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INTEROFFICE MEMORANDUM

May 27, 2021

TO: Master Files

FROM: John Fleming, Division Head, Environmental Division

SUBJECT: Jobs 061662
FAP NHPP-0043(41)
England - Keo (S)
Routes 165, Sections 8
Lonoke County
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 preserve and rehabilitate 5.9 miles of Highway 165 in Lonoke County. The job will include a 2" asphalt overlay section with a mill and inlay of the remaining length of the job. All work will take place within the existing right of way. A project location map is attached.

The project will not involve relocations, endangered species, prime farmlands, wetlands, underground storage tanks, hazardous materials, any environmental justice issues, or cultural resources. The 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 cultural resources clearance is attached.

The official species lists obtained through the US Fish and Wildlife Service's Information for Planning and Consultation identified the following species as potentially occurring within the project area: Eastern Black Rail (*Laterallus*

jamaicensis ssp. jamaicensis), Piping Plover (*Charadrius melodus*), and Red Knot (*Calidris canutus rufa*). This project will have “no effect” on the aforementioned federally species due to the limited scope of the action, lack of suitable habitat, and distance to known species locations.

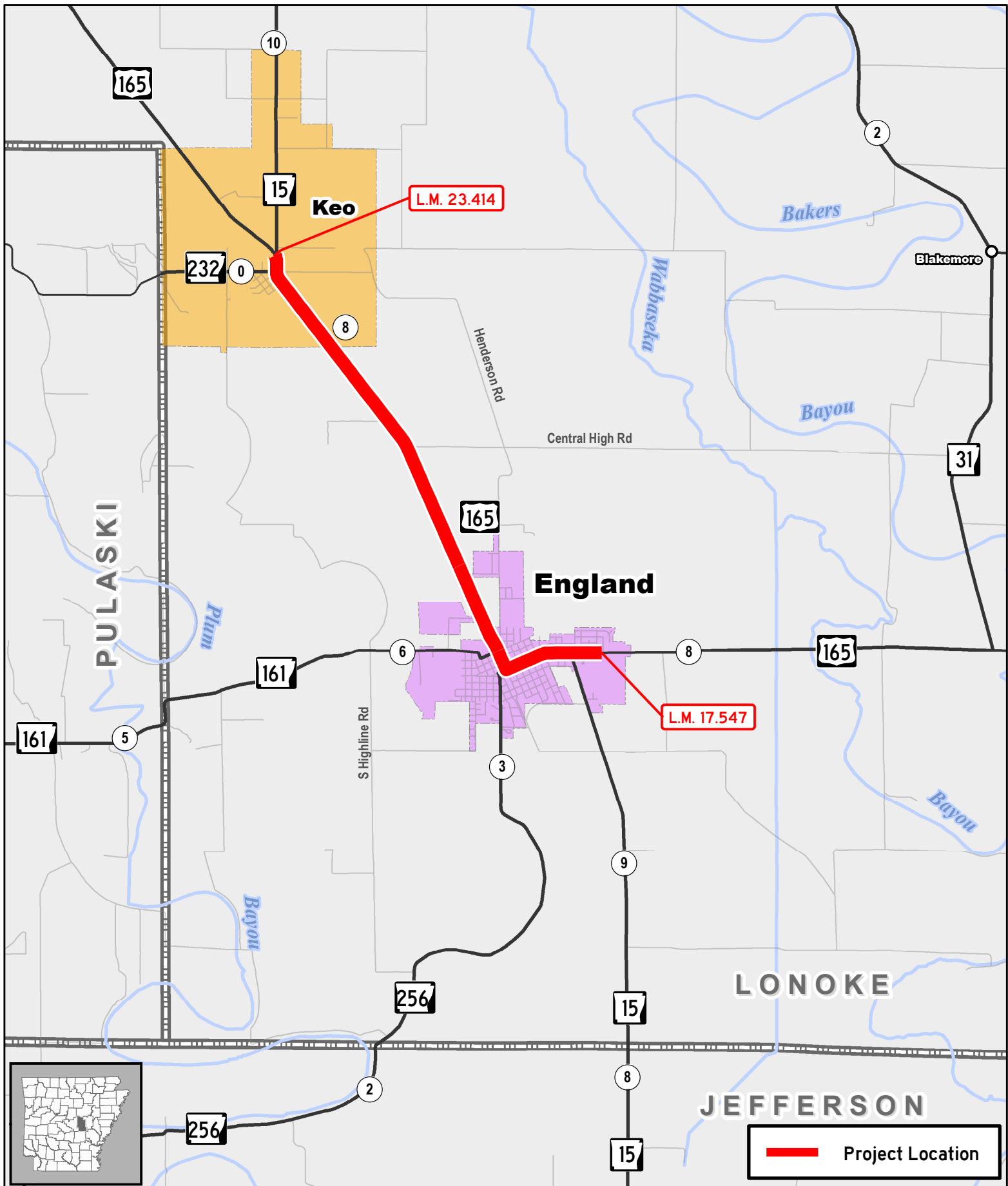
This project will not have a discharge of dredged or fill material into waters of the United States; therefore, a Section 404 permit will not be required.

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Attachments:

- Project Location Map
- Cultural Resources Clearance
- Environmental Study Checklist

c: Program Management
Right of Way
Roadway Design
District 6
FHWA



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June 1, 2021

TO: Job File

FROM: Jason Kennedy, Cultural Resources Section

SUBJECT: Cultural Resources Clearance
Job 061662
England - Keo (S)
Route 165, Section 8
Lonoke County

This job proposes 5.87 miles of Mill & Inlay and 2" Overlay on Highway 165. The project extends from Log Mile 17.547 on the east side of England to Log Mile 23.414 at the Highway 165 intersection with Highway 15 in Keo in Lonoke County. Bridge M1908 is within the project area and the project will not result in any significant impacts. The project is directly adjacent to the Keo Commercial Historic District but will remain within existing ROW and the setting will not be changed.

This project is subject to the 2021 Programmatic Agreement and falls under Activity C in Appendix B. The project is exempted from further work or Section 106 review.

ARDOT ENVIRONMENTAL VERIFICATION CHECKLIST FOR CONSIDERATION OF POTENTIAL IMPACTS

ARDOT Job 061662

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Job Title England – Keo (S)


| Environmental Resource | None | Minimal | Major | Comments-required for each item |
|--------------------------------|------|---------|-------|-----------------------------------|
| Air Quality | X | | | No impacts anticipated |
| Cultural Resources | X | | | Falls within 2021 PA – Activity C |
| Economic | X | | | No adverse impacts anticipated |
| Endangered Species | X | | | “No effect” on all listed species |
| Environmental Justice/Title VI | X | | | No impacts anticipated |
| Fish and Wildlife | X | | | No impacts anticipated |
| Floodplains | X | | | No impacts anticipated |
| Forest Service Property | X | | | None in project area |
| Hazardous Materials/Landfills | X | | | No sites in project area |
| Land Use | X | | | No impacts anticipated |
| 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 | | | No impacts anticipated |
| Protected Waters | X | | | None in project area |
| Public Recreation Lands | X | | | None in project area |
| Public Water Supply/WHPA | X | | | No impacts anticipated |
| Relocatees | X | | | No relocations anticipated |
| Section 4(f)/6(f) | X | | | No impacts anticipated |
| Social | X | | | No impacts anticipated |
| Underground Storage Tanks | X | | | None in project area |
| Visual | X | | | No impacts anticipated |
| Streams | X | | | None in project area |
| Water Quality | X | | | None in project area |
| Wetlands | X | | | None in project area |
| Wildlife Refuges | X | | | None in project area |

Section 401 Water Quality Certification Required? No

Short-term Activity Authorization Required? No

Section 404 Permit Required? No Type None

Remarks: .

Signature of Evaluator  Date 5/27/2021