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## Supplemental Re-Evaluation

for

**POR SR 0059 02.14 (E Main St) PID 112026**

**Environmental Document Level: C2**

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*The environmental review, consultation, and other actions required by applicable Federal environmental laws for this project are being, or have been, carried out by ODOT pursuant to 23 U.S.C. 327 and a Memorandum of Understanding dated December 14, 2020, and executed by FHWA and ODOT.*

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## **Re-evaluation Level**

### **Explain why a re-evaluation is needed?**

The C2 level environmental document prepared for this project was initially approved on February 21, 2023. Construction began on the POR-59-2.14 East Main Street project (PID: 112026) in July 2025 and is being administered by the City of Kent. During project construction and associated pedestrian maintenance of traffic operations, construction of additional new sidewalk was proposed on the east side of Midway Drive between Alumni Drive and Theatre Drive to increase pedestrian safety by completing a missing connection between two nearby sidewalks on what is considered to be a busy pedestrian route. The proposed new sidewalk limits extend beyond the approved NEPA project study area footprint.

Within the additional proposed new sidewalk study area, the project also proposes to perform partial and full depth pavement repairs and resurface Midway Drive, reconstruct curb ramps to meet Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) standards, replace/reconstruct curb and gutter, adjust catch basin/conduit grades, replace lighting, and apply new pavement lane/edge/center/parking/channelizing/stop/crosswalk lines/other pavement markings within the project limits.

A reevaluation of the POR-59-2.14 East Main Street project is warranted now based on new construction of approximately 225 linear feet of additional sidewalk on the east side of Midway Drive between Alumni Drive and Theatre Drive and associated transportation infrastructure improvements within the project construction limits. Appropriate studies and coordination were updated/completed to address the new work and anticipated impacts. No additional environmental commitments were added because of this reevaluation of the environmental document.



**C2**

**Project Information**

**C2 Section**

<b>PIDs</b>	112026
<b>Project Sponsor</b>	Kent, City of
<b>ODOT District</b>	4
<b>Funding Source</b>	Federal

**Project Description:**

This reevaluation of the POR-59-2.14 East Main Street project is being performed to address addition of approximately 225 linear feet of new sidewalk on the east side of Midway Drive between Alumni Drive and Theatre Drive to increase pedestrian safety by completing a missing connection between two nearby sidewalks on a busy pedestrian route. Additional associated improvements include partial/full depth pavement repairs and resurfacing on Midway Drive, curb ramp reconstruction to meet Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) standards, curb and gutter replacement, catch basin/conduit grade adjustments, lighting replacement, and new pavement lane/edge/center/parking/channelizing/stop/crosswalk lines/other pavement markings applications within the project construction limits.

Mapping that depicts the project reevaluation area location on United States Geological Survey (USGS) 7.5-Minute Topographic Quadrangle Mapping is included in the Project File/General/Project Information subsection as *USGS Quadrangle Topographical Map Reevaluation.pdf*.

Short duration lane restrictions and closures will be required during project construction. Lane restriction/closure information will be posted prior to the start of construction. Access shall be maintained to all adjacent properties and intersecting side streets for the duration of the construction project. Substantial traffic disruptions are not expected during project construction.

All work will be performed within existing street rights-of-way.

Minor relocations/adjustments of existing utilities within the project study area will be necessary to construct the project. These minor utility relocations/adjustments will occur within existing street rights-of-way. Utilities will not be permanently removed to construct the project. Coordination with the utility companies affected by the proposed construction activities was conducted for the project during project preliminary engineering phase and will continue during its detailed design and construction phases.

The project will not impact any environmentally sensitive resources within the project study area.

The environmental document and associated studies, as applicable, were approved using Stage 1 Design plans for the project. A copy of the Stage 1 Design plans for the project is included in the Project File/General/Project Information subsection as *Stage 1 Design - Reevaluation.pdf*.

**The next phase of the proposed project is listed on the STIP:** Yes

**Ellis STIP Details**

Phase	Current STIP Reference
ENV	On Previous STIP
RW	On Previous STIP
CO	On Previous STIP
DD	On Previous STIP



The next phase of project development is outside of the current STIP/TIP or not federally funded: Yes

The current cost estimate is in line with existing federal procedures for Ohio STIP Amendments and Administration Modifications: Yes

**Select the appropriate project type:**

(26) Modernization of a highway by resurfacing, restoration, rehabilitation, reconstruction, adding shoulders, or adding auxiliary lanes (including parking, weaving, turning, and climbing lanes), if the action meets the constraints in paragraph I of this section. **Examples include: Joint or limited use of right-of-way where the proposed use would have minimal or no adverse social (including highway safety), economic or environmental impacts; Installation of new noise walls and other new noise mitigation projects; Construction of highway safety and truck escape ramps; Construction of bicycle lanes and pedestrian walkways, sidewalks, shared-use paths, or facilities and trailhead parking that do not otherwise qualify for a C1 designation; Beautification or facility improvement projects (i.e. landscaping, curb and gutter installation and replacement, ADA ramps/curb ramps, installation of park benches, decorative lighting, etc.); Construction of alternative energy facilities (fuel tank farms, wind turbines, etc.)**

In accordance with 23 CFR 771.117(e), the proposed project cannot be processed as a C2 CE, if it involves - a. Acquisition of more than a minor amount of ROW (exceeds strip takes) b. Residential or non-residential displacements c. A U.S. Coast Guard permit or an Individual Section 404 permit under the Clean Water Act d. A Section 106 finding of Adverse Effect e. Section 4(f) impacts greater than de minimis f. A finding of May Affect, Likely to Adversely Affect to Threatened and Endangered Species g. Construction of temporary access, or the closure of existing road, bridge, or ramps, that would result in major traffic disruptions h. Changes in access control i. Floodplain encroachment other than functionally dependent uses (e.g., bridges, wetlands) or actions that facilitate open space use (e.g., recreational trails, bicycle and pedestrian paths) j. Construction activities in, across or adjacent to a river component designated or proposed for inclusion in the National System of Wild and Scenic Rivers k. No minor public or agency controversy on environmental grounds ( no opposition from any organized groups or agencies and no unresolved environmental coordination ) l. Substantial Community Impacts (if a Community Impact Assessment is required, contact OES for guidance). For certification purposes, documentation is required to illustrate no significant impacts will occur to the following environmental resources and that no unusual circumstances exist that would warrant a higher level of NEPA document. Upload all supporting documentation to the project file.

**Ecological**

Waterways: Not Present

Will any wetlands be impacted? No

The following Federally Listed Species received an effect determination of May Affect, Not Likely to Adversely Affect:

Species Common Name	Species Scientific Name	Listing Status	Most Recent Coordination Date
Indiana Bat	Myotis sodalis	Endangered	01/09/2026
Northern Long-eared Bat	Myotis septentrionalis	Threatened	12/26/2022

The following Federally Listed Species received an effect determination of No Effect:



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Species Common Name	Species Scientific Name	Listing Status	Most Recent Coordination Date
Northern Long-eared Bat	<i>Myotis septentrionalis</i>	Endangered	01/09/2026
Bald Eagle	<i>Haliaeetus leucocephalus</i>	Species of Concern	01/09/2026
Eastern Massasauga	<i>Sistrurus catenatus</i>	Threatened	01/09/2026
Mitchell's Satyr	<i>Neonympha m. mitchellii</i>	Endangered	01/09/2026
Northern Monkshood	<i>Aconitum noveboracense</i>	Threatened	01/09/2026
Tricolored Bat	<i>Perimyotis subflavus</i>	Proposed Endangered	01/09/2026

**Endangered Species Remarks:**

Proposed construction of approximately 225 linear feet of new sidewalk on the east side of Midway Drive between Alumni Drive and Theatre Drive is considered ecologically exempt under the Ecological MOA (Agreement 19394). No tree removal is anticipated. The project will not impact any listed species or environmentally sensitive resources within the project study area. See the *Ecologically Exempt POR-59-2.14 Reevaluation.pdf* for the project in the Project File/Ecological/Reports subsection.

**Scenic Rivers**

No National Wild and Scenic River  
Within 1000 Feet of the Proposed  
Project Area

**Scenic Rivers Remarks**

This project is not located in proximity of a designated Wild or Scenic River.

**Floodplains**

**100-Year Floodplain:**

No Encroachment Within a Special  
Flood Hazard Area (SFHA)

**Floodplain Remarks**

ODOT District 4 Environmental Section personnel reviewed the FEMA FIRM for the project study area and determined the project does not encroach within a mapped special flood hazard area (SFHA). See the floodplains mapping documentation for the project in the Project File/Permits/Floodplains subsection.

**Section 4(f)**

**Section 4(f):**

Not present

**Section 4(f) Remarks**

On January 8, 2026, ODOT Office of Environmental Services (OES) Cultural Resources Section determined the "no historic properties affected" finding from January 19, 2023, remains valid for the project, and no further coordination is required for the project. Moreover, ODOT OES Cultural Resources Section staff determined the Cultural Section 4(f) "no use" determination remains valid for the project. See Section 106/Section 4(f) resource determination information for the project in the Project File/Cultural Resources/Coordination subsection.

The proposed construction of 225 linear feet of new sidewalk on the east side of Midway Drive between Alumni Drive and Theatre Drive and associated improvements will not result in impacts to any Section 4(f) recreational resources. No Section 4(f) recreational resource coordination is required for this project reevaluation.

**Section 6(f)**

**Section 6(f):**

Not present



## Cultural Resources

**Cultural Resources:** Present; No Finding of Adverse Effect

**Cultural Resources Coordination:** No Historic Properties Affected

**Cultural Resources Coordination - ODOT Approval/SHPO Concurrence Date** 01/19/2023

## Cultural Resources Remarks

The new area within the Areas of Potential Effects (APE) is not within the historic boundaries of any NRHP or NHL listed resources. The National Historic Landmark "May 4, 1970, Kent State Shootings Site" (NHL NR#10000046/ NHL#100000879) is approximately 400 feet southwest of the expanded APE. There are no inventoried archaeological sites in the new area within the APE. Regarding History/Architecture, there are no historic period features such as stone or brick curbs or sidewalks within the new area of the APE. There are no history/architecture properties in the APE that are eligible for or are listed in the NRHP. No further History/Architecture investigations are warranted.

Regarding Archaeology, the project is an urban streetscape and facilities upgrade. There are no inventoried archaeological sites in the immediate study area. Modern development is ubiquitous. The eastern end of the APE is residential with houses, apartments, and parking areas. East Main Street is bracketed by the Kent State University campus (south) and commercial development (north). Where buildings are not present along East Main Street, and Midway Drive, the area is dominated by landscaping, parking lots, and access drives. No further archaeological investigations are recommended for the project.

On January 8, 2026, ODOT Office of Environmental Services (OES) Cultural Resources Section determined the "no historic properties affected" finding from January 19, 2023, remains valid for the project, and no further coordination is required for the project. See Section 106 determination information for the project in the Project File/Cultural Resources/Coordination subsection.

## Tribal Consultation Summary/Remarks:

On January 9, 2026, ODOT Office of Environmental Services (OES) Cultural Resources Section Staff determined no further tribal coordination is required for the project. See information regarding tribal coordination for the project in the Project File/Cultural Resources/Coordination subsection.

## Environmental Resources Considered

The following environmental resources are present and have been studied for potential impacts:

Regulated Materials

### Air Remarks

Air quality studies or coordination are not required for this project.

### Noise Remarks

The project does not qualify as a Type I project for noise (*i.e.*, not adding capacity, not moving thru travel lanes equal to or greater than 50% closer to noise sensitive areas) and a noise analysis is not required for the project under 23 CFR 772.

**The project involves ROW acquisition, Deep Excavation, or OEPA 513 Landfill Authorization:** Yes - Screening

## Regulated Materials Review Screening:

No Further Regulated Materials Review



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**Regulated Materials Review Screening - DEC/OES Approval Date:**

12/31/2025

**Regulated Materials Review Remarks:**

Based on the change in construction scope of work and information provided in the RMR Screening dated December 31, 2025, no additional RMR or special material management is warranted for the project. See the RMR documentation for the project in the Project File/ESA/Reports subsection.

**Public Involvement**

**Public Involvement:**

Minimum PI Requirements Met; No  
Minor Public or Agency Controversy  
on Environmental Grounds

**Public Involvement Remarks**

The City of Kent conducted public involvement activities for the project including a project update press release and website posting. Comments were requested by all public involvement activities. The City of Kent Director of Public Safety and a citizen responded to the public outreach with support of the project. See the public involvement documentation, including the written comments received and acknowledgement of project support in the Project File/Public Involvement/Project Information subsection.

**Environmental Commitments**

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Yes



## Environmental Commitments

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- 1) The Design Engineer shall include a plan note for Petroleum Contaminated Soils (PCS) in the project plans for seven sites: RM-006, 403 E Main St; RM-015, 525 E Main St; RM-021, 715 E Main St; RM-022, 805 E Main St; RM-024, 811 E Main/112 Wilson Ave; RM-025, 901 E Main St; and RM-034, 1434 E Main St
- 2) The Design Engineer shall include the following as a plan note: Access to the Kent State multi-use path shall be maintained at all times during construction activities via flagging operations and/or an approved detour
- 3) The Design Engineer shall include the following as a plan note: Temporary construction fencing shall be installed along proposed construction limits prior to the start of construction activities to protect the existing Section 4(f) property and the public
- 4) The Design Engineer shall include the following as a plan note: Appropriate signage shall be installed to alert users of the Kent State multi-use path of construction activities, access restrictions or closures, and to direct users to secondary access points
- 5) The Design Engineer shall include the following as a plan note: The contractor shall be required to closely coordinate the construction schedule with ODOT and the City of Kent, City Engineer prior to the start of construction activities
- 6) The Design Engineer shall incorporate following note into the plans:  
ENDANGERED SPECIES HABITAT - INDIANA BAT/NORTHERN LONG-EARED BAT  
THE PROJECT IS LOCATED WITHIN THE KNOWN HABITAT RANGES OF THE FEDERALLY LISTED AND PROTECTED INDIANA BAT AND NORTHERN LONG-EARED BAT. NO TREES SHALL BE REMOVED UNDER THIS PROJECT FROM APRIL 1 THROUGH SEPTEMBER 30. ALL NECESSARY TREE REMOVAL SHALL OCCUR FROM OCTOBER 1 THROUGH MARCH 31. THIS REQUIREMENT IS NECESSARY TO AVOID AND MINIMIZE IMPACTS TO THESE SPECIES AS REQUIRED BY THE ENDANGERED SPECIES ACT. FOR THE PURPOSES OF THIS NOTE, A TREE IS DEFINED AS A LIVE, DYING, OR DEAD WOODY PLANT, WITH A TRUNK THREE INCHES OR GREATER IN DIAMETER AT A HEIGHT OF 4.5 FEET ABOVE THE GROUND SURFACE, AND WITH A MINIMUM HEIGHT OF 13 FEET.



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## **Appendix**

### **Underserved Populations**

Census Mapping.pdf

### **ESA**

OES Recommendations - Assessment.pdf

OES Recommendations - Screening.pdf

### **General**

Aerial Map - Reevaluation.pdf

Aerial Map.pdf

County Map.pdf

Photect Description Continued.pdf

USGS Quadrangle Topographical Map - Reevaluation.pdf

USGS Quadrangle Topographical Map.pdf

### **Air**

OES Determination - No Air Analysis Required.pdf

### **Noise**

OES Determination - No Noise Analysis Required.pdf

Project Related OES Decision - Noise.pdf

### **Cultural Resources**

Project Related OES Decision - Tribal Reevaluation.pdf

Records Check - Reevaluation.pdf

Records Check.pdf

SHPO Comments

SHPO Concurrence.pdf

Transmittal 1 - Effect Determination

Tribal Consultation

Tribal Consultation - Correspondence List and Example.pdf

Tribal Response - Eastern Shawnee Tribe.pdf

Tribal Response - Seneca Nation.pdf

Tribal Response - Shawnee Tribe.pdf



## **Ecological**

ODNR Scenic River MOA Conditions

USFWS/ODNR Ecological MOA Conditions

## **Other Resources**

Census Bureau Urbanized Area Map.pdf

Water Source Protection Area Map.pdf

Well Log Data.pdf

## **Section 4(f)**

OES Cultural Resources 4(f) Determination.pdf

OES Recreational 4(f) Determination.pdf

## **Public Involvement**

Citizens Advisory Committee Members - Updated 8-6-2021.pdf

Citizens Advisory Committee Mtg Minutes or Notes - 2018-2020.pdf

Correspondence Stakeholders-EMS Mtg Notifications 2020-2021.pdf

News Article - Kent Wired 9-17-2021.pdf

News Article - Record Courier 3-31-2021.pdf

News Article - Record Courier 9-11-2021.pdf

Press Release.pdf

Project Website Snap Shot 1-9-2023.pdf

Project Website Snap Shot 2-17-2023.pdf

Public Comment and Response Documentation - Reevaluation.pdf

Public Comments Received and Responses.pdf

Public Involvement Plan.pdf

Public Meeting - Citizens Advisory Committee Notification.pdf

Public Meeting Comment Form.pdf

Public Meeting Exhibits.pdf

Public Meeting Notification - Stakeholders.pdf

Public Meeting Notification Mailing List.pdf

Public Meeting Notification Postcard Mailer.pdf

Public Meeting Presentation.pdf

Public Meeting Sign In Sheet 9-16-2021 and 9-21-2021.pdf

Public Notification Mailing List.pdf



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Website Posting Snapshot - Reevaluation.pdf

**Permits**

FEMA FIRM - Reevaluation.pdf

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