

Programmatic Categorical Exclusion

Reevaluation

State Route (SR) 87

Bridge over Overflow, Log Mile (LM) 3.88

Lauderdale County

128113.05

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Project Information

General Information

Route: State Route (SR) 87
Termini: Bridge over Overflow, Log Mile (LM) 3.88
County: Lauderdale
PIN: 128113.05
Plans: Preliminary Bridge Replacement
Date of Plans: 06/12/2019

Project Funding

Planning Area: West Tennessee Rural Planning Organization (RPO)
STIP/TIP: 1799001 - Surface Transportation Block Grant Program (STBGP) Grouping

Funding Source	Preliminary Engineering	Right-of-Way	Construction
Federal	BR-STP-87(9)	BR-STP-87(9)	BR-STP-87(9)
State	49006-1241-94	49006-2241-94	49006-3241-94

Project Location

**State Route (SR) 87
S.R. Bridge Replacement over Overflow at L.M. 3.88
Lauderdale County
PIN 128113.05**



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Reevaluation Information

Reason for Reevaluation

- It has been more than three years since approval of the previous environmental documentation.
- Changes to applicable laws, regulations, and procedures.
- Changes to the project design or scope of work.
- Changes to the project location or existing conditions.
- Record of continuing project development and activity.

Previous Documentation

Document Type	Approval Date	Type of Plans	Date of Plans
Programmatic Categorical Exclusion	08/20/2018	Transportation Investment Report	04/02/2018
Notice of Activity	10/11/2018	Not Applicable	Not Applicable

Reevaluation Emphasis

Is this reevaluation focusing on a specific portion of the original project?

No

Project Overview

Introduction

The Tennessee Department of Transportation (TDOT), in cooperation with the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), proposes to replace the SR-87 bridge crossing an overflow of the Hatchie River in Lauderdale County, Tennessee.

Background

A Programmatic Categorical Exclusion (PCE) was approved on August 20, 2018 for the proposed project under PIN 124637.00. A Notice of Activity (NOA) was approved on October 11, 2018 to document the change in the project PIN from 124637.00 to 128113.05. Preliminary Design-Build Bridge Plans, dated June 12, 2019, demonstrate an increase of approximately 1.251 acres of Right-of-Way (ROW) acquisition and permanent drainage easements as well as a change to the typical section. Through coordination with the FHWA Tennessee Division Office, it was determined that the increase in ROW acquisition would not require a change in document level. The previously approved PCE and NOA are located in the Technical Appendices.

Existing Conditions

Have there been any changes to the existing conditions?

No

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Project Development

Purpose

Have there been any changes to the goals and purpose of the project?

No

Need

Have there been any changes to the conditions or issues the project is intending to address?

No

Range of Alternatives

Have any new build design alternatives been developed for this project?

No

Public Involvement

Has there been any public involvement since the approval of the previous documentation?

No

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Project Design

Existing Layout

Have there been any changes to the existing layout?

No

Proposed Layout

Have there been any changes to the proposed layout?

No

Typical Section

Have there been any changes to the typical section?

Yes

The typical section described in the PCE approved on August 20, 2018, consisted of two 11-foot lanes with three-foot shoulders. The Preliminary Plans dated June 12, 2019, provide a typical section consisting of two 11-foot lanes (one in either direction) and four-foot shoulders (see Figure 1).

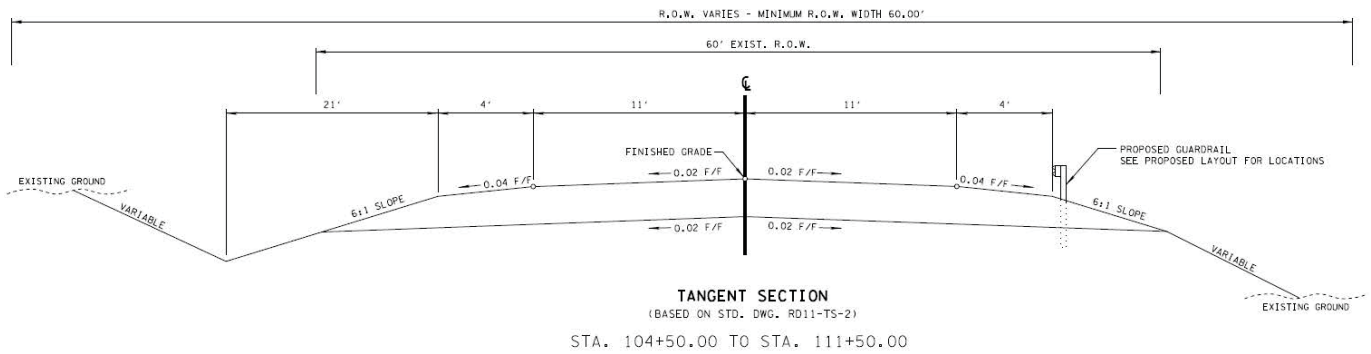


Figure 1: Tangent Section, Preliminary Plans dated June 12, 2019.

Scope of Work

Have there been any changes to the scope of work?

No

Right-of-Way

Have there been changes to the amount of right-of-way or easements required for the project?

Yes

	Right-of-Way (ROW) Acquisition Table				
	Permanent		Temporary		
	ROW Acquisition	Drainage Easements	Slope Easements	Construction Easements	Total
Previous:	0.140	0.000	0	0	0.140
Current:	1.323	0.068	0	0	1.391

*Totals are calculated in acreage

Relocations and Displacements

Have there been any changes to the amount of displacements and relocations?

No

Access Control

Have there been any changes that impact access to adjacent parcels?

No

Traffic Control

Have there been any changes to traffic control measures, detours or closures?

Yes

As documented in the approved PCE, one lane of traffic will be maintained during construction with a traffic signal. Based on coordination with the TDOT Design Build Team since the approval of the PCE, a closure will not be allowed for this project.

Environmental Studies

Does the project require any additional environmental studies at this time?

Yes

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Environmental Studies

Water Resources

Have there been any changes that impact any streams, wetlands, or rivers in the project area?

No

Navigable Waterways

Have there been any changes that impact a navigable waterway?

No

Protected Species

Have there been any changes that affect protected species?

Yes

Correspondence with TDOT's Ecology Section dated July 24, 2019, located in the Technical Appendices, states, "According to the plans dated 6/12/2019, the environmental features for the project remain valid. However, the project commitment concerning federally endangered and threatened bat species has been removed due to distance from known hibernacula and habitat."

Is the Memorandum of Agreement between TDOT and USFWS applicable to this project?

No

Rare Species Dataviewer:

The TDEC Rare Species Dataviewer was reviewed on 06/18/2019.

No species were found within a one mile radius of the project area and 13 species were found within a one-to-four mile radius of the project area. The results remain consistent with those listed in the PCE approved on August 20, 2018.

U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS):

Coordination with the USFWS was completed on 07/16/2019.

Correspondence with USFWS states, "Upon review of available information, we concur with TDOT's determinations of "not likely to adversely affect" for the Indiana bat and [Northern Long-Eared Bat] NLEB. We would not anticipate impacts to these or any other federally listed or proposed species as a result of the project. Therefore, based on the best information available at this time, we believe that the requirements of section 7 of the Endangered Species Act (ACT) of 1973, as amended, are fulfilled for all species that currently receive protection under the Act."

Tennessee Wildlife Resource Agency (TWRA):

Coordination with TWRA was completed on 07/18/2019.

Correspondence with TWRA states, "The Tennessee Wildlife Resource Agency has reviewed the new information regarding the PIN 124637.00 changed to a new PIN 128113.05 and the scope of the work has not changed, therefore our previous comments are still valid on this proposed project."

Floodplain Management

Have there been any changes to the floodplain location or potential floodplain impacts?

No

Air Quality

Have there been any changes that impact the previous air quality determinations?

No

Noise

Have there been any changes that impact the noise type or require additional noise studies?

No

Farmland

Have there been any changes that affect farmland?

No

Section 4(f)

Have there been changes that involve property protected by Section 4(f) (49 USC 303)?

No

The Lower Hatchie River National Wildlife Refuge lies in the vicinity of the proposed project, but no ROW acquisition or easements are needed from the resource boundary for project implementation. A boundary location map is located in the Technical Appendices.

Section 6(f)

Have there been changes that involve property purchased with assistance from the L&WCF?

No

Cultural Resources

Have there been any changes that affect cultural resources?

No

Native American Consultation

Have there been any changes that require Native American consultation?

Yes

Coordination with the Cultural Resources Section dated August 27, 2019, states, "NAC [Native American Consultation] was sent to the Absentee Shawnee and the Thlopthlocco Tribal Town on July 16, 2019 to bring NAC up to date. Neither tribe responded." NAC coordination is located in the Technical Appendices.

Native American Consultation					
Sent	Response		Sent	Response	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Absentee Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Muscogee (Creek) Nation
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Cherokee Nation	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Poarch Band of Creek Indians
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<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Kialegee Tribal Town	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Other

Environmental Justice

Have there been any changes that impact low-income or minority populations?

No

Hazardous Materials

Have there been any changes that affect hazardous material sites?

No

Environmental Commitments

Have there been any changes to the environmental commitments?

Yes

Ecology commitment EDEC001 was included in the PCE approved on August 20, 2018. This commitment has been removed through additional coordination with USFWS on July 16, 2019 (see USFWS coordination letter in Technical Appendices).

Additional Environmental Issues

Are there any additional environmental concerns involved with this project?

Yes

Additional Environmental Studies									
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Multimodal	<input type="checkbox"/>	Geotechnical	<input type="checkbox"/>	Visual Impacts	<input type="checkbox"/>	Indirect and Cumulative Impacts	<input type="checkbox"/>	Other

Multimodal Transportation

Correspondence dated June 19, 2019, with TDOT's Multimodal Transportation Resources Division, located in the Technical Appendices, states, "This project accommodates bicyclists with 4' shoulders in a rural area."

Previous correspondence dated April 17, 2018, stated, "This project is exempt from multimodal accommodations. As a bridge replacement project on a facility with no existing accommodations, there is a demonstrated absence of prudence."

Conclusion

Determination

Does the original document designation remain valid for this project?

Yes

Designation: Programmatic Categorical Exclusion

This federal-aid highway project qualifies for a Categorical Exclusion under 23 C.F.R 771.117(d) and does not exceed the thresholds listed in Section IV(A)(1)(b) of the 2015 Programmatic Agreement between the Federal Highway Administration, Tennessee Division and the Tennessee Department of Transportation. The Department has determined that the specific conditions and criteria for these CE's are satisfied and that significant environmental impacts will not result from this action. This project is therefore designated as a Programmatic Categorical Exclusion and does not require Administration approval.

Supporting Material

All source material and supporting information is included in the attachments and technical appendices. The attachments are located at the end of the environmental document and include information on funding, agency coordination, and memoranda. The technical appendices are compiled as a separate document and include the project plans, technical study reports and other information.

Certification

By signing below, you certify that this document has been prepared in compliance with all applicable environmental laws, regulations and procedures. You can attest to the document's quality, accuracy, and completeness, and that all source material has been verified, compiled and included in the attachments and technical appendices.

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Acronyms

AADT	Annual Average Daily Traffic	NRCS	Natural Resource Conservation Service
ADA	American Disabilities Act	NRHP	National Register of Historic Places
APE	Area of Potential Effect	PCE	Programmatic Categorical Exclusion
BMP	Best Management Practice	PIN	Project Identification Number
CAA	Clean Air Act	PM	Particulate Matter
CE	Categorical Exclusion	PND	Pond
CEQ	Council of Environmental Quality	RCRA	Resource Conservation and Recovery Act
CFR	Code of Federal Regulations	ROW	Right-of-Way
CMAQ	Congestion Management and Air Quality	ROD	Record of Decision
DEIS	Draft Environmental Impact Statement	RPO	Rural Planning Organization
FEMA	Federal Emergency Management Act	SIP	State Implementation Plan
FONSI	Findings of No Significant Impact	SNK	Sinkhole
EA	Environmental Assessment	SR	State Route
EIS	Environmental Impact Statement	STIP	State Transportation Improvement Plan
EJ	Environmental Justice	STR	Stream
EPA	Environmental Protection Agency	TDEC	T.N. Department of Environment and Conservation
EPH	Ephemeral Stream	TDOT	Tennessee Department of Transportation
FHWA	Federal Highway Administration	TIP	Transportation Improvement Program
FIRM	Flood Insurance Rate Map	SHPO	T.N. State Historic Preservation Office
FPPA	Farmland Protection Policy Act	TPO	Transportation Planning Organization
GHG	Greenhouse Gas	TVA	Tennessee Valley Authority
GIS	Geographic Information System	TWRA	Tennessee Wildlife Resource Agency
IAC	Interagency Consultation	USDOT	U.S. Department of Transportation
LWCF	Land and Water Conservation Fund	USACE	U.S. Army Corps of Engineers
LOS	Level of Service	USFWS	U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service
MOA	Memorandum of Agreement	UST	Underground Storage Tank
MOU	Memorandum of Understanding	VMT	Vehicle Miles Travelled
MPO	Metropolitan Planning Organization	VPD	Vehicles Per Day
MSAT	Mobile Source Air Toxicity	WWC	Wet Weather Conveyance
NEPA	National Environmental Policy Act		