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U. S. Army Corps of Engineers
Water Resources Development Act (WRDA)
Transportation Permitting Branch

NC Division of Water Resources
Transportation Permitting Branch

ATTN: NCDOT Coordinator

NCDOT Coordinator

Subject: **Reverification of Regional General Permit 50 & 401 Water Quality Certification
for the Replacement of Bridge 980029 over I-77 on US 21 in Yadkin County,
Division 11, TIP B-5833, WBS: 45786.1.2**

Dear NCDOT Coordinators:

The North Carolina Department of Transportation (NCDOT) hereby requests reverification of the impacts to potential Waters of the United States for the above referenced project that were previously authorized under an expiring Regional General Permit (RGP) and/or Water Quality Certification (WQC).

Previous Authorization Information

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|------------------------|------------------|----------------------------------|------------------|
| USACE Action ID | SAW-2022-02123 | NCDWR Project No. | 20221363 |
| RGP No. | 50 | General Certification No. | 4135 |
| Date Issued | December 5, 2022 | Date Issued | November 7, 2022 |

The previous permit application and authorization can be found here:

[B-5833 Yadkin 29](#)

Lead Federal Agency:

☒ FHWA ☐ USACE

Project Status:

☒ Pre-Let ☐ Under Construction

Reverifications Requested:

☐ RGP 31 ☒ RGP 50 ☒ Individual 401 WQC ☐ GC 7679 For the Record Only

Supporting Documentation of Previous Permitting Decision

| Topic | Notes / Changes |
|--------------------------------------|--------------------------|
| Permit Drawings | No Change |
| Impact Summary | No Change |
| Mitigation | No Change |
| Endangered Species Act | Change (See table below) |
| Archaeology | No Change |
| Historic Architecture and Landscapes | No Change |
| Tribal Coordination | No Tribes Added |

Endangered Species Act

Protected Species listed from IPaC¹ as of the date of this request:

| Common Name | Habitat Present | Survey Dates | Biological Conclusion | FWS Concurrence Remarks |
|----------------------------------|-----------------|--------------|-----------------------|-------------------------|
| Schweinitz's sunflower | Yes | 10/16/25 | No Effect | n/a |
| Monarch butterfly P ² | n/a | n/a | Not Required | n/a |
| Gray bat | Yes | n/a | MA-LAA | MA-LAA ³ |

1 IPaC – Information for Planning and Consultation (US Fish and Wildlife Service)

2 P = Proposed: Monarch butterfly was proposed for federal listing under the Endangered Species Act (ESA) in December 2024. However, no regulatory protections will take effect until the listing is finalized. Until that time, proposed species do not receive formal ESA protections.

3 MA-LAA = May Affect, Likely to Adversely Affect

See attached western bat PBO response letter from the US Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS).

If you have any questions or need additional information, please contact Erin Cheely at ekcheely@ncdot.gov or (919)707-6108.

Sincerely,



Erin K. Cheely

ECAP Western Team Lead



United States Department of the Interior

FISH AND WILDLIFE SERVICE

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January 26, 2026

Subject: Review Response for Transportation Project(s) Covered by the Western North Carolina Bat Programmatic Biological Opinion

Greetings:

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Asheville Ecological Services Field Office, has reviewed the project(s) submitted on January 22, 2026, for coverage under the Western North Carolina (WNC) Bat Programmatic Biological Opinion (PBO), issued April 1, 2025. Based on the submitted materials and any supplemental information provided, we confirm the project(s) meet the criteria for coverage under this PBO in accordance with section 7 of the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended (16 U.S.C. 1531–1543) (ESA), thus concluding formal consultation for the project(s).

This correspondence conveys our review for listed/proposed bats covered by the WNC Bat PBO only. The lead federal agency (Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) or North Carolina Department of Transportation as their designee, or U.S. Army Corps of Engineers) remains responsible for ensuring that any other listed or proposed species and/or designated critical habitat that occurs within the project action area are addressed in accordance with section 7 of the ESA. For other listed species potentially occurring in the action area, if suitable habitat is absent from the action area, “No Effect” determinations are appropriate. For plants, in instances where suitable habitat is present and botanical surveys conducted during the optimal survey window and within the past one or two years (depending on the species) have negative results, we would concur with a biological determination of “may affect, not likely to adversely affect” (NLAA).

Review and concurrence under the WNC Bat PBO are considered complete for the following projects:

| Project Title | NCDOT STIP/ID # | USFWS Log # |
|-----------------------------|-----------------|-------------|
| Puckett Rd./ SR 1326 | HB-0055 | 26-107 |
| Indian Grave Rd./SR 1514 | HB-0056 | 26-108 |
| Old Johns River Rd./SR 1356 | HB-0057 | 26-109 |
| Old Johns River Rd./SR 1356 | HB-0058 | 26-110 |
| Old Johns River Rd./SR 1356 | HB-0059 | 26-111 |
| Old Johns River Rd./SR 1356 | HB-0060 | 26-112 |
| CC Camp Rd/1574 | HB-0061 | 26-113 |
| Aldridge Rd./ SR 1594 | HB-0062 | 26-114 |
| Colvard Rd./1559 | HB-0063 | 26-115 |
| Sheets Gap/SR 1567 | HB-0064 | 26-116 |

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| Casper Hawkins Rd/SR 1170 | HB-0065 | 26-117 |
| Whiteoak Rd./SR 1355 | HB-0066 | 26-118 |
| Scenic Valley Rd./SR 1433 | HB-0067 | 26-119 |
| Helton Rd./SR 1527 | HB-0068 | 26-120 |
| Bus 421 | HB-0069 | 26-121 |
| Curtis Bridge Rd./SR 1185 | HB-0020 | 26-122 |
| Silas Creek Rd./SR 1523 | HB-0043 | 26-123 |
| McNeil Rd./SR 1644 | HB-0044 | 26-124 |
| Upper Cranberry Rd./SR 1609 | HB-0045 | 16-125 |
| Liberty Grove Rd./SR 1105 | HB-0046 | 26-126 |
| Jim Duval Rd/ SR 1528 | HB-0047 | 26-127 |
| Double Springs Church Rd/SR 1606 | HB-0048 | 26-128 |
| Fulton Reeves Rd./SR 1602 | HB-0049 | 26-129 |
| Clifton Rd/SR 1563 | HB-0050 | 26-130 |
| Brown Rd./SR 1104 | HB-0052 | 26-131 |
| Ed Little Rd./SR 1126 | HB-0053 | 26-132 |
| Methodist Camp Church Rd./SR 1222 | HB-0054 | 26-133 |
| Improve US 601 | C-5603I | 26-134 |
| SR 1166 Culvert Maintenance | GMR09.STO.2PB | 26-135 |
| US 21 Bus over I-77 | B-5833 | 24-216 |

We appreciate the opportunity for review and comment.

Sincerely,

U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Asheville Field Office

Project Submittal Interim Form



Updated December 4, 2023

*Please note: fields marked with a red asterisk * below are required. You will not be able to submit the form until all mandatory questions are answered.*

Project Type: *

- ☐ For the Record Only (Courtesy Copy)
- ☐ New Project
- ☐ Modification/New Project with Existing ID
- ☐ More Information Response
- ☐ Other Agency Comments
- ☐ Pre-Application Submittal
- ☒ Re-Issuance/Renewal Request
- ☐ Stream or Buffer Appeal

Is this application for a project associated with emergency response/repairs from Hurricane Helene impacts to your project or property? *

- ☐ Yes ☒ No

Project Contact Information

Name:

Erin Cheely

Who is submitting the information?

Email Address: *

ekcheely@ncdot.gov

Project Information

Existing ID #: *

20221363

20170001 (no dashes)

Existing Version: *

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Project Name: *

B-5833 - Bridge 29 over I-77 on US 21

Is this a public transportation project? *

- ☒ Yes ☐ No

Is this a DOT project? *

- ☒ Yes ☐ No

Is the project located within a NC DCM Area of Environmental Concern (AEC)? *

- ☐ Yes ☒ No ☐ Unknown

Does this project involve maintenance dredging funded by the Shallow Draft Navigation Channel Dredging and Aquatic Weed Fund, electric generation projects located at an existing or former electric generating facility, or involve the distribution or transmission of energy or fuel, including natural gas, diesel, petroleum, or electricity? *

☐ Yes ☒ No

Is this project connected with ARPA funding? *

☐ Yes ☒ No

TIP#:

B-5833

WBS#:

45786.1.2

(Applies to DOT projects only)

County (ies) *

Yadkin

Please upload all files that need to be submitted.

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B-5833 2026-02-13 Renewal Request.pdf

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Describe the attachments or add comments:

Requesting RGP renewal for B-5833.

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☒ By checking the box and signing box below, I certify that:

- I, the project proponent, hereby certifies that all information contained herein is true, accurate, and complete to the best of my knowledge and belief.
- I, the project proponent, hereby requests that the certifying authority review and take action on this CWA 401 certification request within the applicable reasonable period of time.
- I agree that submission of this online form is a "transaction" subject to Chapter 66, Article 40 of the NC General Statutes (the "Uniform Electronic Transactions Act");
- I agree to conduct this transaction by electronic means pursuant to Chapter 66, Article 40 of the NC General Statutes (the "Uniform Electronic Transactions Act");
- I understand that an electronic signature has the same legal effect and can be enforced in the same way as a written signature; AND
- I intend to electronically sign and submit the online form.

Signature: *



Submittal Date:

2/13/2026