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State Project No. 700-36-0195
F.A.P. No. DE-3606 (520)
Washington Ave. Pedestrian Crossing
Washington Ave.
Orleans Parish

Mr. Wes Bolinger
Division Administrator
Federal Highway Administration
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SUBJECT: Categorical Exclusion

Dear Mr. Bolinger:

Attached is the Environmental Determination Checklist for the captioned project. Based on the information contained herein, we feel that the project meets the requirements for classification as a Categorical Exclusion. We request your concurrence. If you have any questions, please call Sharon Gage at (225) 242-4515.

Sincerely,

Tracy

for Noel Ardoin
Environmental Engineer Administrator

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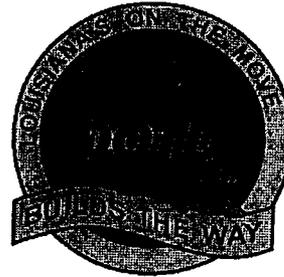
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**LOUISIANA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION AND
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CATEGORICAL EXCLUSION

FOR

**STATE PROJECT NO.:700-36-0195
F.A.P. NO. DE-3606(520)
WASHINGTON AVE. PEDESTRIAN CROSSING
WASHINGTON AVE.
ORLEANS PARISH**



SEPTEMBER 2008

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**LOUISIANA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION AND DEVELOPMENT
ENVIRONMENTAL DETERMINATION CHECKLIST**

**State Project No.: 700-36-0195
F.A.P. No.: DE-3606 (520)
Washington Ave. Pedestrian Crossing
Washington Ave
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1. General Information

Status: Conceptual Layout Plan-in-Hand
 Line and Grade Preliminary Plans
 Survey Final Design

2. Class of Action

- Environmental Impact Statement (E.I.S.)
- Environmental Assessment (E.A.)
- Categorical Exclusion (C.E.)
- Programmatic C.E. (as defined in letter of agreement dated 03/15/95,
does not require FHWA approval)
- Environmental Exclusion (E.E.)

3. Project Description (use attachment if necessary)

SEE ATTACHMENT

4. Public Involvement

- Views were solicited on June 9, 2008 .
- No adverse comments were received.
- Comments are addressed in attachment.
- A public hearing (P/H)/Opportunity is not required.
- An opportunity for requesting a P/H will be afforded upon your concurrence.
- Opportunity was afforded, with no requests for P/H.
- A Public Hearing was held on _____.
- A Public Meeting was held on _____.

5. Real Estate (If yes, use attachment)

	NO	YES
a. Will additional right-of-way be required?.....	(X)	()
b. Will any relocations be required?.....	(X)	()
(Attach conceptual stage relocation plan if yes)		
c. Are construction or drainage servitudes required?.....	(X)	()

6. Cultural and 106 Impacts (If yes, use attachment)

	NO	YES
a. Section 4(f) or 6(f) lands		
Are any impacted by the project? (If so, list below).....	(X)	()
Are any adjacent to the project? (If so, list below).....	()	(X)*
b. Known Historic sites/structures		
Are any impacted by the project? (If so, list below).....	(X)	()
Are any adjacent to the project? (If so, list below).....	()	(X)**
c. Known Archaeological sites		
Are any impacted by the project? (If so, list site # below).....	(X)	()
Are any adjacent to the project? (If so, list site # below).....	(X)	()
d. Cemeteries		
Are any impacted by the project? (If so, list below).....	(X)	()
Are any adjacent to the project? (If so, list below).....	(X)	()
e. Historic Bridges	(X)	()

7. Wetlands (Attach wetlands finding, if applicable)

	NO	YES
a. Are wetlands being affected?.....	(X)	()
b. Are other waters of the U.S. being affected?.....	(X)	()
c. Can C.O.E. Nationwide Permit be used?.....	(X)	()

8. Natural Environment (use attachment if necessary)

	NO	YES
a. Endangered/Threatened Species/Habitat.....	(X)	()
b. Within 100 Year Floodplain?.....	()	(X)
Is project a significant encroachment in Floodplain?.....	(X)	()
c. In Coastal Zone Management Area?.....	()	(X)
Is the project consistent with the Coastal Management Program?.....	()	(X)
d. Coastal Barrier Island (Grand Isle only).....	(X)	()
e. Farmlands (use form AD 1006 if necessary).....	(X)	()
f. Is project on Sole Source Aquifer?.....	(X)	()
Is coordination with EPA necessary?.....	(X)	()
g. Natural & Scenic Stream Permit required.....	(X)	()
h. Is project impacting a waterway?.....	(X)	()
Has navigability determination been made?.....	()	()
.....Will a US Coast Guard permit or amended permit be required?.....	()	()

9. Physical Impacts (use attachment if necessary)

	NO	YES
a. Is a noise analysis warranted (Type I project).....	(X)	()
Are there noise impacts based on violation of the (NAC)?.....	()	()
Are there noise impacts based on the 10 dBA increase?.....	()	()
Are noise abatement measures reasonable and feasible?.....	()	()
b. Is an air quality study warranted?.....	(X)	()
Do project level air quality levels exceed the NAAQS for CO?.....	()	()
c. Is project in a non-attainment area for Carbon monoxide (CO), Ozone (O ₃), Nitrogen dioxide (NO ₂), or Particulates (PM-10)?	(X)	()
d. Is project in an approved Transportation Plan, Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) and State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP)?.....	()	(X)
e. Are construction air, noise, & water impacts major?.....	(X)	()
f. Are there any known waste sites or U.S.T.s?.....	(X)	()
Will these sites require further investigation prior to purchase?	()	()

10. Social Impacts (use attachment if necessary)

	NO	YES
a. Land use changes.....	(X)	()
b. Churches and Schools		
Are any impacted by the project? (If so, list below).....	(X)	()
Are any adjacent to the project? (If so, list below).....	()	(X)***
c. Title VI Considerations.....	(X)	()
d. Will any specific groups be adversely affected (i.e., minorities, low-income, elderly, disabled, etc.)?	(X)	()
e. Hospitals, medical facilities, fire police		
Are any impacted by the project? (If so, list below).....	(X)	()
Are any adjacent to the project? (If so, list below).....	(X)	()
f. Transportation pattern changes.....	(X)	()
g. Community cohesion.....	(X)	()
h. Are short-term social/economic impacts due to construction considered major?.....	(X)	()
i. Do conditions warrant special construction times (i.e., school in session, congestion, tourist season, harvest)?.....	(X)	()
j. Were Context Sensitive Solutions considered? (If so explain below).....	()	(X)****
k. Will the roadway/bridge be closed? (If yes, answer questions below).....	(X)	()
Will a detour bridge be provided?.....	()	()
Will a detour route be signed?.....	()	()

11. Other (Use this space to explain or expand answers to questions above.)

Section 6(a) - The proposed project area is located adjacent to three NRHP-listed buildings on Xavier University's campus. There will be no use of these properties under Section 4(f).

Section 6(b) & 10(b) – The proposed project area is located adjacent to three NRHP-listed buildings on Xavier University's campus. However, there will be no adverse effect to these NRHP properties by the construction of this project, as proposed (See SHPO concurrence letter).

Section 10(j) – The walkway towers will be designed to complement the historic architectural of Xavier University and the roof of the walkway will be a green metal that reflects the modern architectural style of the campus.

Preparer: Sharon Gage
Title: Environmental Impact Specialist
Department: LADOTD/Environmental Section
September 17, 2008

Attachments

- (X) S.O.V. and Responses
- () Wetlands Finding
- (X) Project Description Sheet
- () Conceptual Stage Relocation Plan
- () Noise Analysis
- () Air Analysis
- (X) Exhibits and/or Maps
- () 4(f) Evaluation
- () Form AD 1006 (Farmlands)
- (X) 106 Documentation
- () Other _____

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

Xavier University proposes to construct an elevated pedestrian walkway using DEMO Funds over the Washington Avenue Canal, Washington Avenue and Drexel Drive in Orleans Parish. The walkway will be approximately 274 feet (83.5 m) long and 10 feet (3 m) wide to accommodate pedestrians and wheelchairs. The final location of the towers and the walkway will be determined during the design phase. Each landing will be equipped with elevators and stairs within enclosed towers for full access in accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, as amended. Security lighting will be in all stairwells, landings, and walkway areas. A vertical clearance of 17 feet (5.2 m) will be provided to allow the passage of trucks and buses on Washington Avenue below the proposed pedestrian walkway. The estimated construction cost is \$2,547,100.

PURPOSE AND NEED

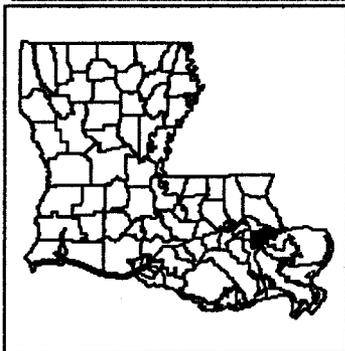
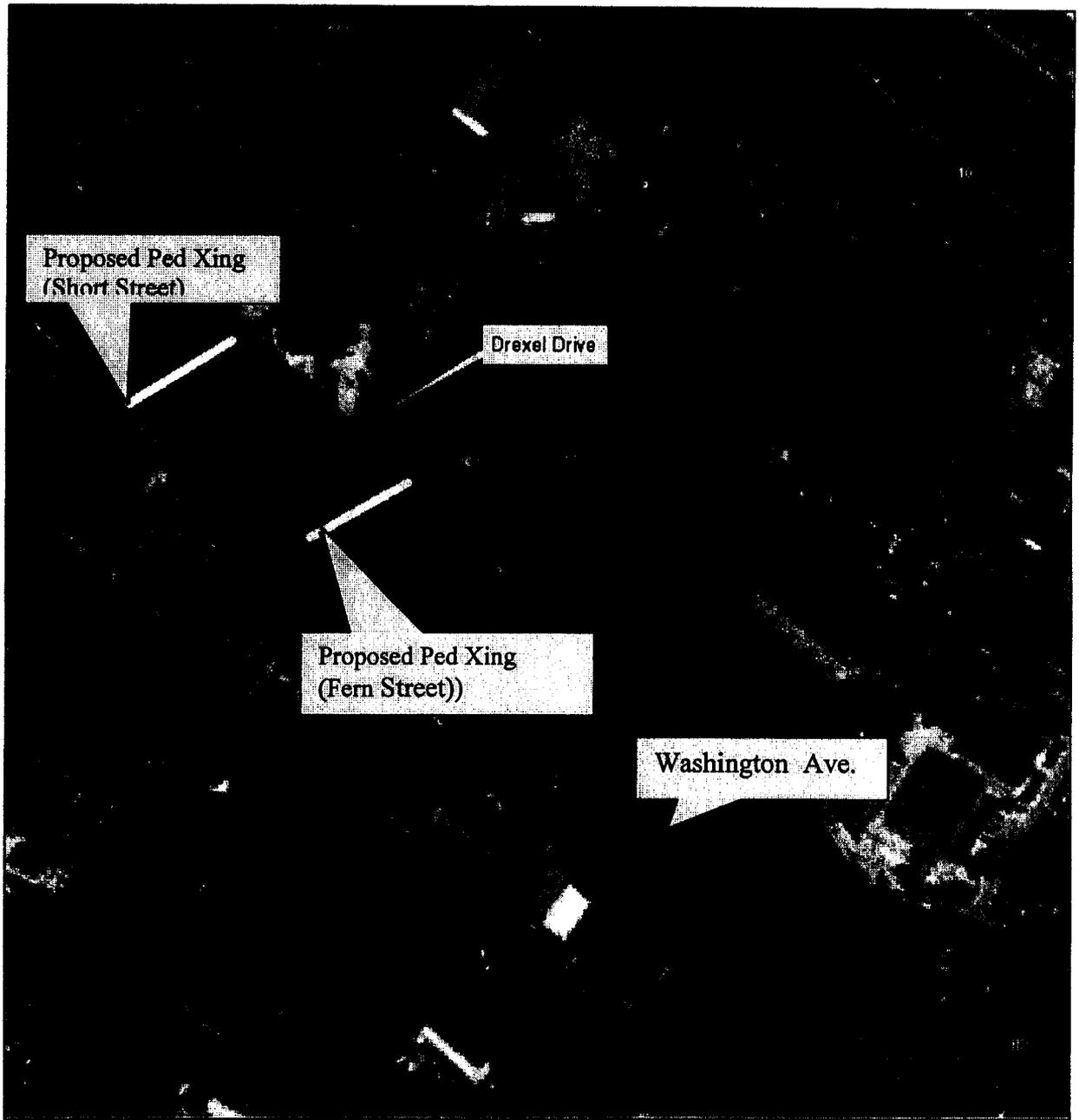
The pedestrian walkway will provide protection to pedestrians from traffic on east and west Washington Avenue and connect Xavier University's campus to parking areas for individuals utilizing the campus. Current ground level crosswalks put pedestrians at risk because of heavy traffic volume.

The current average daily traffic (ADT) for 2007 for this portion of Washington Ave. is 12,640 vehicles per day. Washington Ave. is a 4-lane, divided facility classified as a Minor Arterial.

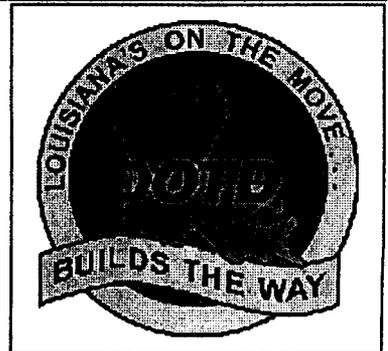
ALTERNATIVES

There are two alternatives for this project—the proposed Build Alternative and the No Build Alternative. The Build Alternative will allow the construction of the proposed pedestrian walkway so pedestrians can safely access Xavier University's campus.

The No Build Alternative would leave the existing ground level crosswalks in place. After careful study of the proposed project, the department has decided upon the Build Alternative. The No Build Alternative will not address the project's purpose and need.



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IMPACTS

Right-of-Way

Xavier University will donate the property necessary for the bridge towers on either side of Washington Avenue. No relocations will be required.

Wetlands

Wetlands will not be affected by the construction of this project, as proposed. A permit will not be required from the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers.

Cultural Resources

Xavier University was founded in 1915 and has three buildings listed on the National Register of Historic Places (NRHP). The construction of an elevated pedestrian walkway will result in No Adverse Effect to Xavier University's three NRHP-listed buildings which are listed under Criterion A for their significance to African-American Heritage and Education. The qualities that make these buildings eligible under Criterion A will not be diminished with the construction of the pedestrian walkway. There will be no adverse effect to these historic properties with the construction of this project, as proposed. The State Historic Preservation Officer concurred with this determination on September 12, 2008; the correspondence can be found in Appendix B.

Threatened/Endangered Species

No state or federal listed threatened or endangered species will be impacted by this project, as proposed.

Noise

Additional capacity is not being added to Washington Ave. and a noise analysis is not warranted.

Sole Source Aquifer

This project is not located above a sole source aquifer.

Section 4(f)/Section 6(f)

Section 4(f) of the U.S. Department of Transportation Act (49 U.S.C. 303) requires the Department of Transportation to avoid public parks, recreation areas, wildlife and waterfowl refuges, and historic sites unless there is no prudent and feasible alternative to such use and all practicable measures to minimize harm to the area have been included in the project. No 4(f) properties will be impacted by the proposed project.

Section 6(f) refers to parks that receive funding through the Land and Water Conservation Fund Act (916 U.S.C. 4601-4 to 4601-11). Properties acquired or developed under this act cannot be converted to uses other than public outdoor recreation areas without the approval of the Secretary of the Interior. No 6(f) properties will be impacted by the proposed project.

Floodplain

The project is located in Zone A3, which has a high risk of flooding. Debris will be kept clear during construction to ensure that conditions for flooding are not created.

Prime Farmland

No soils within this project area are classified as prime/unique farmland soil.

Construction Impacts

Short-term impacts, such as construction noise, possible traffic delay, and temporary increase in air pollution are expected. However, pursuant to Section 107.15 of the Louisiana Standard Specifications for Roads and Bridges entitled "Environmental Protection," the contractor shall comply with federal, state, and local laws and regulations controlling pollution of the environment, including air, water, and noise.

SUMMARY OF MITIGATION AND COMMITMENTS

Xavier University and their consultant, Burk-Kleinpeter, will provide the Louisiana Division of Historic Preservation a complete set of the design plans for review and comment prior to construction. Burk-Kleinpeter will design the elevated crosswalk to complement the architecture of the Xavier University Main Building, the Convent, and Library.

A section 404 permit will not be required from the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. A Coastal Use Permit is not required because the project is located outside of the Louisiana Coastal Zone. A scenic stream permit will not be required because no Louisiana Natural and Scenic Streams will be impacted.

No noise impacts will result with the construction of this project. No threatened or endangered species will be affected. No cultural resources listed on or eligible for the National Register of Historic Places will be impacted. No Section 4(f) or Section 6(f) properties will be impacted.

COMMENTS AND COORDINATION

Views were solicited from federal, state, and local agency officials early in the planning stages of the project in order to identify both possible adverse and potential beneficial socio-economic or environmental impacts of the proposed project. The Solicitation of Views was distributed on June 9, 2008. Copies of the SOV and all responses are included in Appendix A.

The State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO), in response to the Solicitation of Views, stated that in their opinion the potential for this project to have an adverse effect on Xavier's NRHP-listed buildings can be avoided by designing the pedestrian walkway and towers so that they incorporate architectural elements of the NRHP-listed buildings. The

Division of Historic Preservation will be provided the design plans for review and comment prior to construction.

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Louisiana Field Office, stated that there will be no affect to Federal trust resources protected by the Endangered Species Act of 1973.

The State of Louisiana, Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, Natural Heritage Program, stated that no impacts are anticipated to rare, threatened, or endangered species or critical habitats. Also, no state or federal parks, wildlife refuges, scenic streams, or wildlife management areas are known at the specified site within Louisiana's boundaries.

The Department of the Army, New Orleans District, Corps of Engineers, stated that they did not anticipate any adverse impacts to any Corps of Engineers projects. No permit will be required under Section 404 of the Clean Water Act; however, any changes or modifications to the proposed project will require a revised determination.

The Louisiana Department of Agriculture and Forestry had no comment.

New Orleans Regional Planning Commission expressed support for this project.

The National Marine Fisheries Service (NOAA Fisheries) stated they have no comment to provide for this project because the resources being affected are not ones for which NOAA Fisheries is responsible.

The Department of Environmental Quality, Office of Environmental Assessment and Office of Environmental Services, have no objections based on the limited information submitted.

The State of Louisiana, Department of Natural Resources, Office of Conservation, stated that no oil, gas, injection, or water wells are located within or adjacent to the project area.

APPENDIX A

SOLICITATION OF VIEWS



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June 9, 2008

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NAME: WASHINGTON AVE. PEDESTRIAN CROSSING
ROUTE: WASHINGTON AVE.
PARISH: ORLEANS

SUBJECT: Solicitation of Views

Early in the planning stages of a transportation facility, views from federal, state, and local agencies, organizations, and individuals are solicited. The special expertise of these groups can assist DOTD with the early identification of possible adverse economic, social, or environmental effects or concerns. Your assistance in this regard will be appreciated.

Due to the earliness of this request for your views, very limited data concerning the proposed project exists. We have, however, attached a sketch map showing the general location of the project, along with a preliminary project description.

It is requested that you review the attached information and furnish us with your views and comments by **July 14, 2008**. Replies should be addressed to LADOTD; Environmental Engineer Administrator; P.O. Box 94245; Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70804-9245. Please reference the captioned project in your reply.

Sincerely,


for Noel Ardoin
Environmental Engineer Administrator

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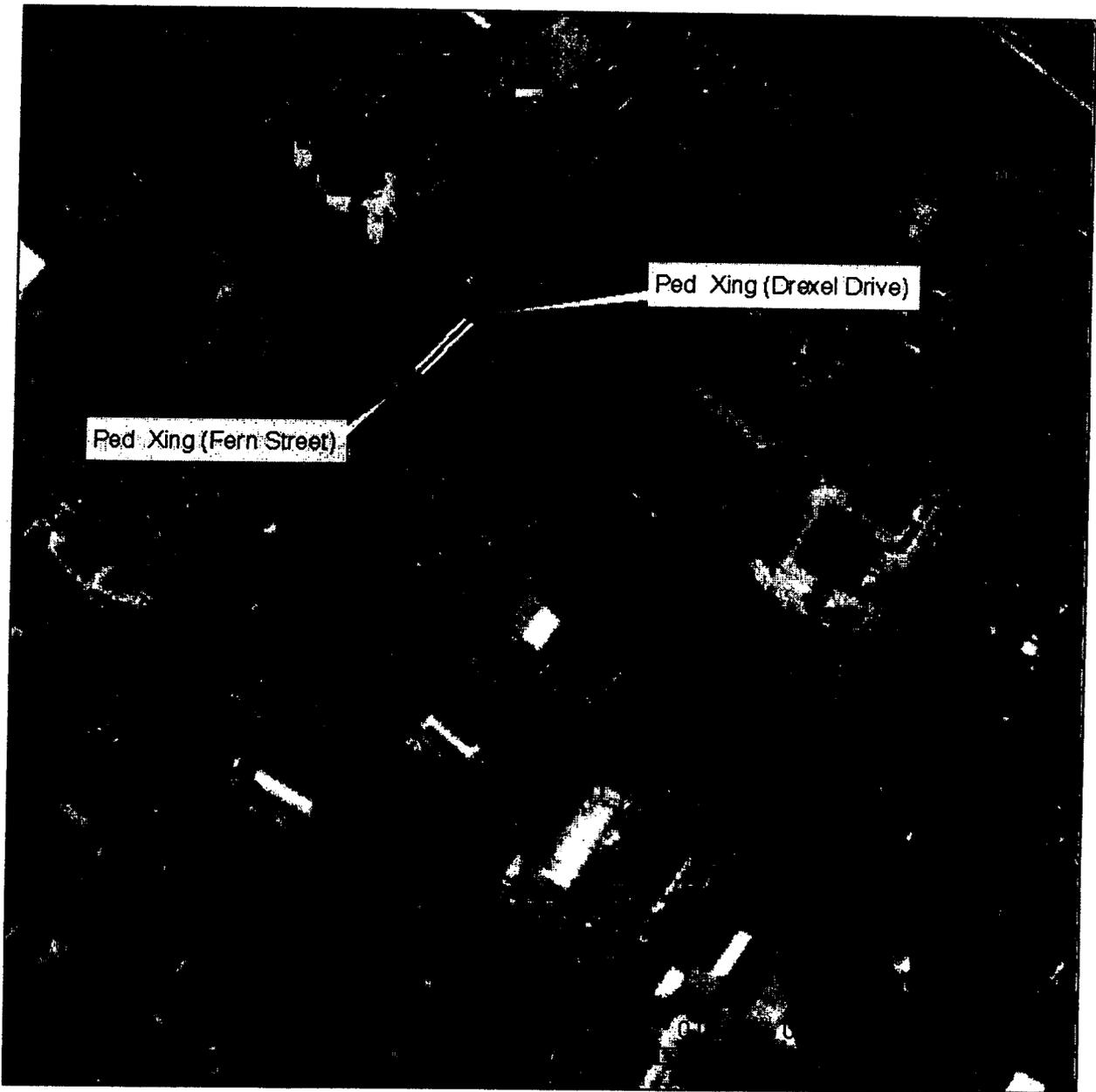
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This pedestrian walkway will be constructed using federal DEMO (earmarked funds) with matching funds provided by the City of New Orleans (Department of Public Works). Xavier University will donate the property necessary for the bridge towers on either side of Washington Avenue. The University will also provide security for pedestrians using the walkway and maintain the site's elevators. Traffic flow will remain open along Washington Avenue during construction of the facility. Wetlands will not be involved. It is anticipated that this project will be processed as a Categorical Exclusion.

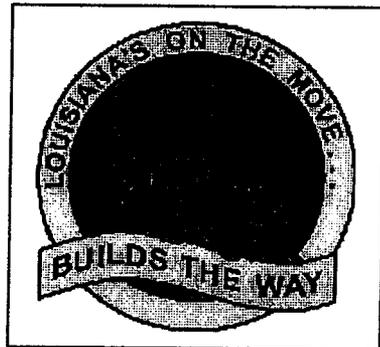


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Ped Xing (Drexel Drive)



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Subject Fw: DEQ SOV: 700-36-0195/1070 Washington Ave
Pedestrian Crossing

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Joanna Gardner
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Crossing

June 26, 2008

Noel Ardoin
LA DOTD
PO Box 92425
Baton Rouge, LA 70804-9245

RE:

700-36-0195/107 Washington Ave Pedestrian
0 Crossing
Orleans Parish

Dear Ms. Ardoin:

The Department of Environmental Quality, Office of Environmental Assessment and Office of Environmental Services received your request for comments on the above referenced project. Please take the appropriate steps to obtain and/or update all necessary approvals and environmental permits regarding this proposed project.

There were no objections based on the limited information submitted to us. However, the following comments have been included. Should you encounter a problem during the implementation of this project, please make the appropriate notification to this Department.

The Office of Environmental Services/Permits Division recommends that you investigate the following requirements that may influence your 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 their LPDES permit before accepting the additional wastewater.
- LDEQ has stormwater general permits for construction areas equal to or greater than one acre. It is recommended that you contact Melissa Conti at (225) 219-3078 to determine if your proposed

- improvements require one of these permits.
- All precautions should be observed to control nonpoint source pollution from construction activities.
 - 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 to inquire about the possible necessity for permits. 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 waste waters 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 DEQ, 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.

Currently, Orleans Parish is classified as an attainment parish with the National Ambient Air Quality Standards for all criteria air pollutants.

Please forward all future requests to Ms. Joanna Gardner, LDEQ/Performance Management/ P.O. Box 4301, Baton Rouge, LA 70821-4301 and we will expedite it as quickly as possible.

If you have any questions, please contact me at (225)219-3958 or by email at joanna.gardner@la.gov. Permitting questions should be directed to the Office of Environmental Services at 225-219-3181.

Sincerely,

Joanna Gardner
Performance Management

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COMMISSIONER OF CONSERVATION

July 17, 2008

TO: LA DOTD
Environmental Engineer Administrator
P. O. Box 94245
Baton Rouge, LA 70804-9245
Attention: Ms. Noel Ardoin

RE: Sate Project No. 700-36-0195
F.A.P. No. DE-3606(520)
Name: Washington Ave. Pedestrian Crossing
Route: Washington Ave.
Parish: Orleans

Dear Ms. Ardoin:

In response to your letter dated June 9, 2008, 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.state.la.us/CONS/Conserv.ssi>

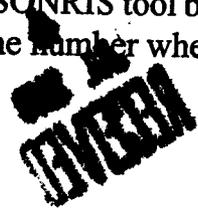
A review of our computer records for the referenced project area indicates no oil, gas, injection or water wells in and adjacent to the project area. Due care should be taken to locate any water wells that are not registered and not in the database.

The Office of Conservation maintains records of all activities within its jurisdiction

in either 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	JeffW@dnr.state.la.us
Pipeline	Michael Peikert	225-342-2989	MichaelP@dnr.state.la.us
Injection & Mining	Laurence Bland	225-342-5515	LaurenceB@dnr.state.la.us
Geological	Mike Kline	225-342-3335	MikeKl@dnr.state.la.us
Ground Water	Tony Duplechin	225-342-5528	TonyD@dnr.state.la.us

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

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JH Commissioner of Conservation

JHW:MBK



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WILLIAM D. ANKNER, Ph.D.
SECRETARY

June 24, 2008

STATE PROJECT NO.: 700-36-0195
F.A.P. NO.: DE-3606(520)
NAME: WASHINGTON AVE. PEDESTRIAN CROSSING
ROUTE: WASHINGTON AVE.
PARISH: ORLEANS

Ms. Noel Ardoin
Environmental Engineer Administrator
LADOTD
P.O. Box 94245
Baton Rouge, LA 70804-9245

Subject: Solicitation of Views

Dear Ms. Ardoin:

Enclosed is a copy of the Flood Insurance Rate Map (FIRM) for Orleans Parish indicating the proposed project area.

During and after the project, consideration must be given for the occurrence of a base flood inundation. At this time, consideration should also be given to the responsibility for clearing debris and keeping the area cleared so as not to interfere with its function.

In order to assure compliance with Orleans Parish requirements for the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) and so that appropriate permits are obtained please contact the floodplain administrator for Orleans Parish. The contact person is: Mr. Paul May, 1300 Perdido Street, 7E05 New Orleans, LA 70112, and telephone no. 504-658-7200.

We thank you for the opportunity to comment on this project. If you need additional information, please contact our office, (225) 274-4354.

Sincerely,

Susan Veillon, CFM
Floodplain Management Program Coordinator

pc: Mr. Paul May



NATIONAL FLOOD INSURANCE PROGRAM

FIRM
FLOOD INSURANCE RATE MAP

CITY OF
NEW ORLEANS AND
ORLEANS PARISH,
LOUISIANA

PANEL 160 OF 185
(SEE MAP INDEX FOR PANELS NOT PRINTED)

COMMUNITY-PANEL NUMBER
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MAP REVISED:
MARCH 1, 1984



Federal Emergency Management Agency

This is an official copy of a portion of the above referenced flood map. It was extracted using F-MIT On-Line. This map does not reflect changes or amendments which may have been made subsequent to the date on the title block. For the latest product information about National Flood Insurance Program flood maps check the FEMA Flood Map Store at www.msc.fema.gov



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City, State, Zip Baton Rouge, LA 70804-9245
Project State Project # 700-36-0195
Washington Ave. Pedestrian Crossing
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Personnel of the Habitat Section of the Fur and Refuge 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,

Gary Lester
for Gary Lester, Coordinator
Natural Heritage Program



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Number of Quads Reviewed 1
Total Due \$0.00

Payment should be made to "Louisiana Department of Wildlife & Fisheries" within 30 days of the date of this invoice. Please include the invoice number on your check and return a copy of this invoice with your remittance to the following address:

Louisiana Department of Wildlife & Fisheries
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P.O. Box 80399
Baton Rouge, LA 70898-0399

Should you have any questions regarding this invoice, for review of the Louisiana Natural Heritage database for information on known sensitive elements at a charge of \$20.00 per quad reviewed, please contact LNHP at (225) 765-2357.



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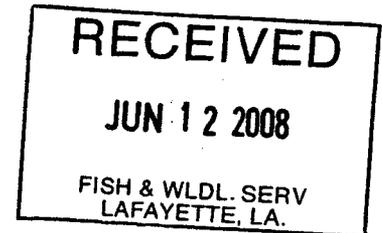
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June 9, 2008

STATE PROJECT NO. 700-36-0195
F.A.P NO. DE-3606(520)
NAME: WASHINGTON AVE. PEDESTRIAN CROSSING
ROUTE: WASHINGTON AVE.
PARISH: ORLEANS



SUBJECT: Solicitation of Views

Early in the planning stages of a transportation facility, views from federal, state, and local agencies, organizations, and individuals are solicited. The special expertise of these groups can assist DOTD with the early identification of possible adverse economic, social, or environmental effects or concerns. Your assistance in this regard will be appreciated.

Due to the earliness of this request for your views, very limited data concerning the proposed project exists. We have, however, attached a sketch map showing the general location of the project, along with a preliminary project description.

It is requested that you review the attached information and furnish us with your views and comments by July 14, 2008. Replies should be addressed to LADOTD; Environmental Engineer Administrator, P.O. Box 94245; Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70804-9245. Please reference the captioned project in your reply.

Sincerely,

for Noel Ardoim
Environmental Engineer Administrator

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
 Is not likely to adversely affect those resources.

This finding fulfills the requirements under Section 7(a)(2) of the Act.

Date June 18, 2008

Acting Supervisor
Louisiana Field Office
U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service

Attachments
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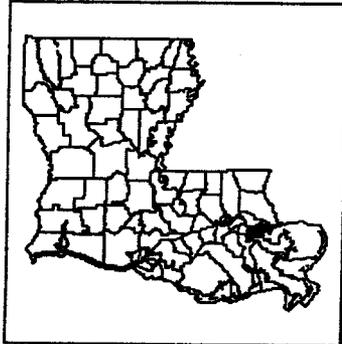
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PRELIMINARY PROJECT DESCRIPTION
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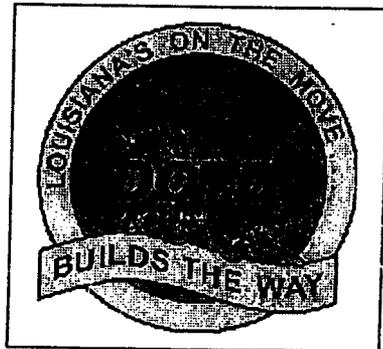
Xavier University proposes to construct an elevated pedestrian walkway over the Washington Avenue Canal, Washington Avenue and Drexel Drive in Orleans Parish. The pedestrian walkway will provide protection to pedestrians from traffic on east and west Washington Avenue and connect Xavier University's campus to parking areas for individuals utilizing the campus.

The walkway will be approximately 274 feet (83.5 m) long and 10 feet (3 m) wide for clearance of pedestrians and wheelchairs. Landings will be located at the corner of Fern Street with Washington Avenue and Drexel Drive with the Xavier University campus near the Science and Administration Buildings. Each landing will be equipped with elevators and stairs within enclosed towers for full access in accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, as amended. Security lighting will be in all stairwells, landings, and walkway areas. A vertical clearance of 17 feet (5.2 m) will be provided to allow the passage of trucks and buses on Washington Avenue below the proposed pedestrian walkway.

This pedestrian walkway will be constructed using federal DEMO (earmarked funds) with matching funds provided by the City of New Orleans (Department of Public Works). Xavier University will donate the property necessary for the bridge towers on either side of Washington Avenue. The University will also provide security for pedestrians using the walkway and maintain the site's elevators. Traffic flow will remain open along Washington Avenue during construction of the facility. Wetlands will not be involved. It is anticipated that this project will be processed as a Categorical Exclusion.



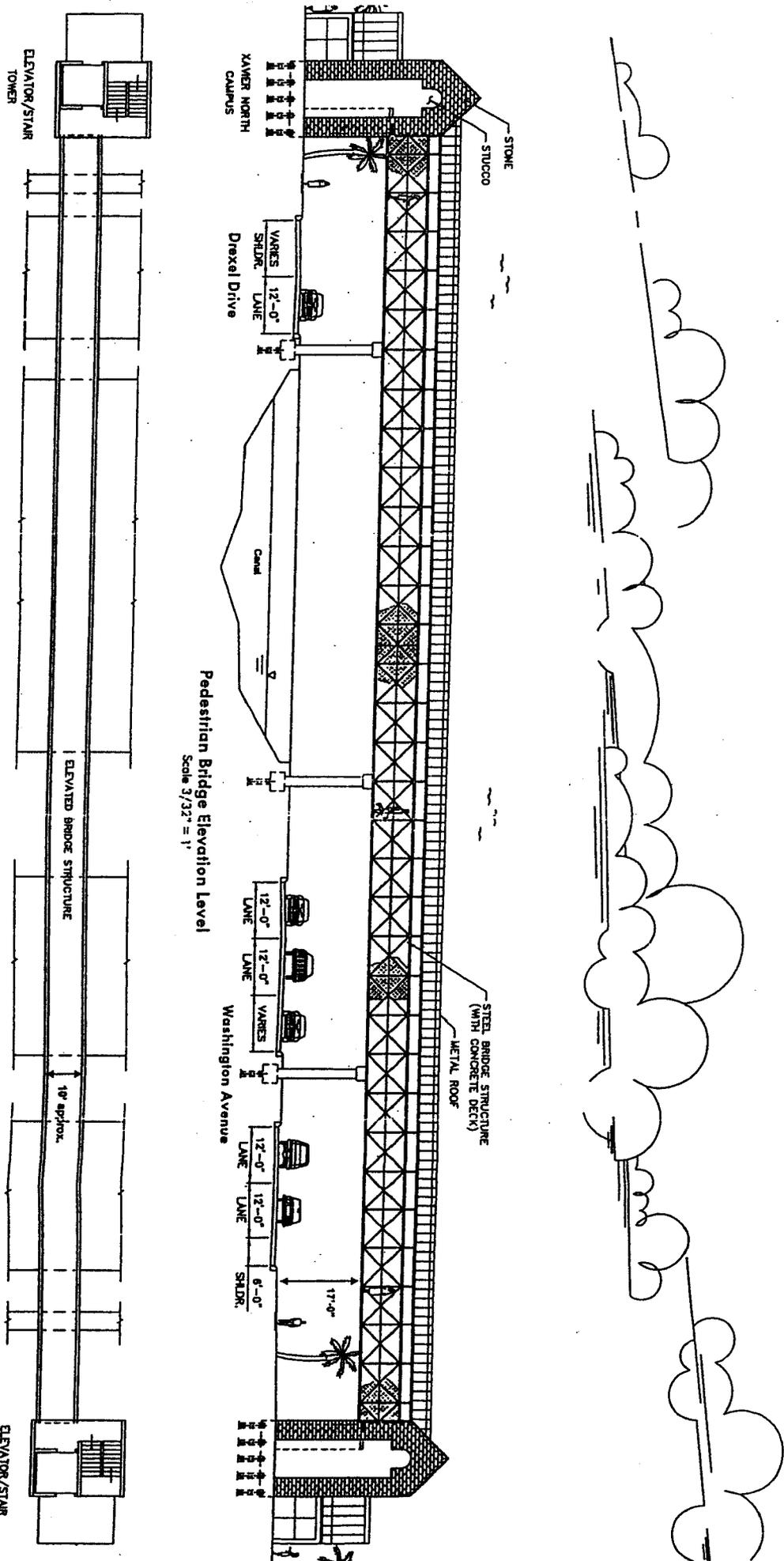
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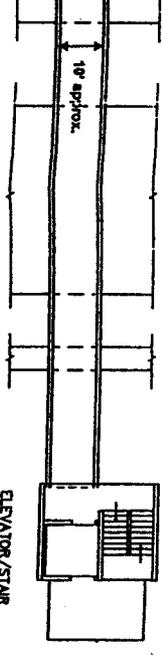
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Floor Plan at Bridge Level
 Scale 3/32" = 1'



Washington Avenue Pedestrian Crossing Stage 0 Feasibility Study
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 City of New Orleans, Orleans Parish, LA

EKI SUBKIKLINSKI-PETERSONS

Figure 5: Project Conceptual Plan - Pedestrian Walkway

Lab 10382-01
 April 2008



DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY
NEW ORLEANS DISTRICT, CORPS OF ENGINEERS
P. O. BOX 60267
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REPLY TO
ATTENTION OF

Operations Division
Operations Manager,
Completed Works

Mr. Noel Ardoin
Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development
Environmental Engineer Administrator
Post Office Box 94245
Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70804-9245

Dear Mr. Ardoin:

This is in response to your Solicitation of Views request dated June 9, 2008, concerning the construction of an elevated pedestrian walkway over the Washington Avenue Canal, Washington Avenue and Drexel Drive at New Orleans, Louisiana, in Orleans Parish.

We have reviewed your request for potential Department of the Army regulatory requirements and impacts on any Department of the Army projects.

We do not anticipate any adverse impacts to any Corps of Engineers projects.

We have reviewed your project and determined that a Department of the Army permit under Section 404 of the Clean Water Act will not be required. Any changes or modifications to the proposed project will require a revised determination.

Please be advised that this property is in the Louisiana Coastal Zone. For additional information regarding coastal use permit requirements, contact Ms. Christine Charrier, Coastal Management Division, Louisiana Department of Natural Resources at (225) 3427591.

You and your client are advised that this approved jurisdictional determination is valid for a period of 5 years from the date of this letter unless new information warrants revision prior to the expiration date or the District Commander has identified, after public notice and comment, that specific geographic areas with rapidly changing environmental conditions merit re-verification on a more frequent basis.

Off-site locations of activities such as borrow, disposals, haul-and detour-roads and work mobilization site developments may be subject to Department of the Army regulatory requirements and may have an impact on a Department of the Army project.

Please contact Mr. Robert Heffner, of our Regulatory Branch by telephone at (504) 862-2274, or by e-mail at Robert.A.Heffner@usace.army.mil for questions concerning wetlands determinations or need for on-site evaluations. Questions concerning regulatory permit requirements may be addressed to Mr. Mike Farabee by telephone at (504) 862-2292 or by e-mail at Michael.V.Farabee@usace.army.mil.

Future correspondence concerning this matter should reference our account number MVN-2008-02027-SK. This will allow us to more easily locate records of previous correspondence, and thus provide a quicker response.

Sincerely,



Karen L. Oberlies
Solicitation of Views Manager

Copy Furnished:

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Coastal Zone Management
Department of Natural Resources
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STATE PROJECT NO. 700-36-0195
FEDERAL AID PROJECT NO.: DE-3606(520)
NAME: WASHINGTON AVE. PEDESTRIAN CROSSING
ROUTE: WASHINGTON AVE.
PARISH: ORLEANS

RE: Solicitation of Views

Dear Mr. Ardoin:

I have no comment at this time regarding the above referenced projects.

Sincerely,

Bradley E. Spicer
Assistant Commissioner

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RE: Solicitation of Views,
State Project # 700-36-0195, F.A.P. NO. DE-3606 (520),
Washington Ave. Pedestrian Crossing

Dear Mrs. Ardoin,

Per your request for a Solicitation of Views dated June 9th, 2008, we at the New Orleans Regional Planning Commission are writing to express our support for the proposed Washington Avenue Pedestrian Crossing. We find the project to be in accord with the RPC's mission of promoting the general welfare and prosperity of the region, and it fits well into the fundamental principles of Smart Growth design.

We trust this project will be carried out with minimum disruption to area residents, and that ample opportunity for public input in these undertakings will be provided.

Please don't hesitate to call me at (504) 568-6611 if you have any questions or comments. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Walter Brooks
Executive Director
New Orleans Regional Planning Commission

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Mr. Noel A. Ardoin
Environmental Engineer Administrator
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Post Office Box 94245
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Dear Mr. Ardoin;

The National Marine Fisheries Service (NOAA Fisheries) has reviewed the project information transmitted in the Solicitation of Views identified below. The resources affected are not ones for which NOAA Fisheries is responsible. Therefore, we have no comments to provide regarding this project.

<u>STATE PROJECT NO.</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>NOTICE DATE</u>	<u>DUE DATE</u>
700-36-0195	Orleans	06-09-08	07-14-08
700-45-0107	St Charles	06-10-08	07-11-08

Sincerely,

for Miles M. Croom
Assistant Regional Administrator
Habitat Conservation Division



APPENDIX B

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July 15, 2008

Ms. Noel Ardoin
Environmental Engineer Administrator
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P.O. Box 94245
Baton Rouge, LA 70804-9245

Re: State Project No. 700-36-0195
F.A.P. No. DE-36506 (520)
Washington Ave. Pedestrian Crossing
New Orleans, Orleans Parish, LA

Dear Ms. Ardoin:

Thank you for your letter of June 9, 2008, concerning the above-referenced project. On June 18, 2008 representatives of your staff, Xavier University, the New Orleans Regional Planning Commission, and Mike Varnado of our staff met at the proposed Washington Avenue Pedestrian Crossing site on the campus of Xavier University. As a result of the meeting, all participants agreed that the proposed elevated crosswalk would be designed to complement the architecture of the Xavier University Main Building, Convent, and Library, buildings that are listed on the National Register of Historic Places (NRHP). Also, it was agreed by all of the participants that our office would review and comment on the final design plans prior to the beginning of project construction. It is our opinion that the potential for this project to have an adverse effect on the Xavier NRHP-listed buildings can be avoided by following the June 18, 2008 meeting agreement.

If you have any questions, please contact Mike Varnado of the Division of Historic Preservation at (225) 219-4596.

Sincerely,

Pam Breux
State Historic Preservation Officer

PB:MV:s



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September 12, 2008

Ms. Noel Ardoin
Environmental Engineer Administrator
LDOTD
P.O. Box 94245
Baton Rouge, LA 70804-9245

Re: Proposed Washington Avenue Pedestrian Crossing
Xavier University of Louisiana
New Orleans, Orleans, LA

Dear Ms. Ardoin:

Thank you for your letter of July 31, 2008, concerning the above-referenced project. Based on the Xavier University meeting attended by Mike Varnado of our staff, it our understanding that the proposed Washington Avenue elevated pedestrian crossing would be designed to compliment the Xavier University buildings that are listed in the National Register of Historic Places. As such it is our opinion that there would be no adverse effect to any historic properties as a result of this undertaking.

If you have any questions, please contact Mike Varnado in the Division of Historic Preservation at (225) 219-4596.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Phil Boggan".

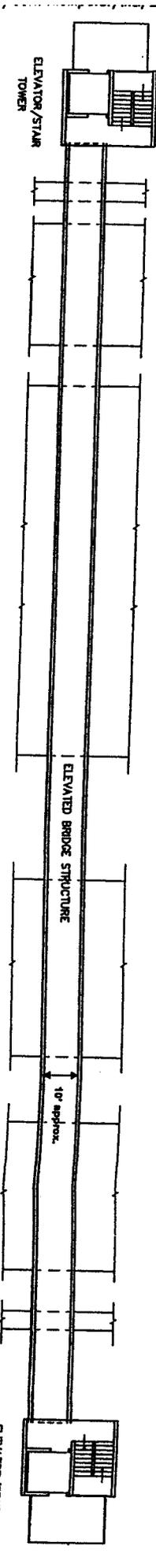
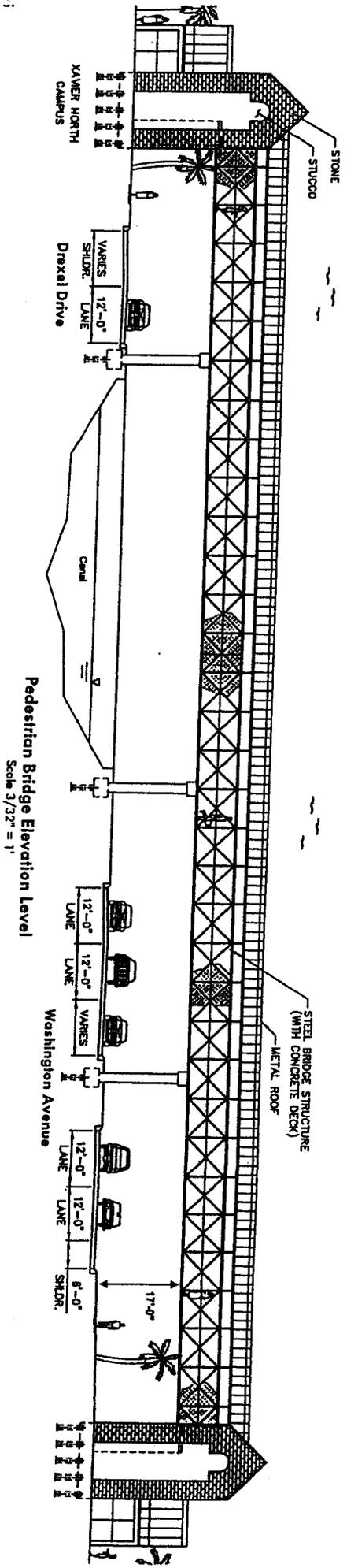
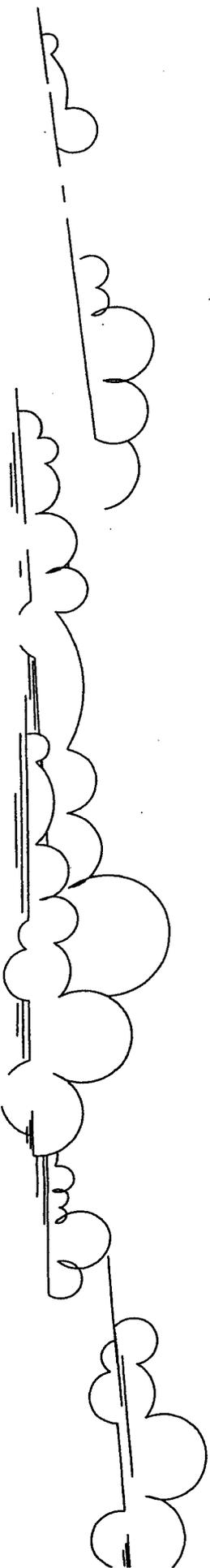
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APPENDIX C

PROJECT CONCEPTUAL PLAN SHEET

Illustration shown for Planning Purposes Only
 Need not be constructed as shown



Floor Plan at Bridge Level
 Scale 3/32" = 1'

Washington Avenue Pedestrian Crossing Stage 0 Feasibility Study
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Figure 5: Project Conceptual Plan - Pedestrian Walkway

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