



INTEROFFICE MEMORANDUM

May 6, 2020

TO: Master Files

FROM: John Fleming, Division Head, Environmental Division 

SUBJECT: Job Number 080579
FAP Number NHPP-40-3(138)
Atkins – Plumerville (S)
Route I-40, Section 22 & 31
Conway & Pope Counties
Tier 1 Categorical Exclusion

The purpose of this project is to preserve and rehabilitate 19.3 miles of Interstate 40 between Atkins and Plumerville. The project will include mill and overlay of the main lanes and frontage roads, along with guardrail and barrier wall upgrades. No repair or preservation work to the bridges is currently planned. All work will take place within 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. 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. The Cultural Resources clearance is attached.

The 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.

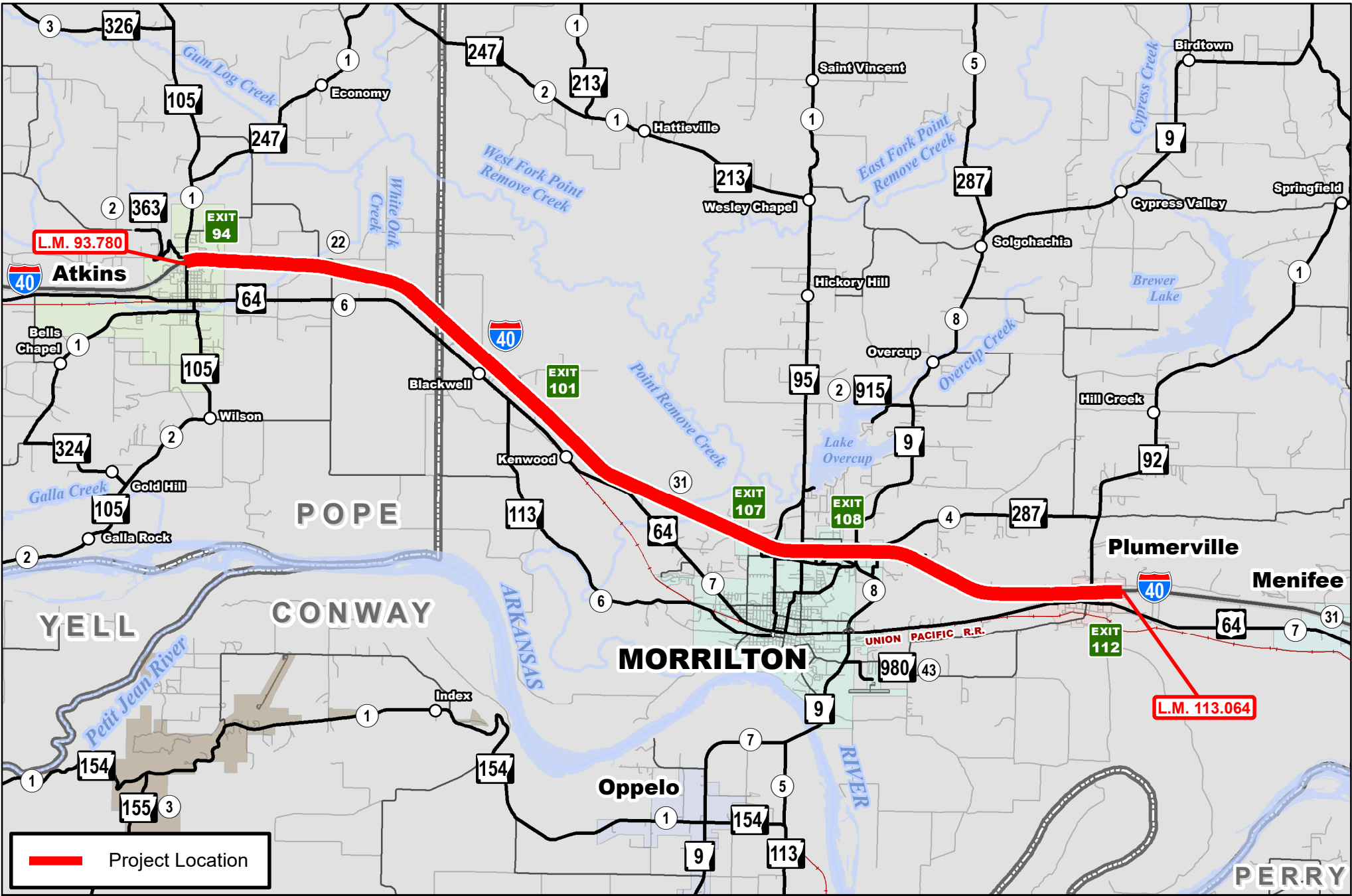
After appropriate environmental review, it has been determined that the subject job is a Tier 1 Categorical Exclusion as described by the ARDOT/FHWA Programmatic Agreement on Categorical Exclusion Documentation and Processing. A public hearing will not be offered for this project.

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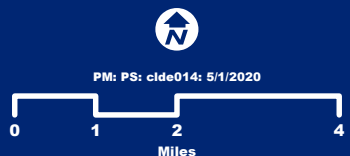
Attachments:

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

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INTEROFFICE MEMORANDUM

May 4, 2020

TO: Job File

FROM: Jason Kennedy, Cultural Resources Section, Environmental Division

SUBJECT: Updated Cultural Resources Clearance
Job Number 080579
Atkins – Plumerville (S)
Route I-40, Sections 22 & 31
Conway and Pope Counties

This job proposes to conduct pavement preservation on an existing 19.3 miles of road surface on Interstate 40 from Exit 94 East of Atkins in Pope County to past the Exit 112 east of Plumerville in Conway County. A records check of the Arkansas Archeological Survey and Arkansas Historic Preservation Program's databases shows no sites or structures in or near the right-of-way (ROW). No cultural indicators were found on the 1939, 1840, and 1955 General Land Office plat maps in or near the project. The 1936 Conway and Pope County road maps show several structures along the route. Ten bridges (X0152, X0134, X0135, X0136, A3997, B3997, A5032, B5032, A5033, and B5033) will be included within this project area.

The ten bridges were built between 1967 and 1969; however, they were not evaluated for eligibility to the National Register of Historic Places due to the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation's Section 106 exemption regarding effects to the Interstate Highway System (filed on the Federal Register as 69 FR 77979-77981 and authority of 16 U.S.C. 470v; 36 CFR 800.14(c) on March 7, 2005).

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.

**ARDOT ENVIRONMENTAL VERIFICATION CHECKLIST
FOR CONSIDERATION OF POTENTIAL IMPACTS**

ARDOT Job Number 080579 FAP Number NHPP-40-3(138)
Job Title Atkins – Plumerville (S)

| Environmental Resource | None | Minimal | Major | Comments-required for each item |
|--------------------------------|------|---------|-------|--|
| Air Quality | X | | | No air quality/MSAT impacts |
| Cultural Resources | X | | | CR clearance memo attached |
| Economic | X | | | No adverse impacts |
| Endangered Species | X | | | No effect determination |
| Environmental Justice/Title VI | X | | | No impacts anticipated |
| Fish and Wildlife | X | | | No impacts due to scope of project |
| Floodplains | X | | | None impacted by project |
| Forest Service Property | X | | | None in project area |
| Hazardous Materials/Landfills | X | | | No sites in project area |
| Land Use | X | | | Will not be impacted by project |
| 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 | | | None impacted by project |
| Protected Waters | X | | | No impacts anticipated |
| Public Recreation Lands | X | | | None in project area |
| Public Water Supply/WHPA | X | | | No impacts anticipated |
| Relocates | X | | | No relocations |
| Section 4(f)/6(f) | X | | | 4f/6f resources not present |
| Social | X | | | No impacts to the social environment |
| Underground Storage Tanks | X | | | No USTs in project area |
| Visual | X | | | No changes to visual environment |
| Streams | X | | | No impacts due to the scope of the project |
| Water Quality | X | | | No impacts due to the scope of the project |
| Wetlands | X | | | None in the project area |
| Wildlife Refuges | X | | | None in the project area |

Section 401 Water Quality Certification Required? No
 Short-term Activity Authorization Required? No
 Section 404 Permit Required? No Type N/A

Remarks: _____

Signature of Evaluator  Date 5/5/2020