1825, 1834 and 1846 General Land Office plat maps showed no cultural features or improvements in the immediate vicinity of the project area. The 1936 Ouachita County Highway map shows structures spaced sparsely on both sides of Highway 79. No structures will be impacted by this project. No cemeteries were noted on any of the maps.

The proposed mill and inlay will occur in already disturbed areas inside the current ROW. No new ROW will be acquired. No affect to historic properties will occur. This project is subject to the 1999 MOA and falls under the exempted Work Category “Resurfacing”. The project is not considered an undertaking and requires no further work or Section 106 review.
June 6, 2018

TO: Job File

FROM: Jason Eads, Cultural Resources Section, Environmental Division

SUBJECT: Updated Archeological Clearance
   Job Number 070441
   Dalark – East of Manning (S)
   Route 8, Section 6
   Dallas County

This job proposes to overlay an existing 7.2 miles of road surface with asphalt pavement on Highway 8, between Dalark and east of Manning in Dallas County. The original project was 5.73 miles. An additional 1.47 miles was added to the eastern end of the project. A records check at the Arkansas Archeological Survey shows no sites in or near the right-of-way (ROW). No cultural indicators were found on the 1822 General Land Office plat in or near the project. The 1936 Dallas County road map shows a few structures along the route. No recorded historic structures are shown on the AHPP structure database in or near the ROW. The project will require no new ROW. All work will be within the existing ROW and the extremely limited scope of the project does not have the potential to affect any undisturbed land surfaces or potential historic properties. This project is subject to the 1999 MOA and falls under the exempted Work Category “Resurfacing.” The project is not considered an undertaking and requires no further work or Section 106 review.
August 28, 2018

TO: Job File

FROM: Richard Jenkins, Cultural Resources

SUBJECT: Archeological Clearance

ARDOT Job Number 100899
BNSF Railroad – Hwy 49 (Airport Rd.) (Jonesboro) (S)
Route 351, Section 1
Craighead County

The Arkansas Department of Transportation proposes to rehabilitate a portion of Highway 351 in Craighead County. No new right-of-way will be acquired.

An examination of the Arkansas Archeological Survey’s (AAS) records was conducted for previously recorded archeological site and was negative. A records evaluation at the Department of Arkansas Heritage (AHPP) for historic properties or National Register listed or eligible structures was also negative. The Jonesboro topographic quadrangle map was examined for cemeteries, likely historic structures, and landforms conducive to hold archeological sites along the project’s route; none were found. The General Land Office map showed no cultural features near the project. The 1936 Craighead County Highway map shows few structures near this project.

The proposed road improvements will occur in previously disturbed areas inside the current AHTD right-of-way. No cultural resources are expected to be impacted. This project is subject to the 1999 MOA and fall under the exempted Work Category “Resurfacing.” The project is not considered an undertaking and requires no further work or Section 106 review.
December 21, 2017

TO: Job File

FROM: Jason Eads, Cultural Resources Section, Environmental Division

SUBJECT: Archeological Clearance
Job Number 100907
Hwy. 34-Randolph Co. Line (S)
Lawrence County

This job proposes to overlay an existing 5.17 miles of road surface with asphalt pavement on Hwy. 67, from Hwy. 34 to the Randolph County Line, in Walnut Ridge, Lawrence County. A records check at the Arkansas Archeological Survey shows seven sites near the right-of-way (ROW). No cultural indicators were found on the 1840 General Land Office (GLO) map near the project. The 1936 Lawrence County road map shows a few structures along the existing Hwy. 67, but no structures appear to be within the ROW. No recorded historic structures are shown on the AHPP structure database in or near the ROW. The project will require no new ROW. All work will be within the existing ROW and the extremely limited scope of the project does not have the potential to affect any undisturbed land surfaces or potential historic properties. This project is subject to the 1999 MOA and falls under the exempted Work Category “Resurfacing.” The project is not considered an undertaking and requires no further work or Section 106.
August 29, 2018

Ms. Stacy Hurst
Arkansas Historic Preservation Program
1100 North Street
Little Rock, AR 72201

RE: Job Number 110660
Hwy. 350 – Hwy. 64 (S)
Route 1, Section 13
Cross County

Dear Ms. Hurst:

Enclosed for your review is a Project Identification Form regarding the above referenced project. Please provide your effect finding as soon as possible. If you have any questions, contact Richard Jenkins of my staff at 569-2357.

Sincerely,

Brenda Price
Division Head
Environmental Division

Enclosure
PIF

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Section 404 Permit Required?  
N  Type
Remarks: 
WPC SP required for Jobs 050367, 061517, and 061524

Signature of Evaluator  Sherry LeBlanc  Date  9/28/2018