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The Honorable Harold Perrin Mayor of Jonesboro 515 West Washington Street Jonesboro, AR 72403-1845

Dear Mayor Perrin:

Reference is made to your recent letter requesting Federal-aid Highway Bridge Replacement and Rehabilitation Program (HBRRP) funds for Bridge Numbers M2411, 19075, and 19077 over Christian Creek in Jonesboro.

As stated in your letter, Bridge Number M2411 on West Matthews Street has a sufficiency rating of 34.6 and is classified as structurally deficient. Therefore, the bridge is eligible for replacement with Federal-aid HBRRP funds. However, Bridge Number 19075 on Hester Street and Bridge Number 19077 on West College Avenue have sufficiency ratings of 53.1 and 60.7, respectively, and no deficiencies were found during our most recent inspections that would cause these structures to be rated structurally deficient or functionally obsolete. Therefore, Bridge Numbers 19075 and 19077 are not eligible for Federal-aid HBRRP funds at this time.

The Department has scheduled inspections of Bridge Number 19075 for April 2010 and Bridge Number 19077 for November 2009. If the City would like to request an earlier inspection, please contact Mr. Alan Walter, District 10 Maintenance Engineer, at (870) 239-9511 for further information.

If the City would like to proceed with a project to replace Bridge Number M2411 on West Matthews Street, please have your City Council pass a resolution (sample enclosed) allowing you to enter into any necessary agreements with the Department and return an original signed and sealed copy to the Department Lipon receipt, we will forward an Agreement of Understanding for you to sign. Please be aware that HBRRP funds utilize 80% Federal-aid and 20% local matching funds with a limitation of \$1 million in Federal-aid available per project. Also, only one project at a time may be programmed.

If you have any additional questions, please advise.

Sincerely,

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