




INTEROFFICE MEMORANDUM

February 24, 2022

TO: Master Files

FROM: John Fleming, Division Head, Environmental Division 

SUBJECT: Job 040828
FAP STPR-2442(3)
Sebastian Co. Line – Paris (Sel. Secs.) (S)
Route 22, Sections 2 & 3
Franklin & Logan 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 preserve and rehabilitate sections of Highway 22 in Franklin and Logan counties with a mill and overlay. All work will take place within the existing right of way. Total length of the project is 14.5 miles. A project location map is attached.

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

The official species lists obtained through the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service's (USFWS) Information for Planning and Consultation identified the following species as potentially occurring within the project area: Northern long-eared bat

(*Myotis septentrionalis*), Ozark big-eared bat (*Corynorhinus townsendii ingens*), Eastern Black Rail (*Laterallus jamaicensis ssp. jamaicensis*), Piping Plover (*Charadrius melodus*), Red Knot (*Calidris canutus rufa*), American burying beetle (*Nicrophorus americanus*), Geocarpon (*Geocarpon minimum*), Missouri bladderpod (*Physaria filiformis*), and monarch butterfly (*Danaus plexippus*). This project will have “no effect” on the aforementioned species due to the limited scope of the action, lack of suitable habitat, and distance to known species locations.

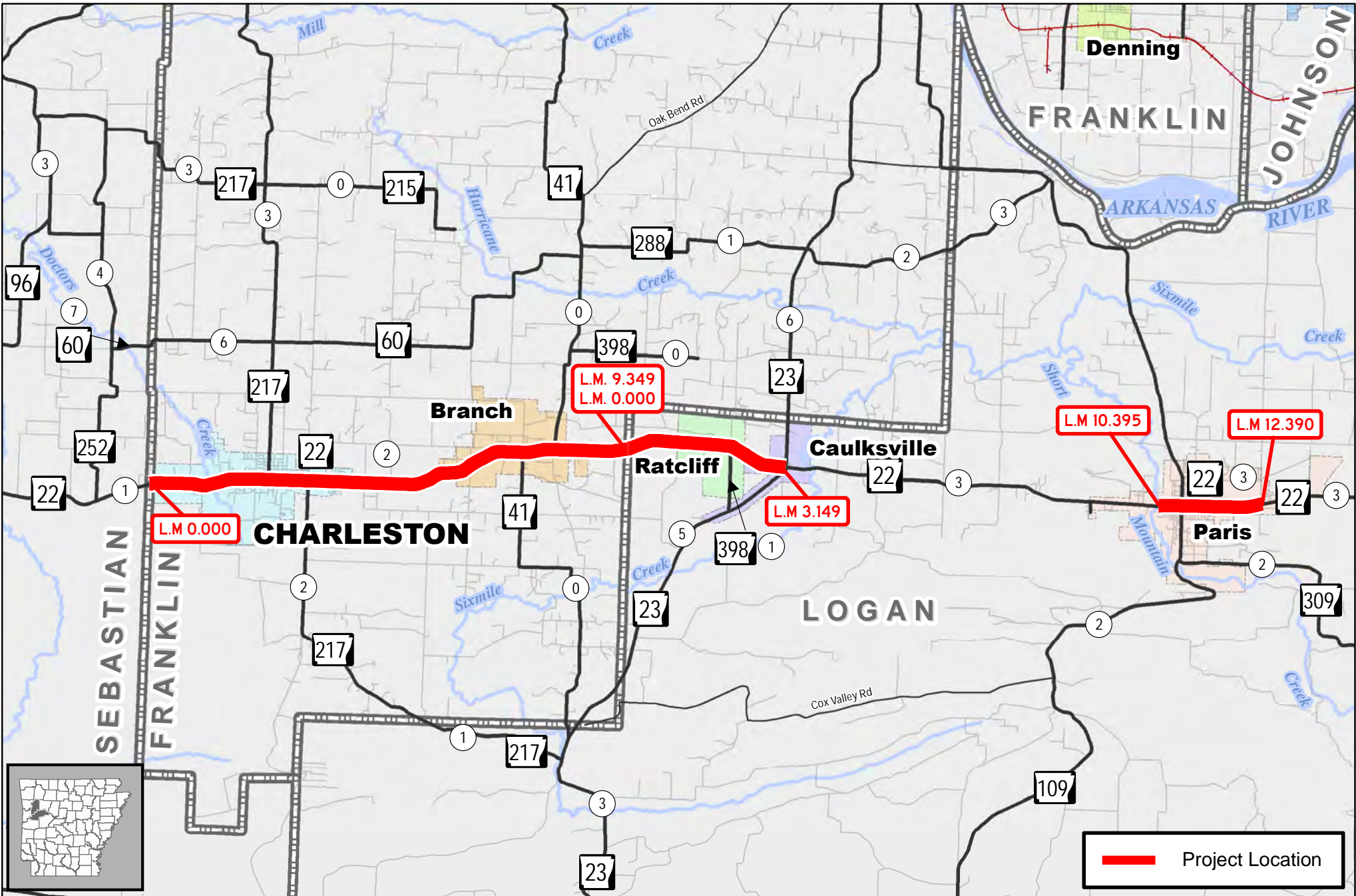
This project will not have a discharge of dredged or fill material into waters of the U.S.; therefore, a Section 404 permit will not be required.

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Attachments:

- Location Map
- Cultural Resources Clearance
- Environmental Study Checklist

c: Program Management
Right of Way
Roadway Design
District 4
FHWA



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— Project Location





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INTEROFFICE MEMORANDUM

February 22, 2022

TO: Job File

FROM: Shelby Linck, Cultural Resources Section

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SUBJECT: Cultural Resources Clearance
Job 040828
Sebastian Co. Line - Paris (Sel. Secs.) (S)
Route 22, Sections 2 & 3
Franklin & Logan Counties

The project proposes to complete 2" Mill & Overlay, 2" Overlay, and Rumble Strips/Stripes on Highway 22, Sections 2 and 3 in Franklin and Logan Counties.

This project is subject to the 2021 Programmatic Agreement and falls under Activities C and F 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 040828 FAP STPR-2442(3)

Job Title Sebastian Co Line – Paris (Sel. Secs.) (S)

Environmental Resource	None	Minimal	Major	Comments
Air Quality	X			No impacts anticipated
Cultural Resources	X			CR memo attached
Economic	X			No impacts anticipated
Endangered Species	X			No effect determination
Environmental Justice/Title VI	X			No populations impacted
Fish and Wildlife	X			No impacts anticipated
Floodplains	X			No impacts anticipated
Forest Service Property	X			None in project area
Hazardous Materials/Landfills	X			None in the project area
Land Use	X			No new ROW
Migratory Birds	X			No impacts anticipated
Navigation/Coast Guard	X			None in project area
Noise Levels	X			No impacts anticipated
Prime Farmland	X			No Prime Farmland impacts
Protected Waters	X			None in project area
Public Recreation Lands	X			No impacts anticipated
Public Water Supply/WHPA	X			No impacts anticipated
Relocates	X			No relocations
Section 4(f)/6(f)	X			No 4(f)/6(f) impacts
Social	X			No impacts to social environment
Underground Storage Tanks	X			No impacts anticipated
Visual	X			No impacts anticipated
Streams	X			No impacts anticipated
Water Quality	X			No impacts anticipated
Wetlands	X			None in project area
Wildlife Refuges	X			None in project area

Section 401 Water Quality Certification Required? N

Short-term Activity Authorization Required? N

Section 404 Permit Required? N Type N/A

Remarks: .

Signature of Evaluator Kathryn Rose Date 2/8/2022