

**MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT  
SUBMITTED TO THE ADVISORY COUNCIL ON HISTORIC PRESERVATION  
PURSUANT TO CFR 800.6(A)**

WHEREAS, the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) has determined that Federal-Aid Project BRO-60D(295)CO, State Job No. 14730(04), will have an adverse impact to the existing pony truss bridge over Long Branch Creek in Payne, Oklahoma, a property determined eligible for inclusion in the National Register of Historic Places (NRHP), and has consulted with the Oklahoma State Historic Preservation Officer (SHPO) pursuant to 36 CFR Part 800, regulations implementing Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act (16 U.S.C. 470f);

NOW, THEREFORE, FHWA and the Oklahoma SHPO agree that the undertaking shall be implemented in accordance with the following stipulations in order to take into account the effect of the undertaking on historic properties.

**STIPULATIONS  
LONG BRANCH CREEK BRIDGE**

The Long Branch Creek bridge lacks historical references but was determined eligible to the NRHP by virtue of being an unusual combination of three separate Warren pony trusses of different lengths. None of the individual spans are noteworthy themselves and one span has also been heavily damaged. Because it is very unlikely all three spans could be marketed successfully for reconstruction as one bridge, SHPO and FHWA agree that an attempt to market the Long Branch Creek Bridge is impractical and would probably not allow preservation of the characteristics rendering the structure eligible for inclusion in the NRHP. Therefore, no marketing effort will be undertaken by FHWA and the Oklahoma Department of Transportation. This decision reflects the particular circumstances affecting this structure and constitutes an exception to the usual marketing procedures recommended by the 1993 *Oklahoma Historic Bridge Project Preservation and Management Plan* approved by the Oklahoma SHPO.

FHWA will ensure that the following measures are carried out:

1. Prior to its demolition or removal, the existing bridge will be recorded at the equivalent of Level II documentation as specified by the Historic American Engineering Record (HAER) and incorporated in the 1993 *Oklahoma Historic Bridge Project Preservation and Management Plan*, as approved by the Oklahoma SHPO. This will include the following:
  - a. Large format, archival quality photographs of the bridge documenting its present

appearance and major structural or decorative details.

- b. Photographic reproduction of selected original construction plans and historic photographs, if they exist.
- c. Preparation of a brief written technical description of the bridge and historical summary.

All documentation will be edited, catalogued, and packaged in a manner acceptable to the Oklahoma SHPO. The Oklahoma SHPO will be the repository for the documentation.

Execution of this Memorandum of Agreement and implementation of its terms evidence that FHWA has afforded the Council an opportunity to comment on the replacement of the Anderson Creek bridge in Pittsburg County and its effects on historic properties, and that FHWA has taken into account the effects of the undertaking on historic properties.

Federal Highway Administration

BY: Mike Hewitt DATE: 10/10/95

Oklahoma State Historic Preservation Officer

BY: Shirley Wade DATE: 9-28-95

ACCEPTED for the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation

BY: Robert D. Bush DATE: 10/16/95