

MEMO



DATE: December 9, 2013

TO: Rod Lacy, P.E., Chief, Bureau of Road Design

FROM: Scott P. Vogel, Chief, Environmental Services Section *W*

RE: Status of Projects Environmental Concerns (FINAL)

69-46 K-8251-14

ACNHP-K825(114)

Preliminary Engineering for grading, surfacing and bridges. This project including constructing US-69 to a 6-Lane section, constructing a portion of the US-69/I-435 interchange.

Johnson County

Task 1 -- Traffic Noise -- PROJECT CLEARED

This improvement is classified as a Type 1 Project (23 CFR 772). In accordance with KDOT Highway Traffic Noise Policy, the project was analyzed. Traffic noise impacts were identified and a traffic noise study was completed. A copy of the report has been directed to the Bureau of Road Design.

Task 2 -- Air Quality -- PROJECT CLEARED

The project is located within a Kansas Metropolitan Urbanized Area (KMUA) as defined in the Environmental Manual. However, it is located outside a non-attainment area. This type of project is included in paragraph (c) or (d) of 23 CFR 771.117 concerning categorical exclusions, and therefore, the project is cleared of air quality concerns.

Task 3 -- Archeological Salvage -- PROJECT CLEARED

Cleared by the Kansas State Historical Society.

Task 4 -- Cultural and Historic Resources -- PROJECT CLEARED

Cleared by the Kansas State Historical Society.

Task 5 -- Wildlife -- PROJECT CLEARED

The project has been reviewed for potential threatened or endangered species involvement. We determined that the project has little potential for such involvement. In addition, due to the nature and scope of the project, we conclude that normal environmental controls outlined in Standard Specifications, and contractual provisions will sufficiently minimize impacts on wildlife habitat. No further transactions are anticipated and the project is considered CLEARED in relation to our wildlife review process.

Task 6 -- Farmland Protection -- PROJECT CLEARED

Provisions of the Farmland Protection Policy Act (FPPA) do not apply because the project is located in an area already in or committed to urban development or water storage as defined by the FPPA.

Task 7 -- Hazardous Waste -- ISA -- PROJECT CLEARED

An Initial Site Assessment (ISA) has been completed. No hazardous substances, waste and/or waste sites were identified that involve project right of way.

Task 8 -- Permits and Approvals

The need for a U.S. Army Corps of Engineer's 404 permit and a Kansas Department of Agriculture permit will be investigated. The need for a NPDES (Storm Water Run-off) permit will be investigated.

If you have any questions or wish to discuss any aspect of the environmental concerns, please advise.

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By email: Mr. John Knowles, P.E., FHWA