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INTEROFFICE MEMORANDUM

August 31, 2017

TO: Master Files

FROM: John Fleming, Division Head, Environmental Division for the second second

SUBJECT: Statewide Safety Improvement Projects

Ultra-thin Bonded Wearing Course and High Friction Surface Treatment Various Job Numbers, Job Names, and Counties (see attached table)

Tier 1 Categorical Exclusion

The purpose of these projects is to reduce roadway departure crashes due to wet pavements. High friction surface treatment (HFST) and ultra-thin bonded wearing course (UTBWC) will be applied to roads listed in the attached table. All work will be conducted within the existing right of way. Project location maps are attached. Section 106 clearance is attached.

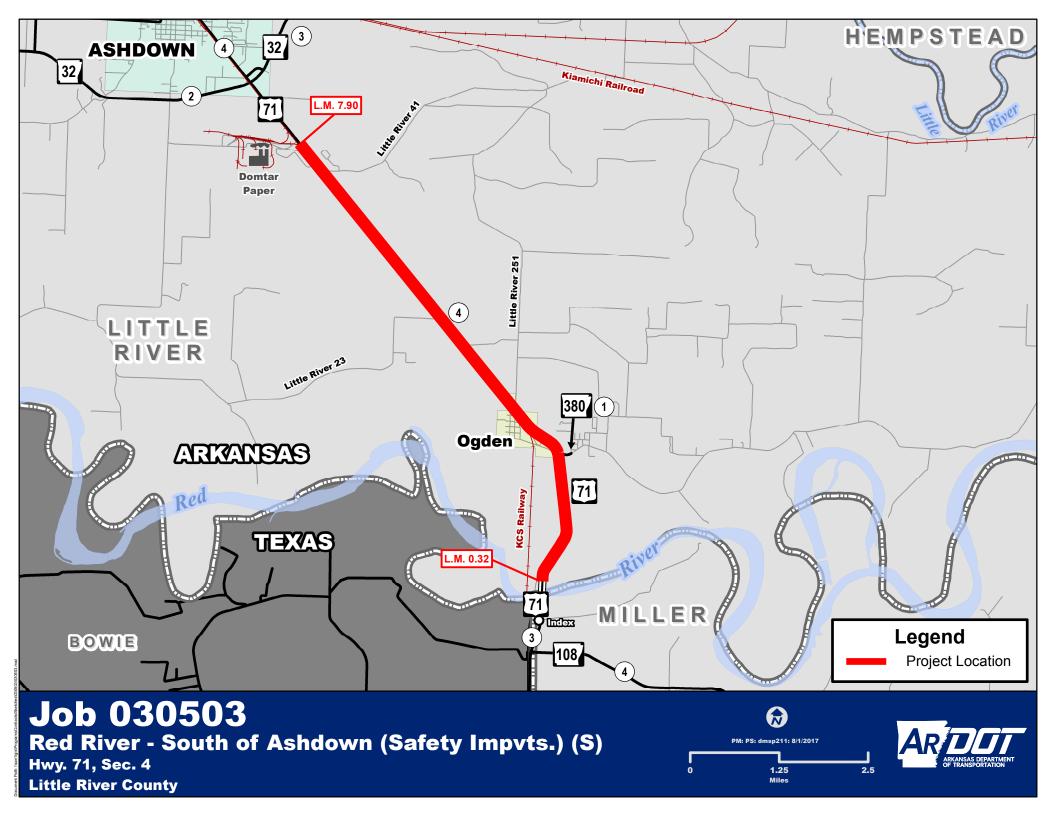
After appropriate environmental review, it has been determined that the subject job is a Tier 1 Categorical Exclusion as described by the ARDOT/FHWA Memorandum of Agreement on Categorical Exclusion Documentation and Processing. A public hearing will not be offered for this project.

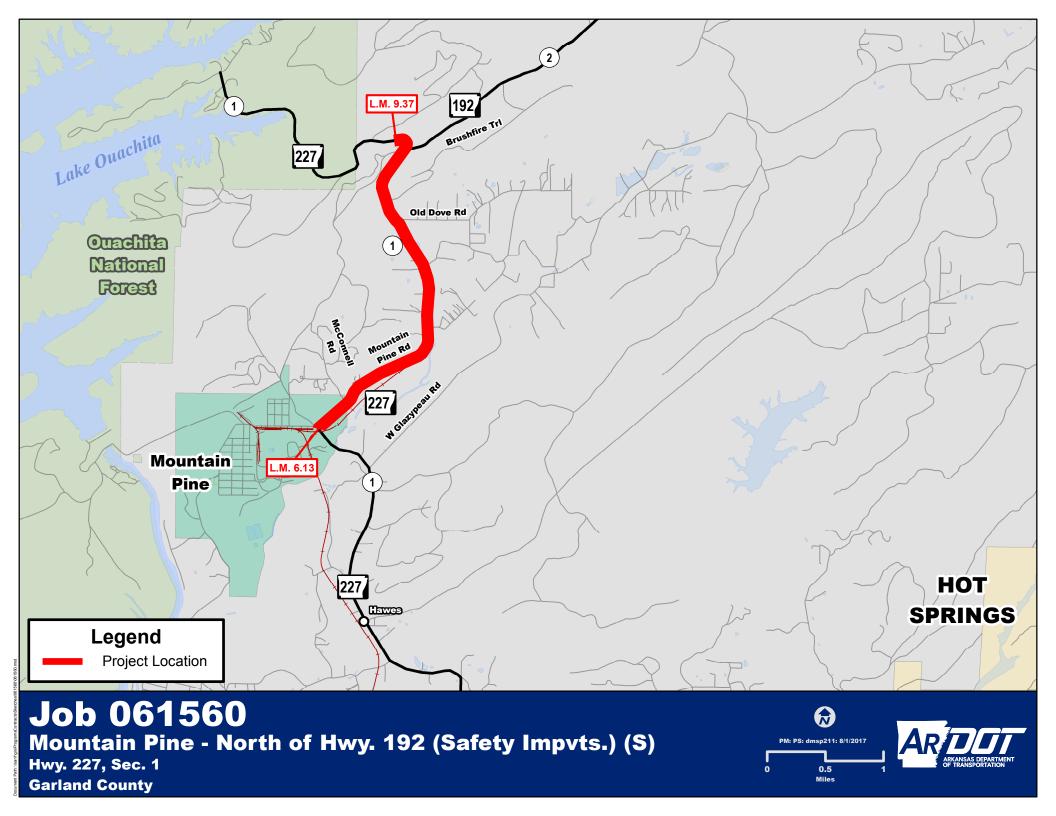
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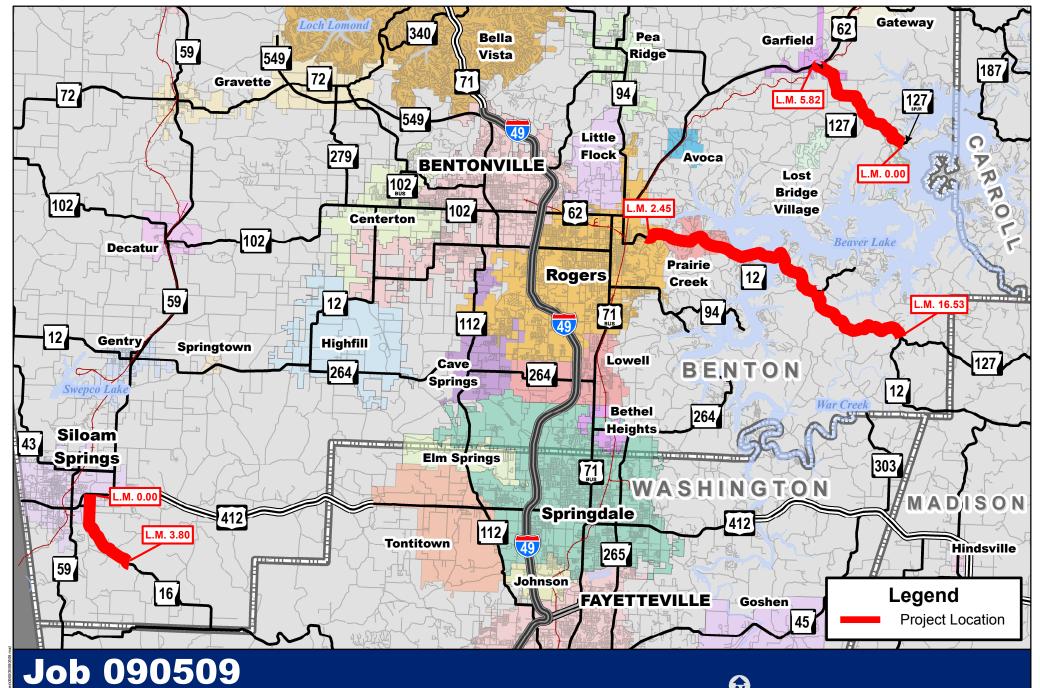
Attachments:

Project Information Table Project Location Maps Section 106 Clearance Environmental Study Checklist

c: Program Management Right of Way Roadway Design Districts 1-10 FHWA Master File





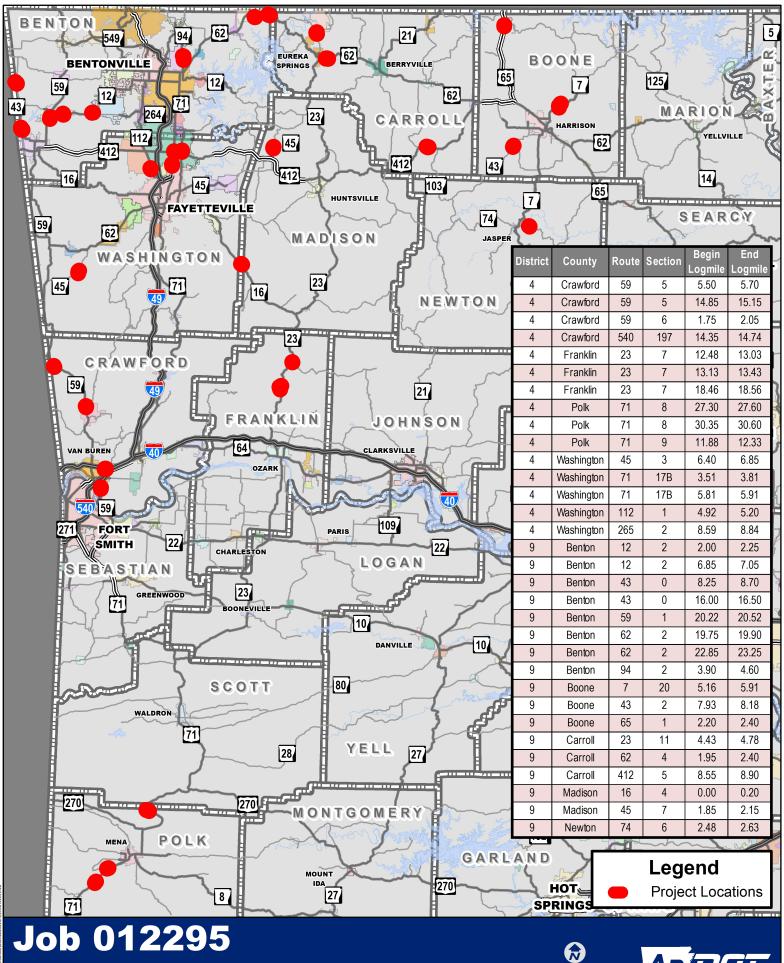


Hwys. 12, 16 & 127 Safety Impvts. (Sel. Secs.) (S)

Hwy. 12, Sec. 3 Hwy. 16, Sec. 1 Hwy. 127, Sec. 4 Benton County



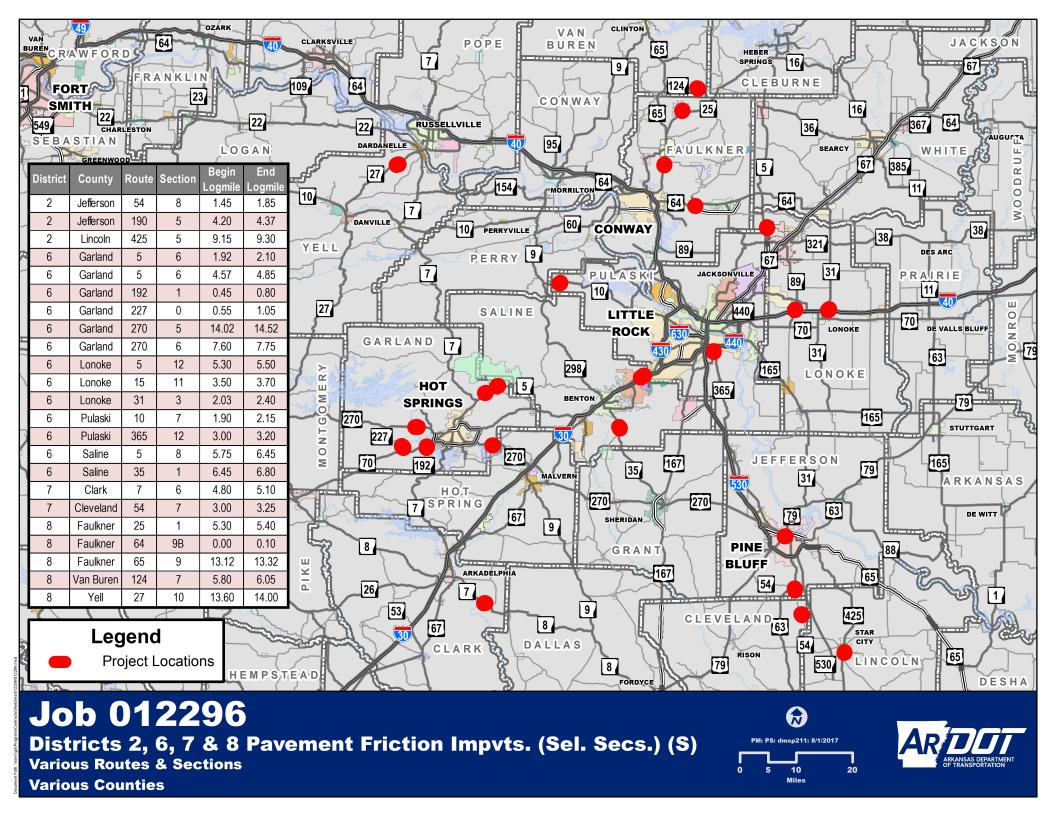


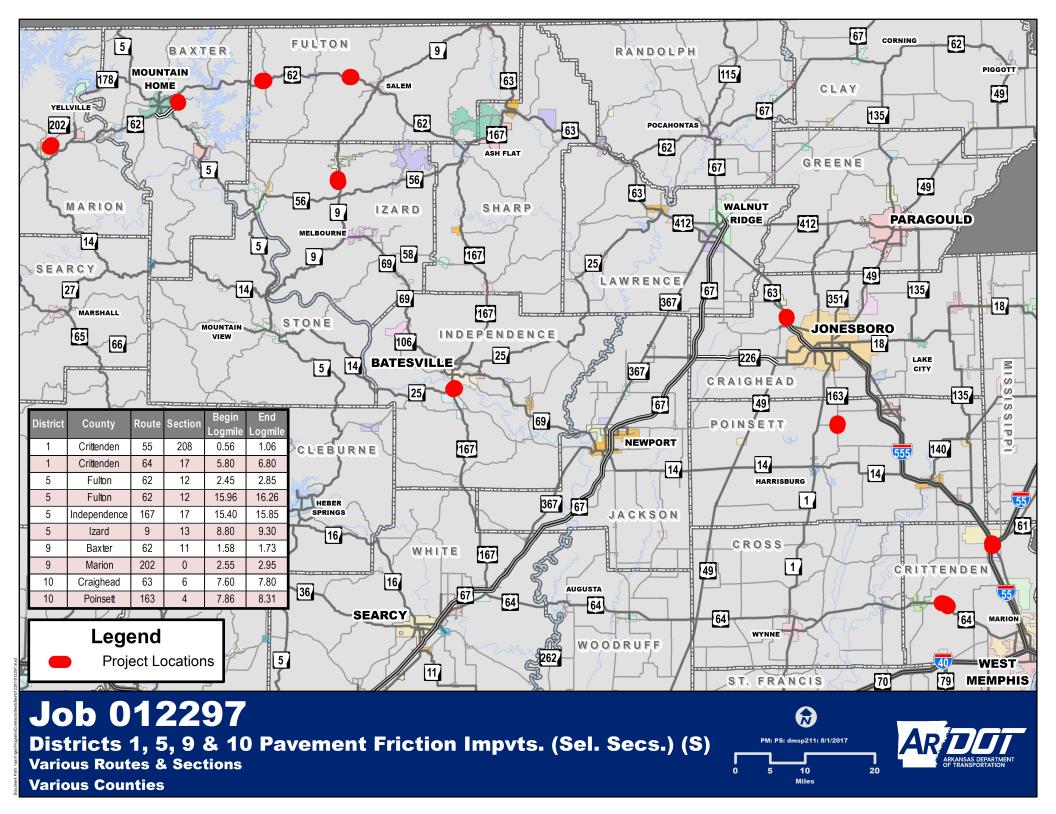


Districts 4 & 9 Pavement Friction Impvts. (Sel. Secs.) (S)

PM: PS: dmsp211: 8/1/2017 0 2.5 5 10 Miles









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August 29, 2017

TO:

Job File

FROM:

Richard Jenkins, Staff Archeologist, Environmental Division

SUBJECT:

Archeological Clearance

Job Number Various

HFST and UTBWC Safety Improvement Projects

Various Counties

The referenced projects involve treating existing roadway surfaces with high friction surface treatment (HFST) and ultra-thin bonded wearing course (UTBWC), which are proven safety countermeasures to reduce roadway departure crashes due to wet pavement. All work will be on the existing travel surfaces 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 covered under the Memorandum of Agreement with the SHPO executed on June 21, 1999. This project is not considered an undertaking and requires no further work or Section 106 review. Please see the attachment for project locations.

ARDOT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACTS ASSESSMENT FORM

ARDOT Job Number	arious		FAP Numb	erVarious
Job Title Statewide Safety	Improv	ement F	Projects	
Environmental Impacts	None	Minor	Significant	Comments
Air Quality	Х			
Construction Impacts	Х			
Cultural Resources	Х			
Economic	Х			
Endangered Species	Х			
Energy Resources	Х			
Environmental Justice/Title VI	Х			
Fish and Wildlife	Х			
Floodplains	Х			
Forest Service Property	Х			
Hazardous Materials/Landfills	Х			
Land Use Impacts	Х			
Migratory Birds	Х			
Navigation/Coast Guard	Х			
Noise Levels	Х			
Prime Farmland	Х			
Protected Waters	Х			
Public Recreation Lands	Х			
Public Water Supply/WHPA	X			
Relocatees	Х			
Section 4(f)/6(f)	X			
Social	Х			
Underground Storage Tanks	Х			
Visual Impacts	Х			
Stream Impacts	Х			
Water Quality	Х			
Wetlands	Х			H.
Wildlife Refuges	Х			
Section 401 Water Quality Certif Short-term Activity Authorization		-	d? <u>N</u>	
Section 404 Permit Required?			N	
Signature of Evaluator	y o	LoBla	me	DateAugust 31, 2017



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INTEROFFICE MEMORANDUM

December 11, 2017

TO: Master Files

FROM: John Fleming, Division Head, Environmental Division

SUBJECT: Job Number 090509

FAP Number HSIP-0004(70)

Hwys. 12, 16, 62 & 127 Safety Impvts. (Sel. Secs.) (S)

Benton County

Environmental Reassessment

A Tier 1 Categorical Exclusion was completed for the referenced project on August 31, 2017. Since that time, design modifications have resulted in the addition of a location on Highway 62 near Avoca where a high friction surface treatment and an ultra-thin bonded wearing surface will be added to the roadway. The Environmental Division has reviewed these changes, and no additional environmental impacts were identified. A project location map and SHPO clearance are attached

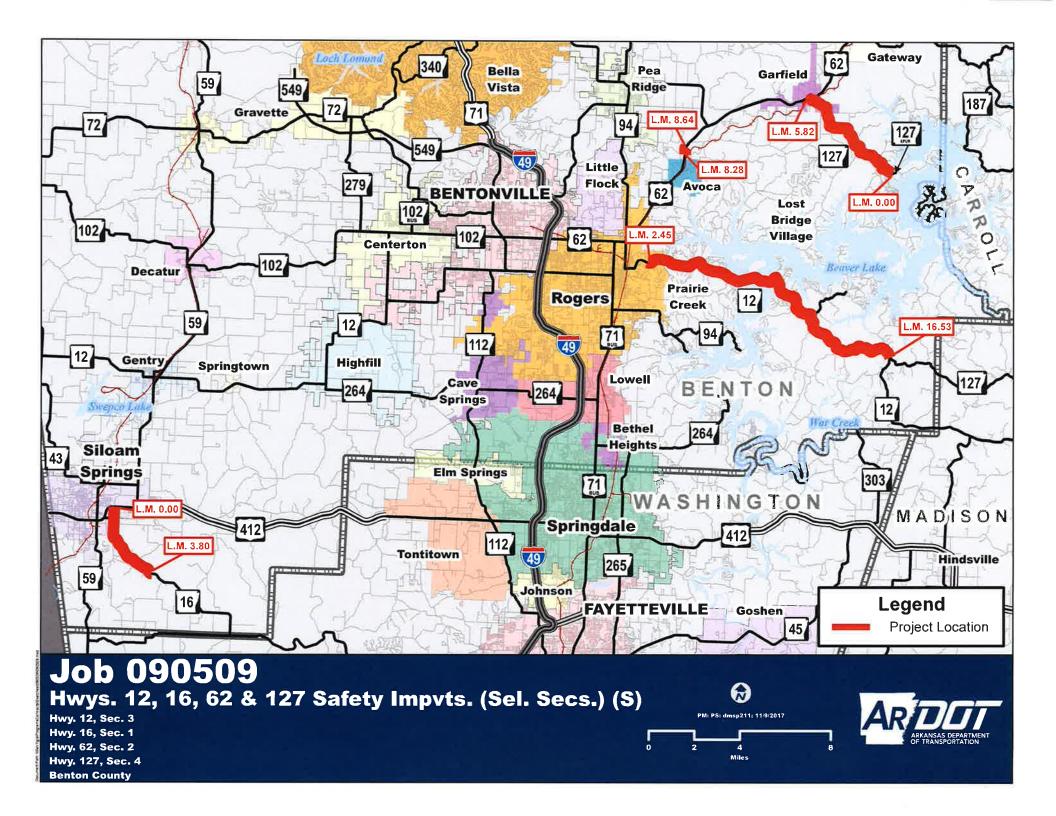
This project will remain a Tier 1 Categorical Exclusion as defined by the ARDOT/FHWA Memorandum of Agreement on the processing of Categorical Exclusions.

Attachments:

Project Location Map SHPO Clearance Environmental Checklist

JF:SL:fc

c: Program Management Right of Way Roadway Design District 9 FHWA





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INTEROFFICE MEMORANDUM

November 28, 2017

TO:

Job File

FROM:

Richard Jenkins, Cultural Resources Specialist

SUBJECT: Archeological Clearance

Job Number 090509

Hwy's. 12, 16, 62 & 127 Safety Impvts. (Sel. Secs.) (S)

Benton County

The Arkansas Department of Transportation proposes to treat existing roadway surfaces with high friction surface treatment (HFST) and ultra-thin bonded wearing course (UTBWC), which are proven safety countermeasures to reduce roadway departure crashes due to wet pavement. No new right-ofway will be acquired.

An examination of the Arkansas Archeological Survey's (AAS) records was conducted for previously recorded archeological sites and identified site 3BE646 within the project area. This site was evaluated as part of AHTD Job Number 090065, Hwy. 62 Widening Avoca to Gateway, and the portion of 3BE646 within the ROW was found to be ineligible to the NRHP. A records evaluation at the Department of Arkansas Heritage (AHPP) for historic properties or National Register listed or eligible structures was negative. The General Land Office map showed no cultural improvements. The 1936 Benton County Highway map shows numerous structures near this project.

The proposed road improvements will occur on existing road surfaces. 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.

ARDOT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACTS ASSESSMENT FORM

Environmental Impacts	None	Minor	Significant	Comments
Air Quality	Х			
Construction Impacts	Х			
Cultural Resources		Х		During construction
Economic	Х			3
Endangered Species	Х			
Energy Resources	Х	11		
Environmental Justice/Title VI	Х			
Fish and Wildlife	Х		1	
Floodplains	Х			
Forest Service Property	Х	T 1		
Hazardous Materials/Landfills	Х			
Land Use Impacts	Х			
Migratory Birds	Х			
Navigation/Coast Guard	X			
Noise Levels	Х			
Prime Farmland	X			
Protected Waters	X			
Public Recreation Lands	Х			
Public Water Supply/WHPA	Х			Water Pollution Control SP
Relocatees	Х			
Section 4(f)/6(f)	X			
Social	Χ			
Underground Storage Tanks	Χ			
Visual Impacts	X			
Stream Impacts	Χ			
Water Quality	Х			
Wetlands	Х			
Wildlife Refuges	Х			