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Appendix B

Solicitation of Views and Responses

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June 17, 2013

STATE PROJECT NO. H.001779
FEDERAL AID PROJECT NO. STP-0800(507)
RED RIVER BRIDGE AT JIMMIE DAVIS HIGHWAY
ROUTE: LA 511
CADDO AND BOSSIER PARISHES

SUBJECT: Solicitation of Views

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It is requested that you review the attached information and furnish us with your views and comments by July 17, 2013. Replies should be addressed to Louis Costa at AECOM, 1555 Poydras Street, Suite 1860, New Orleans, Louisiana 70112. Please reference the captioned project in your reply.

Sincerely,
AECOM

Louis Costa
Project Manager

Attachments

PRELIMINARY PROJECT DATA

DOTD has proposed to upgrade a portion of Jimmie Davis Highway (LA 511) to improve the crossing of the Red River. The project area extends from East Dixie Meadow Road in Caddo Parish to Barksdale Boulevard (US 71) in Bossier Parish. A vicinity map is enclosed.

Existing Conditions:

The existing bridge has two 12 foot lanes with no safety shoulders. The approach on the west is a 5-lane roadway with four 12-foot lanes, a 14-foot center lane, and 8-foot shoulders. The approach on the east is a 5-lane roadway with four 11-foot lanes, a 14-foot center lane, and 8-foot shoulders.

Land use along the corridor includes primarily suburban residential areas of Caddo and Bossier Parishes. Other uses include the Centurytel Center, Cornerstone Hospital, Colonial Oaks Guest Care Center, the Arthur Ray Teague Parkway, the Clyde Fant Parkway, and scattered commercial uses along LA 511, especially near the intersection of Barksdale Boulevard (US 71).

Project Objectives:

Within the project limits, average daily traffic (ADT) on LA 511 in 2009 was 27,679 vehicles per day and has been projected to increase to 35,558 vehicles per day in 2030. The bridge was constructed in 1968 for ADT of 13,500 vehicles per day. A traffic model will be developed as part of the project planning, which will project future traffic in Year 2016 and Year 2036. This model will be utilized to document the future need for the improvements and to define capacity requirements for the project. Other project objectives include:

- Providing a shared use trail for pedestrian and bicycle crossings of the Red River;
- Maintaining access to abutting properties; and
- Avoidance and/or minimization of adverse environmental and community impacts.

Proposed Action:

The proposed action by the DOTD will involve developing a crossing of the Red River at LA 511 that provides two 12-foot travel lanes in each direction with 4-foot inside shoulders and 8-foot outside shoulders and a shared use trail that connects the existing trails in Arthur Ray Teague Parkway and Clyde Fant Parkway.

Alternatives include:

- The construction of a new crossing for traffic in both directions and for the shared use trail, and
- The use of the existing bridge for eastbound traffic with a new crossing for westbound traffic and the shared trail.

In addition to the study of new alignments, alternatives include utilization of the existing right-of-way to the maximum extent practicable.

Depending on the selected alignment and roadway typical section, additional right-of-way may be required at potential interchange locations and for construction of the shared use trail. Associated relocations may be required in conjunction with right-of-way requirements. Wetlands may be impacted.

Schedule:

Commensurate with the development of Line and Grade studies, an Environmental Assessment (EA) will be prepared for the project. EA documentation will be consistent with the Federal Highway Administration's Environmental Impact and Related Procedures (23 CFR Part 771). Delivery of the Draft EA is anticipated in early 2014.



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CITY ENGINEER

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June 20, 2013

Mr. Louis Costa
AECOM
1555 Poydras Street, Suite 1860
New Orleans, LA 70112

Subject: State Project No. H.001779
Federal Aid Project No. ST0800(507)
Red River Bridge at Jimmie Davis Highway
Route: LA511
Caddo and Bossier Parishes

Dear Mr. Costa:

Bossier City sees no possible adverse economic, social, or environmental effects or concerns with this project.

Sincerely,

Mark B. Hudson, P.E.
City Engineer



DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY

VICKSBURG DISTRICT, CORPS OF ENGINEERS
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VICKSBURG, MISSISSIPPI 39183-3435

REPLY TO
ATTENTION OF:

June 28, 2013

Regional Planning and
Environment Division South

Mr. Louis Costa
AECOM
1555 Poydras Street
Suite 1860
New Orleans, Louisiana 70112

Dear Mr. Costa:

I refer to your letter of June 17, 2013, regarding the Red River Bridge at Jimmie Davis Highway in Caddo and Bossier Parishes, Louisiana (State Project No. H. 001779). The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Vicksburg District, has no ongoing or proposed activities in the project area.

If your proposed work involves the discharge of dredged or fill material into wetlands or any other waters of the United States, you may need a Department of the Army permit prior to construction. For further information, please visit our website at <http://www.mvk.usace.army.mil/offices/od/odf> or contact Mr. Mike Miller (telephone (601) 631-5499).

I trust this information meets your needs. If you have any further questions, please contact Mr. Dan Moore of this office (telephone (601) 631-5008).

Sincerely,

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Patricia R. Hemphill, P.E.
Assistant Chief, Programs
and Project Management Division

June 17, 2013

STATE PROJECT NO. H.001779
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Sincerely,
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Louis Costa
Project Manager

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This project has been reviewed for effects to Federal trust resources under our jurisdiction and currently protected by the Endangered Species Act of 1973 (Act). The project, as proposed,
() Will have no effect on those resources
(X) Is not likely to adversely affect those resources. PS
This finding fulfills the requirements under Section 7(a)(2) of the Act.

Date June 24, 2013
Acting Supervisor
Louisiana Field Office
U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service

SITE MAY CONTAIN WETLANDS
Contact the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers
for a jurisdictional determination.

District: Vicksburg
Telephone No. 601-631-5289



United States Department of the Interior

FISH AND WILDLIFE SERVICE

646 Cajundome Blvd.

Suite 400

Lafayette, Louisiana 70506

August 13, 2012

To Whom It May Concern,

The Louisiana Ecological Services Office of the Fish and Wildlife Service is pleased to announce the activation of our new online pre-development self-assessment tool. This new tool will allow project proponents the ability to self-assess their projects for potential impacts to federally listed threatened and endangered species. This online tool will provide instant feedback on whether a project does, or does not, have a potential to affect federally listed species. We believe that you will find this online tool helpful in meeting your environmental clearance needs.

In order to access this online tool, you will need to go to the following website address: <http://www.fws.gov/lafayette>. The environmental clearance application can be accessed by clicking on the yellow button entitled "Endangered Species Act (ESA) and Migratory Birds Treaty Act (MBTA) Project Review". This tool will query certain aspects about your proposed project so that you, acting as the representative for the Federal Action Agency, can render a decision on whether the project will result in a "No Effect" determination under the ESA or whether you will need to consult further with our office. If you determine through this process that the project has no effect on federally listed species, no further coordination with this office is required, and you will be given the option to generate an official pre-development document that records your "No Effect" determination. We recommend that you generate a report for your records. Although it is not required, you may also submit this report to our office. Providing our office with the report will allow us to document the ESA coordination should further inquiries ensue.

In addition to providing guidance on ESA coordination, the self-assessment tool provides MBTA guidance for cell tower projects. Because of the ephemeral nature of colonial nesting wading birds and shorebirds, we are not able to provide online clearance on those taxa. However, our website does provide suggested buffer distances should nesting colonies be encountered in the vicinity of the project area. A link is also provided to offer additional instructions in determining disturbance to nesting bald eagles. That information is found on our webpage under Migratory Birds or through the environmental clearance application.

We hope that you find this new online guidance helpful with your project planning and permitting needs. If you have any questions or comments regarding our website features, please contact Ms. Amy Trahan of this office at 337-291-3126.

Sincerely,

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Jeffrey D. Weller

Supervisor

Louisiana Ecological Services Office

**Louisiana Ecological Services Office****ESA Technical Assistance Form**General Information**Name:** Neel-Schaffer, Inc.**Point of Contact:** Barry Brupbacher**Address:** 3 Sanctuary Blvd, Suite 101**City:** Mandeville**State:** Louisiana**Zip Code:** 70471**Phone Number 1:** 985.674.9820**Phone Number 2:** _____**Email Address:** barry.brupbacher@neel-schaffer.comProposed Project Information**Project Reference ID:** 3695**Project Latitude:** 32° 27' 32.164" North **Project Longitude:** 93° 40' 44.645" West**Project Parish(es):** Bossier, Caddo**Project Description:** Jimmie Davis Bridge

Based on the information provided, the proposed project is not an activity that would affect a federally listed threatened or endangered species; nor is there proposed or designated critical habitat present within this Parish.

Therefore, a "no effect" conclusion is appropriate. No further ESA coordination with the Service is necessary for the proposed action, unless there are changes in the scope or location of the proposed project or the project has not been initiated one year from the date of this letter.

If the proposed project has not been initiated within one year, follow-up coordination via this website should be accomplished prior to making expenditures because our threatened and endangered species information is updated annually. If the scope or location of the proposed project is changed, coordination via this website should occur as soon as such changes are made.

This finding completes project review by the Service for effects to Federal trust resources under our jurisdiction and currently protected by the ESA.

Please keep a copy of this pre-development coordination for your records. Do not send it to the Lafayette ES Office.

If you have additional questions, please contact Louisiana ES Office Biological Science Technician at 337/291-3100 for further assistance.



Louisiana Ecological Services Office

ESA Technical Assistance Form

Project Type: Other

Does the project propose to obtain, remodel, refurbish, or rehabilitate existing structures in such a way that does not significantly alter the present capacity or use, and does not alter surrounding land areas that were previously undisturbed? **No**

Does the project propose to reconstruct, resurface, or enhance infrastructure and/or cityscape (e.g. streets, sewers, sidewalks, etc.) within the current footprint of the infrastructure and in a manner that does not disturb previously undisturbed ground? **No**

Is the construction project located entirely within the footprint of an established urban/suburban area (incorporated villages, towns, or cities)? **No**

Does the project propose to do general construction or clearing in an area that has been previously undisturbed or would it occur within or adjacent to the Amite River, Bayou Bartholomew, or a stream in Grant or Rapides Parishes? **No**

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16591.1/222.5 RED
July 1, 2013

Ms. Traci Johnson
State of Louisiana
Department of Transportation and Development
PO Box 94245
Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70804-9245

Subj: LA 511 HIGHWAY BRIDGE, MILE 222.5, RED RIVER, STATE PROJECT NO.
H.001779, FEDERAL AID PROJECT NO. STP-00800(507)

Dear Ms. Johnson:

This is in reply to a letter of June 21st, 2013, concerning the proposed bridge project at Mile 222.5, Red River.

The General Bridge Act of 1946 requires that the location and plans for bridges over navigable waters of the United States be approved by the Commandant, U.S. Coast Guard prior to commencing construction. The Red River is considered to be a navigable waterway of the United States for bridge administration purposes at the bridge site.

Applications for bridge permits should be addressed to Commander (dwb), Eighth Coast Guard District, 1222 Spruce Street, St. Louis, Missouri 63103-2832, Attention: Bridge Branch. The application must be supported by sufficient information to permit a thorough assessment of the impact of the bridge and its immediate approaches on the environment. We recommend that the impacts of procedures for constructing cofferdams, sand islands, and falsework bents, etc., that will be employed to build the bridge and demolish the old bridge be discussed. The Environmental Assessment (EA) should also contain data on the number, size and types of vessels currently using the waterway. This information should be compared with past and projected future trends on the use of the waterway.

We agree to serve as a Cooperating Agency for the project from a navigation standpoint. We should be given the opportunity to review the EA and be consulted before a decision is made to prepare a FONSI in lieu of an EIS. Our review and recommendations on the vertical and horizontal clearance requirements for river traffic will be coordinated with the Louisiana Department of Transportation Bridge and Structure Division office.

Please refer to the application package found at our website located at www.uscg.mil/d8/westerriversbridges for forms and direction on completing the application.

Subj: LA 511 HIGHWAY BRIDGE, MILE 222.5, RED RIVER,
STATE PROJECT NO. H.001779, FEDERAL AID
PROJECT NO. STP-00800(507)

16591.2/222.5 RED
July 1, 2013

We appreciate the opportunity to comment on the project in this early stage. You can contact Rob McCaskey at the above telephone number if you have questions regarding our comments or requirements.

Sincerely,



ERIC A. WASHBURN
Bridge Administrator, Western Rivers
By direction of the District Commander



JAY DARDENNE
LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR

State of Louisiana
OFFICE OF THE LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR
DEPARTMENT OF CULTURE, RECREATION & TOURISM
OFFICE OF CULTURAL DEVELOPMENT

CHARLES R. DAVIS
DEPUTY SECRETARY

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ASSISTANT SECRETARY

July 1, 2013

Louis Costa
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1555 Poydras Street, Suite 1860
New Orleans, LA 70112

Re: Section 106 Review
Request for Additional Information
State Project No. H.001779
Red River Bridge at Jimmie Davis Highway
Route LA 511
Caddo and Bossier Parishes, LA

Dear Mr. Costa:

Thank you for your letter of June 17, 2013, concerning the above-referenced undertaking. The above-referenced bridge is potentially eligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places. As such, we will need the following information to complete our review for the aforementioned project:

- Name of federal agency, agency involvement (Funding, license\permit, etc. and description of the undertaking (Detailed description of project).
- Applicant contact information (Name, address, phone number and email address).
- Agency contact information (Name, address, phone number and email address).
- Description of the Area of Potential Effects (APE). The APE can be direct or indirect. It is defined as "the geographic area or areas within which an undertaking may cause changes in the character or use of historic properties, if any such properties exist." (Include the latitude\longitude of the undertaking location and APE)
- Description of all historic properties within and adjacent to the APE. The historic standing structure is any structure fifty years of age and older. **Under Section 106, it is the responsibility of the federal agency or its designee to identify all structures listed or eligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places.**
- Detailed project scope of work including design plans.
- Map and site plan showing APE and exact location of project undertaking.
- Photographs of the entire APE and project location. Photographs of all historic (fifty years of age and older) within the APE. Buildings should be documented showing diagonal views of front and side and rear and opposite side of the building. All photos should be keyed to a site map and project plans if applicable.

Louis Costa
July 1, 2013
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If you have any questions, please contact Mike Varnado in the Division of Historic Preservation at (225) 219-4596 or mvarnado@crt.la.gov.

Sincerely,

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Pam Breaux
State Historic Preservation Officer

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DISTRICT 37



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STATE OF LOUISIANA

June 24, 2013

Louis Costa
AECOM Project Manager
1555 Poydras St.
Suite 1860
New Orleans, LA 70112

Dear Mr. Costa,

South Bossier City and Southeast Shreveport are rapidly growing areas for businesses and residences and need roads to facilitate this development more efficiently and safely. I see no adverse economic, social or environmental concerns in State Project No. H.001779/Federal Aid Project No. STP-0800(507) for the upgrading of the Jimmie Davis Bridge (LA 511) across the Red River in Shreveport-Bossier City.

The capacity on this bridge must be expanded to meet local traffic, ideally becoming four lanes. I observe the need for this bridge to be expanded to four lanes daily on my commute from my office to my home. At peak times, traffic is backed up for two miles.

In addition, the bridge needs lights for safety. The darkness is a safety hazard and many constituents refuse to cross the bridge at night, especially the elderly. I have verbal agreement from the mayors of Shreveport and Bossier City to assume maintenance and operating costs of the lights once they are installed by DOTD.

The bridge is also in dire need of painting. It is embarrassing for our state not to maintain a bridge named in honor of Governor Jimmie Davis. While giving a speech to a civic group last week, they were concerned about the choice of an attractive, positive color for the bridge, but anything would be an improvement.

I have voiced my concerns about this project moving too slowly to Secretary Sherri LeBas. We need to expedite the rehabilitation, lighting and painting of this highly traveled highway. However, long-term planning should call for a four-lane bridge with room for pedestrians or bicyclists.

I appreciate your work on this critical project. Please keep me informed as to the status of this issue and let me know if you need any more information. The timing of this project must move faster. Thank you.

Sincerely,

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Barrow Peacock
Senate District 37

United States Department of Agriculture



Natural Resources Conservation Service
3737 Government Street
Alexandria, LA 71302

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September 5, 2013

Louis Costa
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New Orleans, Louisiana 70112

RE: Red River Bridge at Jimmie Davis Highway, Route LA 511
State Project No. H.001779; PO NO. 2-30933
T.A.P. NO. STP-0800(507)

Dear Mr. Costa:

I have reviewed the above referenced project for potential requirements of the Farmland Protection Policy Act (FPPA) and potential impact to Natural Resource Conservation Service projects in the immediate vicinity.

Projects are subject to FPPA requirements if they may irreversibly convert farmland (directly or indirectly) to nonagricultural use and are completed by a federal agency or with assistance from a federal agency. For the purpose of FPPA, farmland includes prime farmland, unique farmland, and land of statewide or local importance. Farmland subject to FPPA requirements can be forest land, pastureland, cropland, or other land, but not water or urban built-up land.

The project map submitted with your request indicates that the proposed construction areas will not impact prime farmland and therefore is exempt from the rules and regulations of the Farmland Protection Policy Act (FPPA)—Subtitle I of Title XV, Section 1539-1549. Furthermore, we do not predict impacts to NRCS work in the vicinity.

For specific information about the soils found in the project area, please visit our Web Soil Survey at the following location:

<http://websoilsurvey.nrcs.usda.gov/>

Please direct all future correspondence to me at the address shown above.

Respectfully,

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Sarah Haymaker
State Conservationist

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Natural Resources Conservation Service
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June 19, 2013

Louis Costa
AECOM
1555 Poydras Street, Suite 1860
New Orleans, LA 70112

RE: Red River Bridge at Jimmie Davis Highway – Caddo and Bossier Parishes

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Sarah Haymaker
State Conservationist



BOBBY JINDAL
GOVERNOR

State of Louisiana
DEPARTMENT OF WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES
OFFICE OF WILDLIFE

ROBERT J. BARHAM
SECRETARY
JIMMY L. ANTHONY
ASSISTANT SECRETARY

Date June 27, 2013

Name Louis Costa

Company AECOM

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City, State, Zip New Orleans, La 70112

Project State Project No. H.001779
Red River Bridge at Jimmie Davis Highway
LA 511

Project ID 2432013

Invoice Number 13062713

Personnel of the Habitat Section of the Coastal & Nongame Resources Division have reviewed the preliminary data for the captioned project. After careful review of our database, no impacts to rare, threatened, or endangered species or critical habitats are anticipated for the proposed project. No state or federal parks, wildlife refuges, scenic streams, or wildlife management areas are known at the specified site within Louisiana's boundaries.

The Louisiana Natural Heritage Program (LNHP) has compiled data on rare, endangered, or otherwise significant plant and animal species, plant communities, and other natural features throughout the state of Louisiana. Heritage reports summarize the existing information known at the time of the request regarding the location in question. The quantity and quality of data collected by the LNHP are dependent on the research and observations of many individuals. In most cases, this information is not the result of comprehensive or site-specific field surveys; many natural areas in Louisiana have not been surveyed. This report does not address the occurrence of wetlands at the site in question. Heritage reports should not be considered final statements on the biological elements or areas being considered, nor should they be substituted for on-site surveys required for environmental assessments. LNHP requires that this office be acknowledged in all reports as the source of all data provided here. If at any time Heritage tracked species are encountered within the project area, please contact the LNHP Data Manager at 225-765-2643. If you have any questions, or need additional information, please call 225-765-2357.

Sincerely,


Amity Bass, Coordinator
Natural Heritage Program



BOBBY JINDAL
GOVERNOR

State of Louisiana
DEPARTMENT OF WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES
OFFICE OF WILDLIFE

ROBERT J. BARHAM
SECRETARY
JIMMY L. ANTHONY
ASSISTANT SECRETARY

Date August 8, 2013

Name Louis Costa

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Project State Project No. H.001779
Red River Bridge at Jimmie Davis Highway
LA 511

Project ID 2432013

Invoice Number 13080802

This letter supersedes the letter dated June 27, 2013 from the Louisiana Natural Heritage Program.

Personnel of the Habitat Section of the Coastal & Nongame Resources Division have reviewed the preliminary data for the captioned project.

The LNHP database indicates the presence of Interior Least Tern in the project vicinity. The Interior Least Tern is listed as federally endangered under the Endangered Species Act and is listed as critically imperiled within the State of Louisiana with an S1B rank. Interior Least Terns breed along the northern Mississippi River and along the Red River with nesting beginning in late April and ending in August. Critical habitat includes dry, exposed sandbars and favorable river flow that support forage fish supply. The Interior Least Tern decline has been primarily due to extensive water management projects and increased use of beaches and sandbars. Work activities should occur outside of the breeding season and should minimize the impacts on Interior Least Tern habitat. If project activities occur during the nesting season or within tern habitat, applicant must contact LNHP ornithologist Michael Seymour at 225-763-3554 and Mike Sealy with the US Fish and Wildlife Service at 337-291-3123 to coordinate activities.

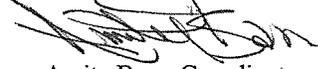
The pallid sturgeon (*Scaphirhynchus albus*) may occur in water bodies near your proposed project. The pallid sturgeon is listed as endangered under the Endangered Species Act (16 U.S.C. 1531-1544) and occur in the Mississippi and Atchafalaya rivers in southern Louisiana, and the Red River. This species requires large, turbid, free-flowing riverine habitat and is adapted to living close to the bottom of large rivers with sand and gravel bars. Pallid sturgeon typically spawn from May-August, but successful reproduction has been severely reduced due to habitat modification. This includes the loss of habitat through the construction of dams that have modified flows, reduced turbidity and lowered water temperatures. We advise you to take the necessary measures to avoid the breeding season and any degradation of water quality in the Mississippi, Atchafalaya and Red rivers. If you have any questions, please contact Beau Gregory at 337-491-2576.

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Sincerely,

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Amity Bass, Coordinator
Natural Heritage Program



BOBBY JINDAL
GOVERNOR

State of Louisiana
DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES
OFFICE OF CONSERVATION

STEPHEN CHUSTZ
SECRETARY
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July 11, 2013

TO: Mr. Louis Costa
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New Orleans, Louisiana 70112

RE: Solicitation of Views
State Project No. H.001779
Route: LA 511
Caddo and Bossier Parishes

Dear Mr. Costa:

In response to your letter dated June 17, 2013, concerning the referenced matter, please be advised that the Office of Conservation collects and maintains many types of information regarding oil and gas exploration, production, distribution, and other data relative to the petroleum industry as well as related and non-related injection well information, surface mining and ground water information and other natural resource related data. Most information concerning oil, gas and injection wells for any given area of the state, including the subject area of your letter can be obtained through records search via the SONRIS data access application available at:

<http://www.dnr.louisiana.gov>

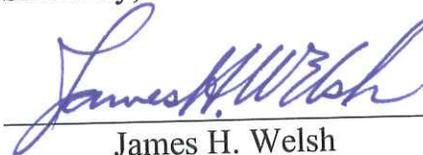
A review of our computer records for the referenced project area indicates that there are no oil and gas wells near the project area. However, our DNR water well database indicates that there are registered water wells in the vicinity of the project area. Unregistered water wells may also be located in the area.

The Office of Conservation maintains records of all activities within its jurisdiction in paper, microfilm or electronic format. These records may be accessed during normal business hours, Monday through Friday, except on State holidays or emergencies that require the Office to be closed. Please call 225-342-5540 for specific contact information or for directions to the Office of Conservation, located in the LaSalle Building, 617 North Third Street, Baton Rouge, Louisiana. For pipelines and other underground hazards, please contact Louisiana One Call at 1-800-272-3020 prior to commencing operations. Should you need to direct your inquiry to any of our Divisions, you may use the following contact information:

<u>Division</u>	<u>Contact</u>	<u>Phone No.</u>	<u>E-mail Address</u>
Engineering	Jeff Wells	225-342-5638	jeff.wells@la.gov
Pipeline	Steven Giambrone	225-342-2989	steven.giambrone@la.gov
Injection & Mining	Angela Howard	225-342-7198	angela.howard@la.gov
Geological	Mike Kline	225-342-3335	mike.kline@la.gov
Environmental	Gary Snellgrove	225-342-7222	gary.snellgrove@la.gov

If you have difficulty in accessing the data via the referenced website because of computer related issues, you may obtain assistance from our technical support section by selecting Help on the SONRIS tool bar and submitting an email describing your problems and including a telephone number where you may be reached.

Sincerely,



James H. Welsh

Commissioner of Conservation

JHW:MSK



State of Louisiana
Department of Health and Hospitals
Office of Public Health

July 10, 2013

Louis Costa
AECOM
1555 Poydras Street, Suite 1860
New Orleans, Louisiana 70112

Re: Solicitation of Views;
State Project Number H.001779;
Federal Aid Project No. STP-0800 (507);
Red River Bridge at Jimmie Davis Highway; Route: LA 511
Caddo and Bossier Parishes, Louisiana

This office is in receipt of a Solicitation of Views regarding the above referenced project(s).

Based upon the information received from your office we have no objection to the referenced project(s) at this time. The applicant shall be aware of and comply with any and all applicable Louisiana State Sanitary Code regulations (LAC 51, as applicable). Furthermore, should additional project data become available to this office that in any way amend the information upon which this office's response has been based, we reserve the right of additional comments on the referenced project(s).

In the event of any future discovery of evidence of non-compliance with the Louisiana Administrative Code Title 51 (Public Health-Sanitary Code) and the Title 48 (Public Health-General) regulations or any applicable public health laws or statutes which may have escaped our awareness during the course of this cursory review, please be advised that this office's preliminary determination on this Solicitation of View of the project(s) shall not be construed as absolving the applicant of responsibility, if any, with respect to compliance with the Louisiana Administrative Code Title 51 (Public Health-Sanitary Code) and the Title 48 (Public Health-General) regulations or any other applicable public health laws or statutes.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Yuanda Zhu".

Yuanda Zhu
Louisiana Department of Health and Hospitals
Office of Public Health Engineering Services
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From: [Linda \(Brown\) Hardy](#)
To: [Costa, Louis](#)
Subject: DEQ SOV 130703/1265 Red River Bridge at Jimmie Davis Highway
Date: Thursday, July 25, 2013 4:15:22 PM

July 25, 2013

Louis Costa
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New Orleans, LA 70112
louis.costa@aecom.com

RE: 130703/1265 Red River Bridge at Jimmie Davis Highway
H 001779 LA DOTD Funding
Caddo and Bossier Parishes

Dear Mr. Costa:

The Department of Environmental Quality (LDEQ), Business and Community Outreach Division has received your request for comments on the above referenced project.

After reviewing your request, the Department has no objections based on the information provided in your submittal. However, for your information, the following general comments have been included. Please be advised that if you should encounter a problem during the implementation of this project, you should immediately notify LDEQ's Single-Point-of-contact (SPOC) at (225) 219-3640.

- Please take any necessary steps to obtain and/or update all necessary approvals and environmental permits regarding this proposed project.
- If your project results in a discharge to waters of the state, submittal of a Louisiana Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (LPDES) application may be necessary.
- If the project results in a discharge of wastewater to an existing wastewater treatment system, that wastewater treatment system may need to modify its LPDES permit before accepting the additional wastewater.
- All precautions should be observed to control nonpoint source pollution from construction activities. LDEQ has stormwater general permits for construction areas equal to or greater than one acre. It is recommended that you contact the LDEQ Water Permits Division at (225) 219-9371 to determine if your proposed project requires a permit.
- If your project will include a sanitary wastewater treatment facility, a Sewage Sludge and Biosolids Use or Disposal Permit application or Notice of Intent must be submitted no later than January 1, 2013. Additional information may be obtained on the LDEQ website at <http://www.deq.louisiana.gov/portal/tabid/2296/Default.aspx> or by contacting the LDEQ Water Permits Division at (225) 219- 9371.
- If any of the proposed work is located in wetlands or other areas subject to the jurisdiction of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, you should contact the Corps directly regarding permitting issues. If a Corps permit is required, part of the application process may involve a water quality certification from LDEQ.
- All precautions should be observed to protect the groundwater of the region.
- Please be advised that water softeners generate wastewaters that may require special limitations depending on local water quality considerations. Therefore if your water system improvements include water softeners, you are advised to contact the LDEQ Water Permits to determine if

special water quality-based limitations will be necessary.

- Any renovation or remodeling must comply with LAC 33:III.Chapter 28, Lead-Based Paint Activities; LAC 33:III.Chapter 27, Asbestos-Containing Materials in Schools and State Buildings (includes all training and accreditation); and LAC 33:III.5151, Emission Standard for Asbestos for any renovations or demolitions.
- If any solid or hazardous wastes, or soils and/or groundwater contaminated with hazardous constituents are encountered during the project, notification to LDEQ's Single-Point-of-Contact (SPOC) at (225) 219-3640 is required. Additionally, precautions should be taken to protect workers from these hazardous constituents.

Currently, Caddo and Bossier Parishes are classified as attainment with the National Ambient Air Quality Standards and has no general conformity determination obligations.

Please send all future requests to my attention. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at (225) 219-3954 or by email at linda.hardy@la.gov.

Sincerely,

Linda M. Brown Hardy

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JUN 28 2013

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RE: Solicitation of Views on State Project No. #H.001779
City Project Numbers/Names: Red River Bridge, Caddo/Bossier Parishes

Dear Mr. Costa:

Thank you for the opportunity to review and comment on your upcoming project. The Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) cannot comment on proposed construction or alteration via a written letter solicitation.

If any new or proposed structure in the area protrudes higher than any existing structures, Form 7460-1, Notice of Proposed Construction or Alteration, may be required. This form is located at <https://oeaaa.faa.gov/oeaaa/external/portal.jsp>. Please ensure compliance with "Subpart B – Notice of Construction or Alteration" of the Federal Aviation Regulations, Part 77, Objects Affecting Navigable Airspace, if applicable.

If you have any questions or comments, please contact Mr. Mike Goodrich, Operations Engineering Support group, Fort Worth, AJW-C24B, at 817-222-4724.

Carl Piccolo
Manager, OPS Engineering Support Group



UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

REGION 6
1445 ROSS AVENUE, SUITE 1200
DALLAS TX 75202-2733

June 24, 2013

Mr. Louis Costa
Project Manager
AECOM Technical Services, Inc.
1555 Poydras Street, Suite 1860
New Orleans, LA 70112

Dear Mr. Costa:

We have received your June 17, 2013, letter requesting our evaluation of the potential environmental impacts which might result from the following project:

**Construct New Bridge & Improve Old Bridge
Jimmie Davis Hwy (LA 511) over the Red River
SP No. H.001779, FAP No. STP-0800(507)
Caddo & Bossier Parishes, Louisiana**

In administering the sole source aquifer (SSA) program under Section 1424 of the Safe Drinking Water Act our Office performs evaluations of projects with federal financial assistance which are located over a designated sole source aquifer.

Based on the information provided, we have concluded that the project does not lie within the boundaries of a designated sole source aquifer and is thus not eligible for review under the SSA program.

If you did not include a project description, project location, the parish and the federal funding agency if available, please do so in future Sole Source Aquifer correspondence.

If you have any questions on this letter or the sole source aquifer program please contact me at (214) 665-7133.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Michael Bechdol".

Michael Bechdol, Coordinator
Sole Source Aquifer Program
Ground Water/UIC Section

cc: Jesse Means, LDEQ



Public Works & Water Resources Division
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Bobby Jindal, Governor
Sherri H. LeBas, P.E., Secretary

July 10, 2013

Mr. Louis Costa
AECOM
1555 Poydras Street, Suite 1860
New Orleans, LA 70112

Re: Solicitation of Views
State Project No. H.001779
Federal Aid Project No. STP-0800(507)
Red River Bridge at Jimmie Davis Highway

Dear Mr. Costa:

Our office has received your request for comments for the above captioned project. We are providing the following comment:

1. The Statewide Flood Control Program currently has no projects in the immediate vicinity of the proposed crossing of the Red River Bridge at Jimmie Davis Highway.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on this project. If you need additional information, please contact me at (225) 379-3023.

Sincerely,

Skyler J. Waaso, E.I.
Statewide Flood Control Program Manager

cc:

Mr. Christopher Knotts, P.E.
Mr. Zahir "Bo" Bolourchi, P.E.

From: Ezekiel Onyegbunam [Ezekiel.Onyegbunam@LA.GOV]
Sent: Monday, December 30, 2013 7:51 AM
To: Costa, Louis
Subject: FW: LADOT, H.001779, Red River Bridge at Jimmie David Highway, LA 511, Caddo and Bossier Parishes, LA

Lou,

The email below is from Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma as their response to the SOV sent out for the captioned project. It should be printed and placed with other SOV responses for the EA document.

Thanks,
Ezekiel Onyegbunam

From: Noel Ardoin
Sent: Monday, December 30, 2013 7:33 AM
To: Ezekiel Onyegbunam
Subject: FW: LADOT, H.001779, Red River Bridge at Jimmie David Highway, LA 511, Caddo and Bossier Parishes, LA

From: Johnnie L. Jacobs [<mailto:jjacobs@choctawnation.com>]
Sent: Friday, December 27, 2013 3:56 PM
To: Noel Ardoin
Subject: LADOT, H.001779, Red River Bridge at Jimmie David Highway, LA 511, Caddo and Bossier Parishes, LA

Dear Noel,

Thank you for the correspondence regarding the above referenced project. The Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma is unaware of any Choctaw cultural or sacred sites located within the immediate project area. We believe that there should be no effects to any known historic properties and that work should proceed as planned. However, as the project is located in an area that is of general historic interest to the Tribe, we request that work be stopped and our office contacted immediately if any Native American cultural materials are encountered. This stipulation should be placed on the construction plans to insure contractors are aware of it. Please feel free to contact me with any further questions or concerns.

Thank you,

Ms. Johnnie Jacobs
NHPA Section 106 Coordinator
Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma
Historic Preservation Department
P.O. Box 1210
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BOSSIER PARISH SHERIFF'S OFFICE
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June 20, 2013

Mr. Louis Costa
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New Orleans, LA 70112

Re: State Project No. H.001779
Federal Aid Project NO. STP-0800(507)
Red River Bridge at Jimmie Davis Highway
Route: LA 511
Caddo and Bossier Parishes

Dear Mr. Costa:

The Bossier Sheriff's Office has no objections to the above referenced project as we see it having no adverse effects on law enforcement activities.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Julian C. Whittington", is written over the typed name and title.

Julian C. Whittington
Sheriff



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June 20, 2013

Mr. Louis Costa
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Subject: State Project No. H.001779
Federal Aid Project No. ST0800(507)
Red River Bridge at Jimmie Davis Highway
Route: LA511
Caddo and Bossier Parishes

Dear Mr. Costa:

Bossier City sees no possible adverse economic, social, or environmental effects or concerns with this project.

Sincerely,

Mark B. Hudson, P.E.
City Engineer

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