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CATEGORICAL EXCLUSION FROM ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW

The City of Selma Waterworks and Sewer Board
Dallas County

SRF Project No. FS010256-04

January 2, 2023

The Alabama Department of Environmental Management has made \$15,099,297.00 in financial assistance available to The City of Selma Waterworks and Sewer Board using funds from the FY 2022 Drinking Water State Revolving Fund Bipartisan Infrastructure Legislation(DWSRF-BIL) Lead Service Line loan program. In accordance with State and Federal regulations that govern the program, the Alabama Department of Environmental Management has conducted a review to assess the potential impacts upon the environment that may result from implementation of this project.

The City of Selma Waterworks and Sewer Board proposes to replace lead service pipes serving 866 previously identified customers located throughout the City of Selma. This project replaces the LSL from the water main to the customer's house/building as required by EPA/ADEM.

The Alabama Department of Environmental Management has determined that the project qualifies for a Categorical Exclusion (CE) from further environmental study under the guidelines specified by the State Environmental Review Process (SERP) which specifically include actions which are solely directed toward minor rehabilitation of existing facilities, functional replacement of equipment, or towards the construction of new ancillary facilities adjacent or appurtenant to existing facilities. However, this decision may be reconsidered if significant adverse information concerning the potential environmental impacts of the project is discovered.

Comments relative to this project should be submitted in writing to Mr. John Laney, SRF Section, Permits & Services Division, Alabama Department of Environmental Management, P.O. Box 301463, Montgomery, Alabama 36130-7871, no later than 30 days after the date of public notice. The Alabama Department of Environmental Management will not take formal action to proceed with the project without carefully evaluating any public comments opposing the project.

Sincerely,

Lance R. LeFleur
Director

LRL/EJR/JWL/KBH



The City of Selma Waterworks and Sewer Board
SRF# FS010256-02

The Categorical Exclusion is promulgated in the State Environmental Review Process (SERP) in Part IV, Section C: Categorical Exclusions for Drinking Water State Revolving Fund Projects: (Italicized sections apply.)

1. The following drinking water projects are eligible for categorical exclusions:
 - a. *Actions intended solely for minor rehabilitation, functional replacement, or ancillary facilities adjacent or appurtenant to existing facilities.*
 - b. Minor construction, including:
 - (1) New wells or replacement wells for water supply purposes if ancillary to the existing system;
 - (2) Improvements not intended to increase capacity of the system;
 - (2) Facilities for the disinfection of public water supplies;
 - (3) Facilities such as looping that will result solely in the provision of adequate public water system pressure;
 - (4) Construction of water tanks;
 - (5) Construction of new water lines in previously disturbed areas within one mile of the existing distribution system.
 - c. Projects where funding is being provided for planning and/or engineering costs only (in which case the requirements of IV.C.1.a-d do not apply).
2. In order to determine if a drinking water project is eligible for a CE, all of the following must not apply:
3.
 - a. The action is known or expected to directly or indirectly adversely impact any of the following:
 - (1) Cultural or historical resources;
 - (2) Endangered or Threatened Species and/or their critical habitats;
 - (3) Environmentally important natural resource areas such as floodplains, wetlands, prime agricultural land, or aquifer recharge zones.
 - b. The action is not cost effective.
 - c. The action will cause significant public controversy.
 - d. The action will create a new or expanded surface drinking water source.

This project complies with the above requirements and has been determined to be eligible for a Categorical Exclusion.

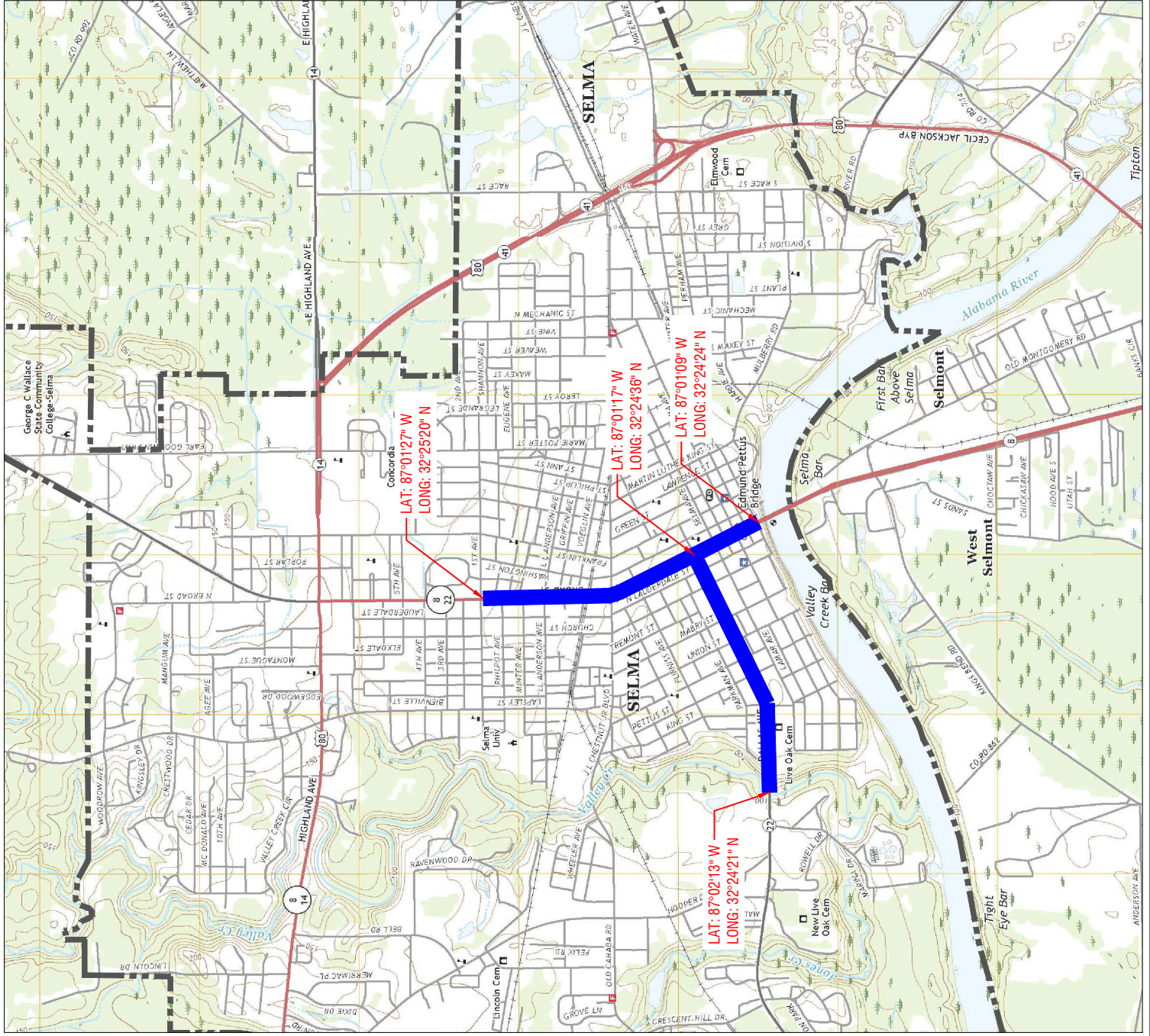
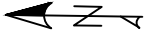
MAPS

LEGEND

REPLACE EXISTING
WATER MAINS WITH
6-INCH HEADER PIPES BY
DIRECTIONAL BORE



NOTE: EXISTING LEAD SERVICE
LINES TO BE REPLACED ARE
LOCATED VARIOUS LOCATIONS
THROUGHOUT THE CITY.



Selma Waterworks
FY22 DWSRF Project
Application Map
July, 2022

**CONCURRENCE
LETTERS**

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1 Satterfield St
Selma, AL 36701

O: 334.875.1960

F: 334.875.1961

BY:

May 10, 2022

Mr. William J. Pearson
U.S. Department of the Interior
Fish and Wildlife Service
1208-E Main Street
Daphne, Alabama 36526

**RE: Water Works and Sewer Board of the City of Selma
FY 2022 Drinking Water State Revolving Fund Project
Project No. FS 010256-04**

Dear Mr. Pearson:

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ADEM Code Section 335-7-11-.16 (1) (c) 1 mandates that each public water system in the State of Alabama replace their existing lead water service pipes within 15 years at a rate no less than 7% each year. The Selma Waterworks is taking a proactive approach and proposes to replace all 866 of the existing service lines as a part of this project. Attached is a USGS Quad Map showing locations of proposed improvements.

As part of the Environmental Information Document (EID), we are hereby requesting concurrence on this project from your agency.

If you should have any questions, please do not hesitate to give me a call at (334) 875-1960 or email me at hoggeng@bellsouth.net.

Sincerely,

HSA ENGINEERS, INC.


D. Ray Hogg, Jr., P.E.

CC: Hon. James Perkins, Jr.
Board Members



U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service
1208-B Main Street – Daphne, Alabama 36526
Phone: 251-441-5181 Fax: 251-441-6222

No federally listed species/critical habitat are known to occur in the project area. As described, the project will have no significant impact on fish and wildlife resources. IF PROJECT DESIGN CHANGES ARE MADE, PLEASE SUBMIT NEW PLANS FOR REVIEW. We recommend use of best management practices specific to your project (See <http://www.fws.gov/daphne/section7/bmp.html>).


William J. Pearson, Field Supervisor

AUG 11 2022

Date

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ALABAMA HISTORICAL COMMISSION

Lisa D. Jones
Executive Director
State Historic Preservation Officer

468 South Perry Street
Montgomery, Alabama 36130-0900

Tel: 334-242-3184
Fax: 334-242-1083

October 11, 2022

Ray Hogg
Hogg Engineering Corporation
1 Satterfield Street
Selma, AL 36701

Re: AHC 22-0969
Replacement of existing Lead Service Pipes throughout the City of Selma funded through the
Bi-partisan Infrastructure Law
Dallas County

Dear Mr. Hogg:

Upon review of the additional information provided by your office, we understand that all work for the proposed undertaking will take place within existing Right-of-Way and be accomplished by means of directional drill through previously mechanically disturbed soils, and adjacent to existing utility lines. We further understand that entry/exit point work within the National Register of Historic Places listed Old Town and Water Avenue Historic Districts will be accomplished by temporarily removing sections of concrete sidewalk, which will be repaired in-kind upon completion of the water line installation, and no new permanent above ground installations will be required within either historic district for this undertaking. With these stipulations in place, we concur with a finding of No Adverse Effect to Historic Properties; however, should project plans change in any way, please reinstate consultation with our office.

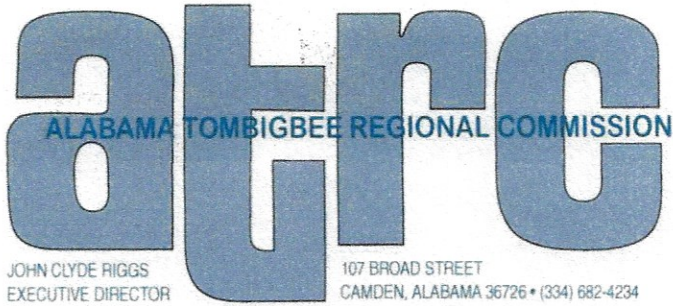
Consultation with the State Historic Preservation Office does not constitute consultation with Tribal Historic Preservation Offices, other Native American tribes, local governments, or the public. If archaeological materials are encountered during construction, the procedures codified at 36 CFR 800.13(b) will apply. Archaeological materials consist of any items, fifty years old or older, which were made or used by man. These items include but are not limited to, stone projectile points (arrowheads), ceramic sherds, bricks, worked wood, bone and stone, metal, and glass objects. The federal agency or the applicant receiving federal assistance should contact our office immediately. If human remains are encountered, the provisions of the Alabama Burial Act (Code of Alabama 1975, §13A-7-23.1, as amended; Alabama Historical Commission Administrative Code Chapter 460-X-10 Burials) should be followed. This stipulation shall be placed on the construction plans to ensure contractors are aware of it.

We appreciate your commitment to helping us preserve Alabama's historic archaeological and architectural resources. Should you have any questions, please contact Eric Sipes at 334.230.2667 or Eric.Sipes@ahc.alabama.gov. Have the AHC tracking number referenced above available and include it with any future correspondence.

Sincerely,

Lee Anne Wofford
Deputy State Historic Preservation Officer

LAW/EDS/SGH/AMH/LWT/eds



TO: Waterworks and Sewer Board of the City of Selma
PO Box 326
Selma, AL 36702-0326

DATE: 8/16/22

FROM: Alabama-Tombigbee Regional Commission
107 Broad Street
Camden, Alabama 36726
334-682-4234
Fax: 334-682-4205

PROJECT/PROGRAM:

The project will replace lead service pipes to 866 residences and/or businesses that have been previously identified as having lead service pipes. Funds will be ADEM Drinking Water SRF Funds under the Bi-partisan Infrastructure Law and the American Rescue Plan Act in the amount of \$15,099,279.

APPLICANT: Waterworks and Sewer Board of the City of Selma

This office has reviewed the above project/program. Our comments are indicated below. If you have questions, please contact the Review Officer at the Alabama-Tombigbee Regional Commission office listed above.

No Interest _____

Concur X

Need More Data (see below) _____

Cannot Concur _____

Consistent with Regional Plans X

Consistent with Local Plans X

ATRC
Alabama-Tombigbee Regional Commission

Additional Comments: _____

Signed: Brandy Wilkerson
Brandy Wilkerson, Planning Director

Intergovernmental Review Procedures

Intergovernmental review of DWSRF funded projects is required pursuant to Executive Order 12372. To fulfill this requirement, the applicant is required to submit a copy of their DWSRF loan application to the following entities for review and comment. Responses from these entities indicating concurrence with the proposed project are required (in writing) and must be included with the DWSRF Loan Application:

ALABAMA TOMBIGBEE REGIONAL COMMISSION

Complete this form and transmit a copy of the DWSRF Application Form (Page 4 of this application) to your Regional Planning Agency.

A. Applicant Name and Address:

WATERWORKS AND SEWER BOARD OF THE
CITY OF SELMA
P.O. BOX 326
SELMA, AL 36702-0326
PROJECT NO. FS-010256-04

B. Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Number and Title:

No. 66.468 - State Revolving Loan Program

C. Date Application Sent to ADEM:

AUGUST 16, 2022

Authorized Representative:

Branzy Wilkerson
(Signature)



REPLY TO
ATTENTION OF

DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY
U.S. ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS, MOBILE DISTRICT
600 VESTAVIA PARKWAY, SUITE 203
VESTAVIA HILLS, AL 35216

August 1, 2022

North Branch
Regulatory Division

SUBJECT: Department of the Army, No Permit Required, File Number SAM-2022-00747-LET, City of Selma Water Works and Sewer Board– lead water line replacements, Selma, Dallas County, Alabama

City of Selma Water Works and Sewer Board
% Hogg Stone and Associates Engineers, Inc.
Attention: Mr. D. Ray Hogg, Jr., P.E.
1 Satterfield Street
Selma, Alabama 36701

Transmitted electronically to: hoggeng@bellsouth.net

Dear Mr. Hogg:

This is in response to your letter, on behalf of the City of Selma Water Works and Sewer Board, dated July 25, 2022, requesting Department of Army (DA), U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) review of the proposed replacement of lead water mains and service lines through a State Drinking Water Revolving Fund loan. The work would occur at multiple locations throughout Selma in Dallas County, Alabama. The approximate center coordinate of the work area is latitude 32.4100 North, longitude -87.021389 West. This project has been assigned file number SAM-2022-00747-LET, which should be referred to in all future correspondence regarding this project.

Section 404 of the Clean Water Act (33 U.S.C. 1344) specifically addresses discharges of dredged and/or fill material into waters of the United States (U.S.), including wetlands, and requires that a Department of the Army (DA) permit must be obtained prior to conducting any work that would include a discharge of dredged and/or fill material into waters of the U.S. However, as indicated in your letter, the replacement of existing water lines, has been planned to utilize directional boring methods to install the replacement lines below streets, sidewalks, and stream and/or wetland features present within the project alignment. Directional boring beneath jurisdictional waters and wetlands is an activity typically not regulated under Section 404 of the Clean Water Act (33 U.S.C. 1344) as this method of installation would not involve the discharge of dredged and/or fill material into waters of the U.S.

Based on our findings regarding the City of Selma Water Works and Sewer Board's water line replacement project, as specified herein, a DA permit pursuant to Section 404 of the Clean Water Act **will not be required**, at this time, to implement the new

distribution line installations proposed at locations throughout the city. However, you may need to coordinate with us in the future if the scope of work and/or construction activities and methods would be modified or increased in such a way that impacts to jurisdictional waters of the U.S. will be required. Section 404 of the Clean Water Act requires that a Department of the Army (DA) permit be obtained for the placement or discharge of dredged and/or fill material into waters of the U.S., including wetlands, prior to conducting the work (33 U.S.C. 1344).

The statements contained herein do not convey any property rights or any exclusive privileges, and do not authorize any injury to property or obviate the requirements to obtain other local, State, or Federal assents required by law for the activities discussed above. If the scope of work or project locations change, you are urged to contact this office for a verification of this determination.

We appreciate your cooperation with the USACE Regulatory Program. Please contact me at leslie.e.turney@usace.army.mil or (205) 213-9623, if you have any questions concerning this matter. For additional information about our Regulatory Program, you may visit our web site at <http://www.sam.usace.army.mil/Missions/Regulatory.aspx>. Also, please take a moment to complete our customer satisfaction survey located under the Menu header on the right side of our webpage. Your responses are appreciated and will allow us to improve our services.

Sincerely,

Leslie E. Turney
Chief, North Branch

Enclosures

July 25, 2022

Leslie E. Turney, Chief
U.S. Army Corps of Engineers
Mobile District
Birmingham Field Office
218 Summit Parkway
Homewood, Alabama 35209

**RE: Water Works and Sewer Board of the City of Selma
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