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INTEROFFICE MEMORANDUM

October 15, 2021

TO: Master Files

FROM:  John Fleming, Division Head, Environmental Division 

SUBJECT: Job 110691
FAP STPC-9149(6)
Hwy. 1B Resurfacing (Forrest City) (S)
Route 1B, Sections 11B & 12B
St. Francis County
Tier 1 Categorical Exclusion

The purpose of the project is to mill and overlay Highway 1B within Forrest City, Arkansas and St. Francis County. Total length of the project is 8.0 miles. No additional right of way will be needed for the project. A project location map is attached.

The project will not involve relocations, wetlands, floodplains, 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 toxic concerns. 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. 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*), Red Knot (*Calidris canutus rufa*), and pondberry (*Lindera melissifolia*). The project will have "no effect" on the aforementioned federally listed species due to the limited scope of the action, lack of suitable habitat, and distance to known species locations.

Based on the ARDOT noise policy, a noise analysis is not required for this project. The project will not involve adding capacity, substantially changing the roadway alignment, or exposing noise sensitive land uses to traffic noise sources. In compliance with federal guidelines, local authorities will not require notification.

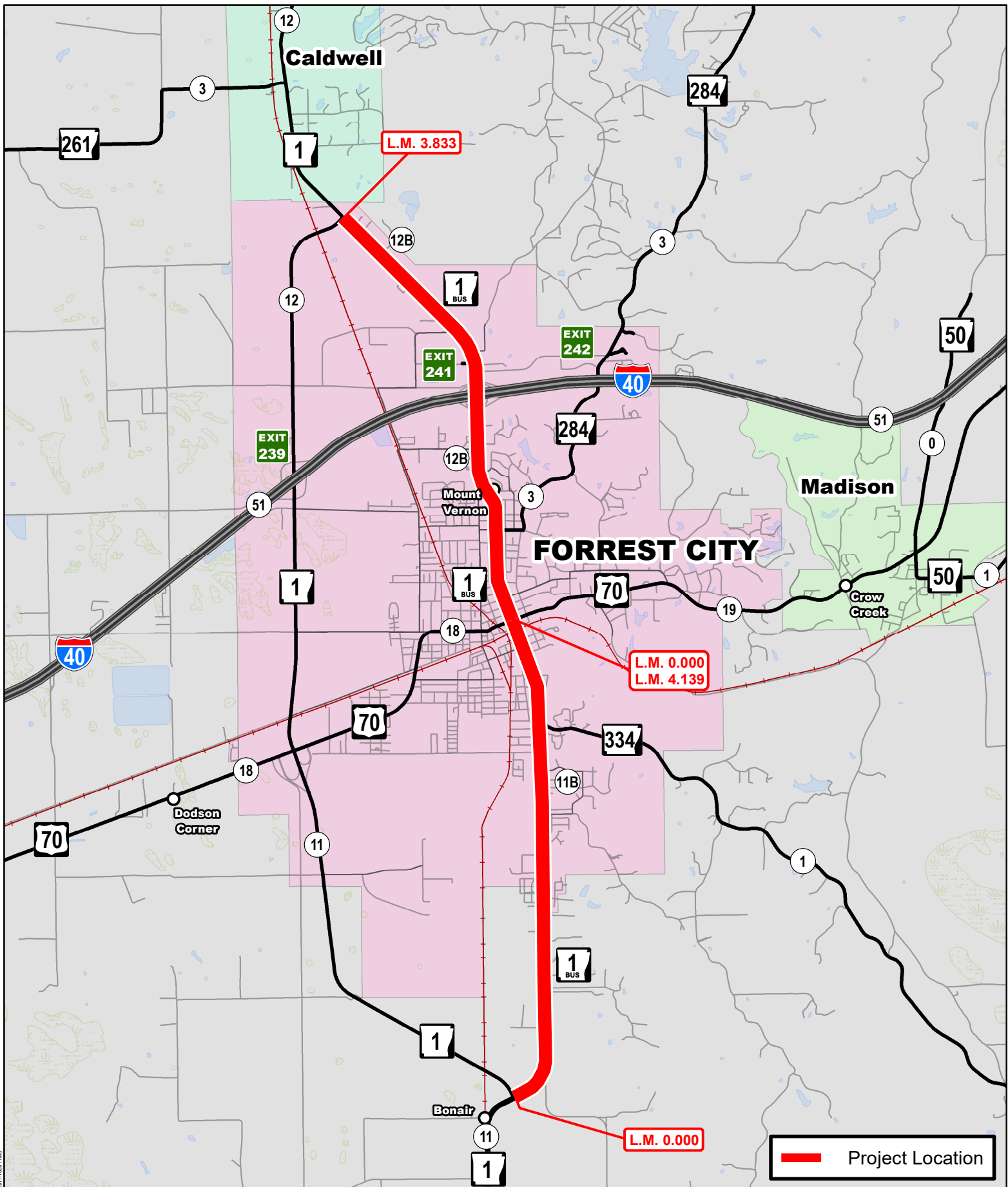
After appropriate environmental review, it has been determined that the subject job is a Tier 1 Categorical Exclusion as described by the ARDOT/FHWA Programmatic Agreement on Categorical Exclusion Documentation and Processing. A public hearing will not be offered for this project.

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Attachments:

- Location Map
- Cultural Resources Clearance
- Environmental Study Checklist

c: Program Management
Right of Way
Roadway Design
District 1
FHWA



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INTEROFFICE MEMORANDUM

August 26, 2021

TO: Job File

FROM: Richard Jenkins, Cultural Resources Section 

SUBJECT: Cultural Resources Clearance
Job 110691
Hwy. 1B Resurfacing (Forrest City) (S)
Route 1, Sections 11B & 12B
St. Francis County

This job proposes 7.97 miles of mill and overlay on Highway 1B from the north intersection of Highway 1 to the south intersection of Highway 1 in Forrest City in St. Francis County.

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

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Environmental Resource	None	Minimal	Major	Comments-required for each item
Air Quality	X			No impacts anticipated
Cultural Resources	X			Cultural resources clearance attached
Economic	X			No impacts anticipated
Endangered Species	X			"No Effect" determination
Environmental Justice/Title VI	X			No impacts anticipated
Fish and Wildlife	X			None in project area
Floodplains	X			No impacts anticipated
Forest Service Property	X			None in project area
Hazardous Materials/Landfills	X			No impacts anticipated
Land Use	X			No impacts anticipated
Migratory Birds	X			No impacts anticipated
Navigation/Coast Guard	X			None in project area
Noise Levels	X			No impacts anticipated
Prime Farmland	X			No impacts anticipated
Protected Waters	X			None in project area
Public Recreation Lands	X			No impacts anticipated
Public Water Supply/WHPA	X			No impacts anticipated
Relocatees	X			No impacts anticipated
Section 4(f)/6(f)	X			No impacts anticipated
Social	X			No impacts anticipated
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  Date October 12, 2021