

## JOINT PUBLIC NOTICE

CORPS OF ENGINEERS – STATE OF ARKANSAS

Application Number: SWL 2014-00270

**Date:** August 11, 2014

Comments Due: September 5, 2014

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN: Comments are invited on the work described below. Please see the <u>Public Involvement</u> section for details on submitting comments.

<u>Point of Contact</u>. If additional information is desired, please contact the project manager, Johnny McLean, telephone number: (501) 324-5295, mailing address: Little Rock District Corps of Engineers, Regulatory Division, PO Box 867, Little Rock, Arkansas 72203-0867, email address: Johnny, L.McLean@usace.army.mil.

<u>Project Information</u>. Pursuant to Section 404 of the Clean Water Act (33 U.S. Code 1344), notice is hereby given that the

Arkansas Highway and Transportation Department (AHTD) PO Box 2261 Little Rock, Arkansas 72203

has requested authorization for the placement of dredged and fill material in waters of the United States associated with widening U.S. Highway 63, replacing the bridges over the Spring River, Trace Creek and Burlington Northern Santa Fe Railroad, and extending the box culverts in Long Run Hollow and an unnamed tributary. The proposed project is located adjacent to and over the Spring River at Mammoth Spring, in sections 8 and 16, T. 21 N., R. 5 W., Fulton County, Arkansas. Total length of the project is approximately 1.9 miles.

The basic purpose of the project is to upgrade the roadway for additional capacity and safety. The overall purpose of the project is to widen the existing roadway and replace three structurally deficient bridges in the Mammoth Spring area. The bridges are water dependent.

The proposed project would widen the existing two-lane roadway to four 12-foot-wide travel lanes with an 11-foot-wide median and 8-foot-wide shoulders. The three bridges will be replaced on existing alignment utilizing staged construction techniques. Construction would permanently impact approximately 2.3 acres of wetlands through widening the roadway between the Trace Creek Bridge and extending the box culvert at Long Run Hollow. In addition to wetland impacts, approximately 1,430 linear feet of streams would be relocated. This includes 1,030 feet of Trace Creek, and 400 feet of an unnamed tributary to Trace Creek. Construction of the Trace Creek Bridge would require the discharge of 395 cubic yards of permanent fill and 1,440 cubic yards of temporary fill, and 440 cubic yards of excavation. Two bridge bents would be constructed in Trace Creek. Construction of the Spring River Bridge would require the discharge of 180 cubic yards of permanent fill and 1,000 cubic yards of temporary fill, and 520 cubic yards of excavation. Four bridge bents would be constructed in the Spring River. Constructing bridges over Trace Creek and the Spring River would require temporary work roads in both streams.

The Spring River and associated tributaries are Extraordinary Resource Waters and Ecologically Sensitive Waterbodies; therefore, the proposed project will require Section 401 individual water quality certification from the Arkansas Department of Environmental Quality. Mammoth Spring is the tenth largest spring in the world and discharges approximately 9 million gallons of water per hour. The Spring River flows for approximately 57 miles and empties into the Black River near Black Rock. Trace Creek is a moderately functional perennial stream which parallels U.S. Highway 63 and flows westerly to its confluence with the Spring River. Long Run Hollow is an intermittent stream that is moderately functional and also flows into the Spring River. Three wetlands were delineated within the project area. Wetland Nos. 1 and 2 are located adjacent to Long Run Hollow. Wetland No. 1 is a herbaceous wetland located within a maintained utility right-of-way. It is dominated by cattails, swamp smartweed, bulrush and arrowhead, with sycamore and black willow trees on the margins. Wetland No. 2 is a forested wetland dominated by green ash, sycamore, black willow and American Elm. Wetland No. 3 is located adjacent to Trace Creek and the dominant vegetation is box elder, green ash, lizard tail and smartweed. Wetland No. 1 is partially impaired; Wetland Nos. 2 and 3 are fully functional.

The least damaging most practicable alternative for this project was selected. Minimization was accomplished by designing the bridges on existing alignment. The remainder of the project was also designed on existing alignment except for minor modifications on the north and south ends of the job where two curves were modified. Mitigation requirements were assessed utilizing the Little Rock District Stream Method for streams and the 2002 Charleston Method for wetlands. These methods determined that 7,499 stream credits and 29.85 wetland credits would be required to offset the unavoidable impacts for this project. There are currently no mitigation banks or areas that service the Spring River watershed (hydrologic unit code 11010010). The AHTD proposes to develop a mitigation bank or mitigation area in either the Spring River, Strawberry River or Eleven Point River watersheds to provide compensatory mitigation for this project.

The location and general plan for the proposed work are shown on the enclosed sheets 1 through 10 of 10.

<u>Water Quality Certification</u>. By copy of this public notice, the applicant is requesting water quality certification from the Arkansas Department of Environmental Quality (ADEQ) in accordance with Section 401(a)(1) of the Clean Water Act. Upon completion of the comment period and a public hearing, if held, a determination relative to water quality certification will be made. Evidence of this water quality certification or waiver of the right to certify must be submitted prior to the issuance of a Corps of Engineers permit.

<u>Cultural Resources</u>. A Corps staff archeologist will review topographic maps, the National Register of Historic Places, and other data on reported sites in the area. The District Engineer invites responses to this public notice from Native American Nations or tribal governments; Federal, State, and local agencies; historical and archeological societies; and other parties likely to have knowledge of or concerns with historic properties in the area.

<u>Endangered Species</u>. Our preliminary determination is that the proposed activity will not affect listed Endangered Species or their critical habitat. A copy of this notice is being furnished to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and appropriate state agencies and constitutes a request to those

agencies for information on whether any listed or proposed-to-be-listed endangered or threatened species may be present in the area which would be affected by the proposed activity.

<u>Flood Plain</u>. We are providing copies of this notice to appropriate flood plain officials in accordance with 44 CFR Part 60 (Flood Plain Management Regulations Criteria for Land Management and Use) and Executive Order 11988 on Flood Plain Management.

<u>Section 404(b)(1) Guidelines</u>. The evaluation of activities to be authorized under this permit which involves the discharge of dredged or fill material will include application of guidelines promulgated by the Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency, under authority of Section 404(b) of the Clean Water Act. These guidelines are contained in 40 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) 230.

Public Involvement. Any interested party is invited to submit to the above-listed POC written comments or objections relative to the proposed work on or before **September 5, 2014**. Substantive comments, both favorable and unfavorable, will be accepted and made a part of the record and will receive full consideration in determining whether this work would be in the public interest. The decision whether to issue a permit will be based on an evaluation of the probable impact including cumulative impacts of the proposed activity on the public interest. That decision will reflect the national concern for both protection and utilization of important resources. The benefit which reasonably may be expected to accrue from the proposal must be balanced against its reasonably foreseeable detriments. All factors which may be relevant to the proposal will be considered including the cumulative effects thereof; among those are conservation, economics, aesthetics, general environmental concerns, wetlands, historic properties, fish and wildlife values, flood hazards, flood plain values, land use, navigation, shoreline erosion and accretion, recreation, water supply and conservation, water quality, energy needs, safety, food and fiber production, mineral needs, considerations of property ownership and, in general, the needs and welfare of the people.

The Corps of Engineers is soliciting comments from the public; Federal, state, and local agencies and officials; Indian Tribes; and other interested parties in order to consider and evaluate the impacts of this proposed activity. Any comments received will be considered by the Corps of Engineers to determine whether to issue, modify, condition or deny a permit for this proposal. To make this decision, comments are used to assess impacts on endangered species, historic properties, water quality, general environmental effects, and the other public interest factors listed above. Comments are used in the preparation of an Environmental Assessment and/or an Environmental Impact Statement pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act. Comments are also used to determine the need for a public hearing and to determine the overall public interest of the proposed activity.

Any person may request in writing within the comment period specified in this notice that a public hearing be held to consider this application. Requests for public hearings shall state, with particularity, the reasons for holding a public hearing. The District Engineer will determine if the issues raised are substantial and whether a hearing is needed for making a decision.

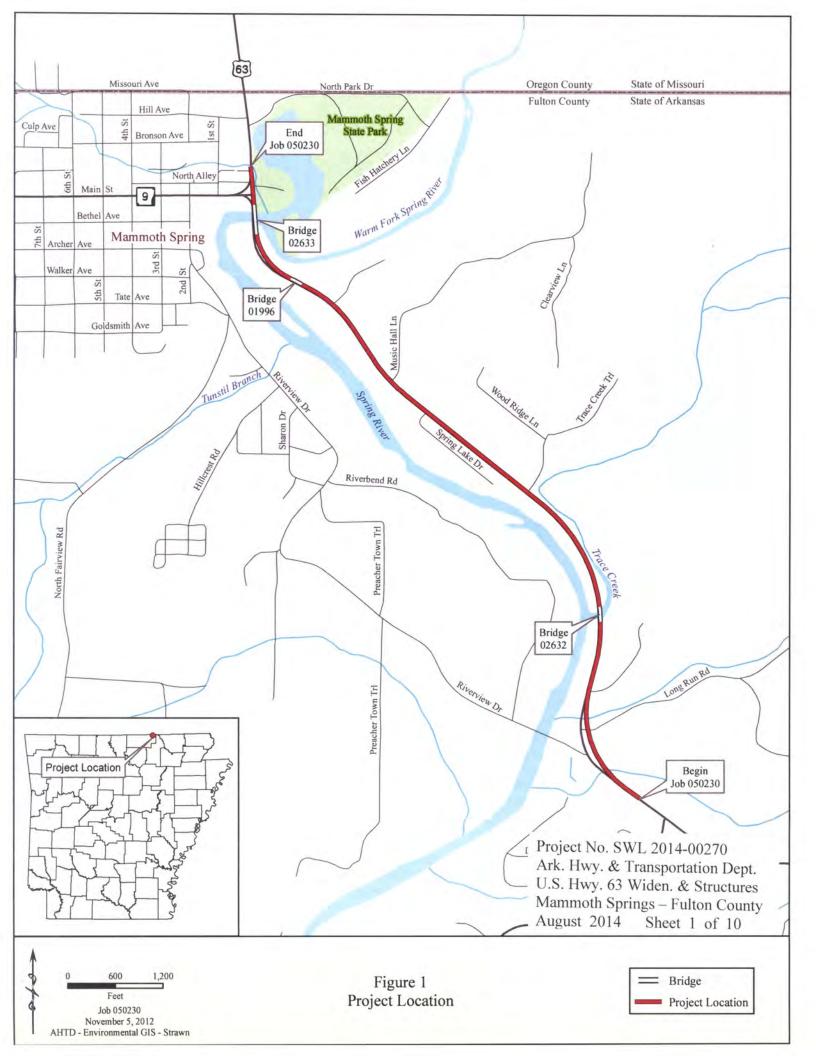
**NOTE:** The mailing list for this Public Notice is arranged by state and county(s) where the project is located, and also includes any addressees who have asked to receive copies of all public notices. Please discard notices that are not of interest to you. If you have no need for any of these notices, please advise us so that your name can be removed from the mailing list.

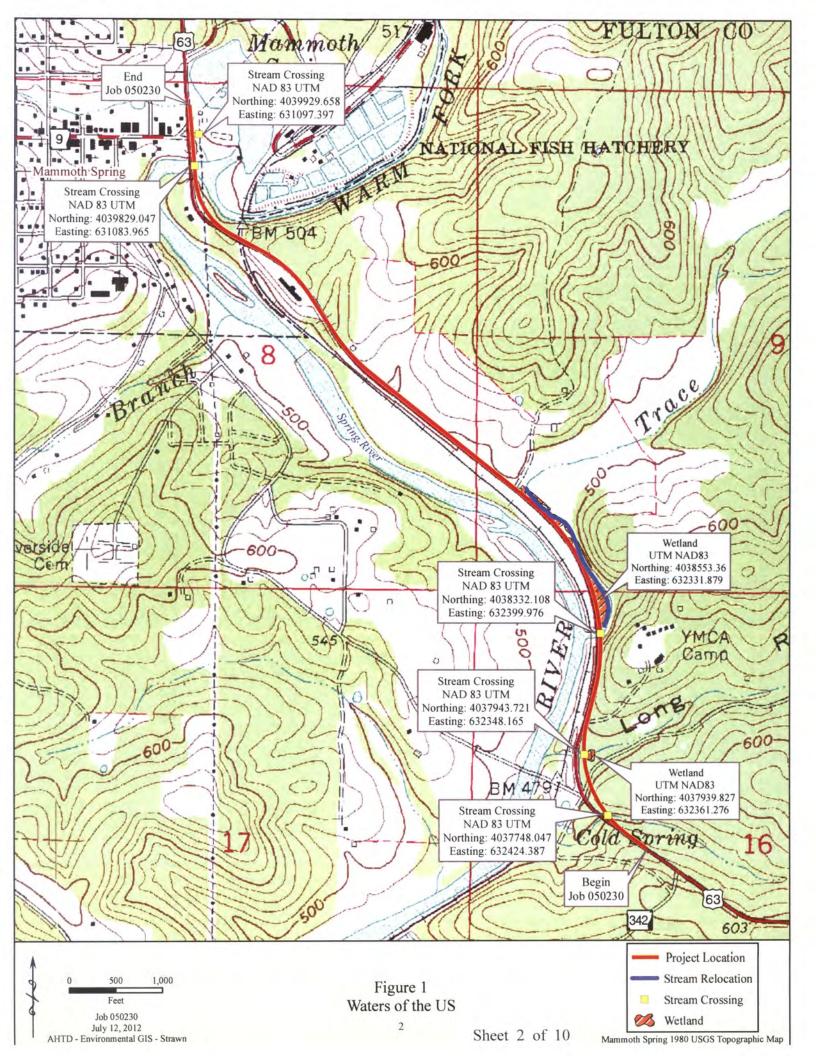
### Enclosures

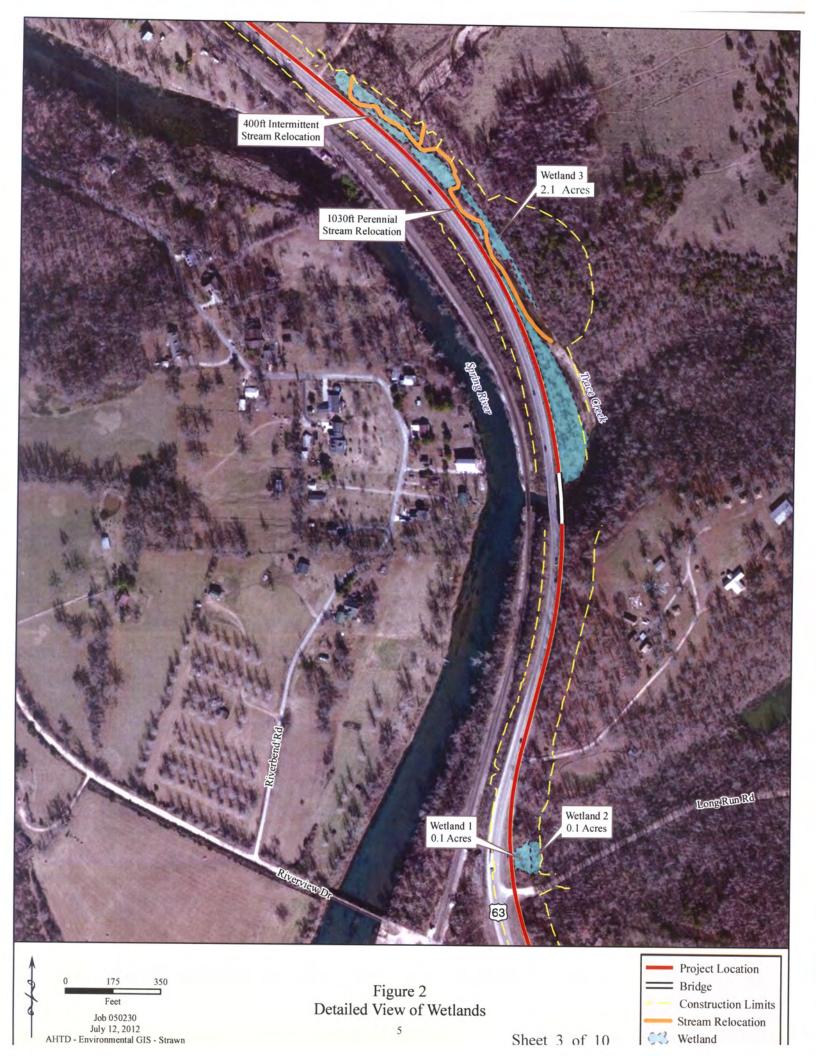
### Approximate Coordinates of Project Center

Latitude: **36.481144** Longitude: **-91.522001** 

UTM Zone: 15 Northing: 4038332 Easting: 632399







# ADVERSE IMPACT FACTORS FOR RIVERINE SYSTEMS WORKSHEET

Stream		Ephemeral	Intermittent			Perennial-OHWM width			
Type		0.1	0.4			<15'	15'-30'	>30'	
Impacted							0.4	0.6	0.8
Priority		Tertiary	Secondary			Primary			
Area		0.1	0.4			0.8			
Existing	Fu	inctionally Impaire	Mod	lerately Fun	ctional	Fully Functional			
Condition		0.1		0.8			1.6		
Duration		Temporary	Recurrent			Permanent			
		0.05		0.1		0.3			
Activity	Clearing	Utility	Below	Armor	Detention	Morpho-	Impound	- Pipe	Fill
		Crossing/Bridge	Grade			logic	ment	>100	
	0.05	Footing	Culvert			Change	(dam)		
		0.15	0.3	0.5	0.75	1.5	2.0	2.2	2.5
Cumulative	<100'	100'-200'	201-	501-	>1000 linear feet (LF)				
Linear		0.05	500'	1000'	0.1 reach 500 LF of impact (example: scaling				
Impact	0		0.1	0.2	factor for 5,280 LF of impacts = 1.1)				

Dominant	Dominant	Dominant	Dominant	Dominant Impact
Impact	Impact	Impact	Impact	Type 5
Type 1	Type 2	Type 3	Type 4	
Intermittent	Perennial 15-30'	blank	blank	blank
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Primary	Primary	blank	blank	blank
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Total Mitigation Credits Required = (M X LF) = 7499

## **Required Wetland Mitigation Credit Table and Worksheet**



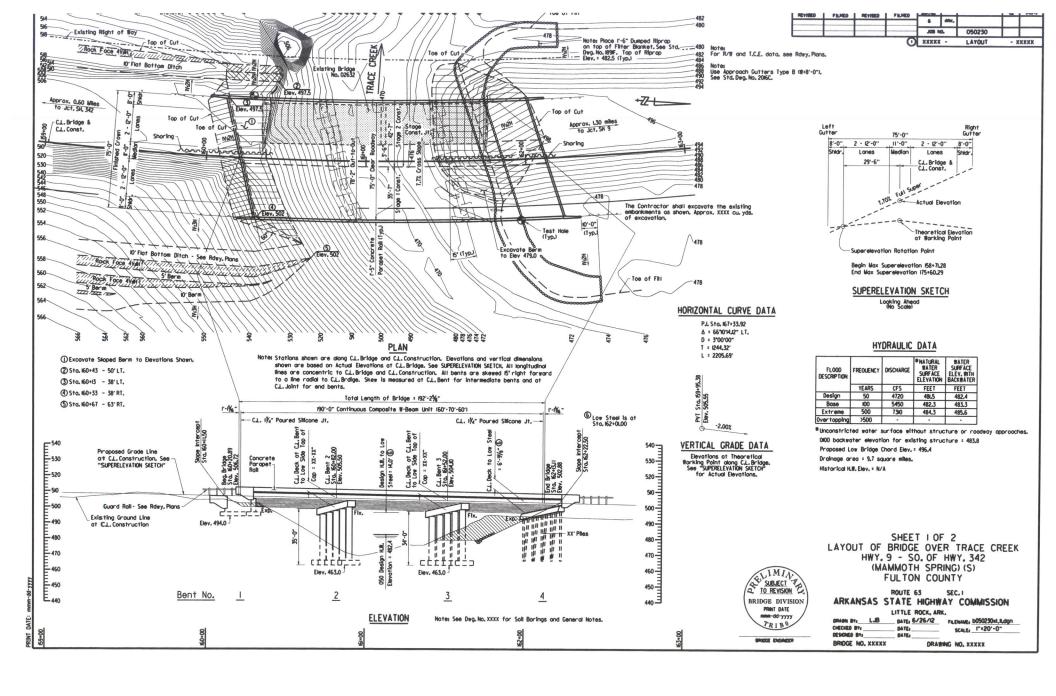
TIP: Leave cursor over each factor or option below to pop-up helpful information or definitions.

	R	equire	d Wetla	and M	itigation	Credit T	able			
FACTORS					OPT	IONS				
Lost Type	Type C 0.2			Type B 2.0			Type A 3.0			
Priority Category	Terti 0.5	-	Secondary 1.5				Primary 2.0			
Existing Condition	Very Impaired 0.1		Impaired 1.0		Partially Impaired 2.0		Full	Fully Functional 2.5		
Duration	0 to 1 Year 0.2		1 to 3 Yea 0.5	to 3 Years 3 to 5		Years 5 to 10 Years 0 1.5		S	Over 10 Years 2.0	
Dominant Impact	Shade Clear 0.2 1.0			ı	Orain 2.0	Dredg 2.5	e Impound/Flo 2.5			Fill 3.0
Cumulative Impact	< 0.25 Acre 0.25 - 0.99 / 0.1 0.2		Acres	1.0 - 2.99 Acres 3.0 0.5		3.0 - 9.99 Acres 1.0		≥ 10.0 Acres 2.0		

NOTE: The cumulative impact factor for the <u>overall</u> project should be included in the sum of factors for each impacted area on the Required Wetland Mitigation Credit Worksheet

Required Wetland Mitigation Credit Worksheet								
FACTOR	AREA 1	AREA 2	AREA 3	AREA 4	AREA 5	AREA 6		
Lost Type	Type A	Type A	Type A					
Priority Category	Primary	Primary	Primary					
Existing Condition	Partially Impaired	Fully Functional	Fully Functional					
Duration	Over 10 Years	Over 10 Years	Over 10 Years					
Dominant Impact	Fill	Fill	Fill					
Cumulative Impact	1.0 - 2.99 Acres	1.0 - 2.99 Acres	1.0 - 2.99 Acres					
Sum of Factors	12.5	13	13					
Impacted Area	0.1	0.1	2.1					
R x AA=	1.25	1.3	27.3					

Required Wetland Mitigation Credits =  $\Sigma$  (R x A) = 29.85



CONSTRUCTION SPECIFICATIONS: Arkansas State Highway and Transportation Department Standard Specifications for Highway Construction, 2003 edition, with applicable supplemental specifications and special provisions. Unless otherwise noted in the plans Section and Subsection refer to the Standard Construction Specifications.

DESIGN SPECIFICATIONS: AASHTO LRFD Bridge Design Specifications, Sixth Edition (2012).

LIVE LOADING: HL-93

SEISMIC ZONE: 1

 MATERIALS AND STRENGTHS:
 f 'c = 4,000 psi

 Class S(AE) Concrete (superstructure)
 f 'c = 3,500 psi

 Class S Concrete (substructure)
 f 'c = 3,500 psi

 Reinforcing Steel (AASHTO M 31 or M 53, Gr. 60)
 fy = 60,000 psi

 Structural Steel (AASHTO M 270, Gr. 50W)
 Fy = 50,000 psi

 Structural Steel (AASHTO M 270, Gr. 36)
 Fy = 36,000 psi

BORING LOGS: Boring logs may be obtained from the Programs and Contracts Division

STEEL PILING: Piling in Bent 4 shall be HP12 X 53 and shall be driven with an approved air, steam, or diesel hammer to a minimum safe bearing capacity of XX tons per pile and into the material designated as Hard Dolostone on the boring legend. Lengths shown are for estimating quantities and for use in determining payment for cut-off and build-up in accordance with Subsection 805.14. Piling in Bent 4 shall be driven after embankment to bottom of cap is in place. On all piles, the Contractor shall use approved steel H-Pile driving points.

FOOTINGS: Bent 1 footing shall be set a minimum of 1'-0" into material designated as Hard Dolostone on the boring legend. Intermediate bent footings shall be set a minimum of 2'-0" into material designated as Hard Dolostone on the boring legend. The top of the intermediate bent footings shall be set at or below the channel bottom. Foundations for footings shall be prepared in accordance with Subsection 801.04. Rock excavations shall be made to neat lines of the concrete footings. Care shall be exercised to avoid shattering of rock faces by excessive blasting. Concrete in footings shall be poured directly against excavated surfaces of rock. Excavations shall be backfilled and compacted to the level of surrounding ground in accordance with Subsection 801.08.

BRIDGE DECK: The concrete bridge deck shall be given a tine finish as specified for final finishing in Subsection 802.19 for Class 5 Tined Bridge Roadway Surface Finish.

 DETAIL DRAWINGS:
 DRAWING NO

 Details of End Bents
 X

 Details of Intermediate Bents
 X

 190'-0" Cont. Comp. W-Beam Unit
 X

 Elastomeric Bearings
 X

 Steel Pilling
 14995A

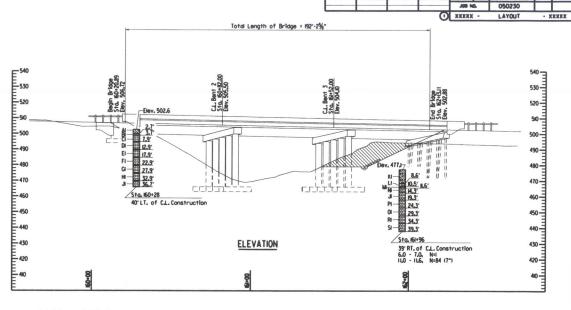
 Type B Approach Gutters
 2016C

EXISTING BRIDGE: Existing Bridge No. 02632 (L.M. 1.57) is143' in length and 29' wide and is comprised of confinuous steel beam spans supported by a concrete pier. Centerline of existing bridge is located approximately 23.5' downstream of the proposed centerline of construction.

SHORING: Shoring is required at Bridge Ends for Stage 1 Construction. See SP Job 050230 "Shoring".

REMOVAL AND SALVAGE: After Stage 1 Construction of the new bridge is open to traffic, existing Bridge No. 02632 shall be removed in accordance with Section 205. All material from the existing bridge shall become property of the Contractor.

MAINTENANCE OF TRAFFIC: See Roadway Plans.



#### BORING LEGEND

Al-Molet, Brown and Cray Clay with Gravel (Dolestone Fragments)

B-00.0510NE - Light Gray, Moderately Hard

C-00.0510NE - Light Gray, Moderately Hard

C-00.0510NE - Light Gray, Medium Beddeed, Sightly Reothered, Hard, with Slight Dip and some Fractured Layers

D-00.0510NE - Light Gray, Very Thick Beddeed, Slightly Reothered, Hard, with Slight Dip

E-HANY DOLOSTONE - Light Gray, Very Thick Beddeed, Slightly Reothered, Hard, with Slight Dip

E-HANY DOLOSTONE THIN OCCASIONAL DERT SEAMS - Light Gray, Very Thick Beddeed, Slightly Reothered, Hard, with Slight Dip

G-NAY DOLOSTONE THIN OCCASIONAL DERT SEAMS - Light Gray, Very Thick Beddeed, Slightly Reothered, Hard, with Slight Dip

H-LIANY DOLOSTONE - Light Gray, Very Thick Beddeed, Hard, with Slight Dip

J-00.0510NE - Light Gray, Thick Beddeed, Slightly Reothered, Hard, with Slight Dip

J-00.0510NE - Light Gray, Thick Beddeed, Slightly Reothered, Hard, with Slight Dip

M-Ret, Dense, Brown Sond with Corvex(Bolestone Fragments)

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SUBJECT V SUBJEC

SHEET 2 OF 2
LAYOUT OF BRIDGE OVER TRACE CREEK
HWY. 9 - SO. OF HWY. 342
(MAMMOTH SPRING) (S)
FULTON COUNTY

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ROUTE 63 SEC. 1
ARKANSAS STATE HIGHWAY COMMISSION
LITTLE ROCK, ARK,
GRAMM BY, L.JB. DATE, 6/26/12 PLEDMAY, D050230x1,Ldgn
CHCCED BY: SCALE, 1"20"-0"

BRIDGE NO. XXXXX

DRAWING NO. XXXXX

RINT DATE: mmm-dd-v

