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Environmental Document

for

SUM Main Street Corridor Phase 2 PID 108164

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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 11, 2015, and executed by FHWA and ODOT.

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| PID: | 108164 |
| Project Sponsor: | Akron, City of |
| ODOT District: | 4 |
| Funding Source: | Federal |
| Private Funding: | No |

Project Description:

The city of Akron proposes various street improvements along Main Street from the Mill Street roundabout to State Route (SR) 59 with proposed cycle track improvements continuing to Beech Street in the city of Akron, Summit County. This project is a continuation of the Main Street Corridor; PID 104042; project. The Main Street Corridor Phase 2 project is a Design-Build project that proposes the complete renovation of the Main Street promenade in the downtown Akron area. Currently, Main Street contains inconsistencies with sidewalks, parking areas and drive lanes of varying widths and styles. In addition, the existing sidewalks and pavement are deteriorated and need repair. The Main Street Corridor projects will standardize and upgrade these features to provide a consistent and safe thoroughfare for all users.

Improvements proposed by the Main Street Corridor Phase 2 project will include new street pavement, decorative crosswalks, a coordinated traffic signal at the Main Street/Market Street intersection, a lane on each side of Main Street for parallel parking with master pay stations and signage, designated delivery drop offs, bus zones, a bidirectional raised cycle track, new sidewalks, combined sewer repair, drainage improvements, new LED intelligent lighting, steam upgrades, chilled water lines, condensate return lines, water main upgrades, fiber communications, video surveillance, signage, pavement markings and landscaping.

Moreover, the two existing mid-block pedestrian crossings will also be reconstructed at the Summit County Public Library and north of the driveway to 10 N. Main Street as part of the project. These proposed pedestrian crossings will consist of reconstructed pavement using black concrete, enhanced brick crosswalks with concrete headers, curb bumpouts with pedestrian/cycle track curb ramps, pavement markings and LED intelligent lighting.

The Main Street/MLK Jr Boulevard intersection and the Howard Street/Beech Street intersection were recently reconstructed by a previous project. Both intersections shall be modified to facilitate a connection to the new raised cycle track on Beech Street. No work is expected within the intersections other than traffic signal upgrades, signage and cycle track paint.

The project will be constructed within the existing street rights-of-way.



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Minor relocations of existing utilities within the project study area will be necessary to construct the project. These minor utility relocations will occur within the existing street rights-of-way. Coordination with affected utility owners is ongoing for the project.

This project is a Design-Build project. The Design-Build Team (DBT) selected for the project shall be responsible for designing, providing and maintaining safe and effective work zone traffic control 24-hours a day for the duration of the project. The DBT shall maintain vehicular and bicycle traffic at all times on existing, temporary or new pavements and shall maintain pedestrian traffic at all times on either existing or new sidewalks. Pedestrian access to businesses shall also be maintained at all times during business hours.

Moreover, the DBT shall provide all maintenance of traffic (MOT) signing, including detour signing, pavement markings, barricades and/or barriers, temporary pavement, work zone traffic signals, arrow boards, pedestrian control monitoring systems and any other elements required to implement each MOT phase. Signs displaying lane restrictions, closure/detour information and dates will be installed in advance of construction. No substantial traffic disruptions are expected during project construction.

Based on the Regulated Materials Review (RMR) form completed for the project, a petroleum contaminated soils (PCS) note for one (1) commercial site, Pointe View LTD (24 N. High St., 41 E. Market St., 15 N. High St.), and one (1) institutional site, Akron Symphony Orchestra (92 N. Main St.), is recommended if deep excavation will occur adjacent to these properties. No other special material management is warranted for the project. On January 11, 2019, upon review of the RMR Form prepared for the project, ODOT District 4 determined that a PCS note for Site 13 (24 N. High St., 41 E. Market St., 15 N. High St.) and Site 22 (92 N. Main St.) is warranted for the project if deep excavation will occur adjacent to these properties. See the RMR documentation for the project in the Project File/ESA section.

See additional project description information in the Project File/General/Project Information subsection as Project Description Continued.pdf.

STIP Reference #

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fiscally constrained.

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 (e) 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.)**

(27) Highway safety or traffic operations improvement projects, including the installation of ramp metering control devices and lighting, if the project meets the constraints in paragraph (e) of this section. **Examples**



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include: Lane reduction ("road diet") changes provided traffic analysis is completed; Railroad projects that close at-grade crossings to improve safety or traffic operations.

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 right-of-way b. Residential or non-residential displacements c. A Coast Guard, Individual Section 404 and/or a Section 10 permit d. A Section 106 finding of Adverse Effect e. A Section 4(f) Programmatic or Individual Evaluation 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. If an EJ Analysis Report is required, the project must be processed as a D-level CE or higher level document 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.

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| Waterways: | Not Present |
| Endangered Species: | No Impacts to Protected Species and Critical Habitat |
| 100-Year Floodplain: | No Encroachment Within a Special Flood Hazard Area (SFHA) |
| Section 4(f): | Present; No Programmatic Evaluation or Individual Evaluation Required |
| Section 4(f) Determination: | |
| No Use | |
| Section 4(f) Determination Date - No Use | 12/03/2018 |
| Section 6(f): | Not present |
| Cultural Resources: | Present; No Finding of Adverse Effect |
| Cultural Resources Coordination: | Minimum Potential to Cause Effect Appendix B |
| Cultural Resources Coordination - ODOT Approval/SHPO Concurrence Date | 11/29/2018 |

Since no Tribe was interested in this project based on their customized preferences, no further Tribal consultation was conducted.

Projects that meet C2 criteria are not anticipated to have impacts to the following environmental resources. If resources are present, documentation is only required if there is a potential for impacts.

Air Quality: Studies Not Required

Air Quality - Coordination with OES:



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| Noise: | Studies Not Required |
| Noise Coordination - OES Approval Date: | |
| Hazardous Materials - ESA Screening Conducted | Yes |
| Hazardous Materials - OES Approval Date: | 01/11/2019 |
| Phase I ESA Warranted Based on Coordination with OES: | No Further Studies Warranted |
| Farmland: | Urbanized Area; No Impacts in Accordance With the Farmland MOU and 7 CFR 658 |
| Scenic Rivers | No National Wild and Scenic River Within 1000 Feet of the Proposed Project Area |
| Projects that meet C2 criteria must be in accordance with ODOT's UP Guidance and activities conducted for Public Involvement are commensurate to the project's type and scope of work. | |
| Underserved Populations | Does Not Exceed UP Guidance Criteria; No UP Analysis Report Required and No UP Issues Raised During Public Involvement |
| Public Involvement: | Minimum PI Requirements Met; No Minor Public or Agency Controversy on Environmental Grounds |
| Environmental Commitments | Yes |



Environmental Commitments

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1) The Project Designer shall incorporate a note into the plans directing the contractor to maintain pedestrian movement through the construction zone at all times.

2) The Project Designer shall incorporate the following notes into the plans: Possible Petroleum Contaminated Soils Environmental studies indicate petroleum contaminated soils may be present adjacent to the following locations: - Pointe View LTD, 24 N. High St., 41 E. Market St., 15 N. High St. - Akron Symphony Orchestra, 92 N. Main St. The Contractor shall manage petroleum-contaminated soils according to the following notes: All material excavated by the Contractor may be stockpiled in an area provided by the Contractor and approved by the Engineer. The Engineer may permit temporary storage of the excavated material in a lined and covered roll-off box. The Engineer may permit temporary storage of the excavated material on an impermeable membrane. The membrane shall be surrounded by bales of straw to prevent the suspected soils from coming in contact with the original soils. An impermeable membrane shall be placed over the stockpile to prevent contact with precipitation and/or surface run-off. The Engineer may permit the Contractor to direct load the excavated contaminated material into trucks. This material shall be properly tested, transported, and disposed of in a licensed (by the local health department) and permitted (by the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency) solid waste facility. If required by the solid waste facility, the Contractor shall be responsible for conducting sampling and analysis of this material. Basis of Payment: The Contractor shall furnish all the labor, equipment, and materials necessary to properly handle, store (if necessary), test for disposal, transport, and dispose of regulated materials, including any required permits, approvals, or fees within the limits identified above. Payment for this work shall be made at the contract price bid per ton. Tonnage may be estimated at 1.5 times the total cubic yards. The following estimated contingency quantities have been included in the General Summary for the work noted above: 690E65010 Item Special - Work Involving Solid Waste.



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| Edward Deley (PROGRAM ADMIN 3) | 2/12/2019 |



Appendix

General

Project Description - Continued.pdf

USGS Quadrangle Topographical Map.pdf

ESA

Project Related District Decision - ESA.pdf

Cultural Resources

Consulting Party Coordination.pdf

Minimal Potential to Cause Effect - Appendix B

Other Resources

Census Bureau Urbanized Area Map .pdf

Site Specific Resource Mapping.pdf

Section 4(f)

OES Cultural Resources 4(f) Determination.pdf

Underserved Populations

Census Mapping.pdf

Underserved Populations Documentation Form.pdf

Public Involvement

News Article_Akron.com West Side Leader.pdf

News Article_Downtown Akron Partnership.pdf

News Article_WKSU NPR.pdf

Press Release.pdf

Public Comments Received.pdf

Public Meeting Exhibits - Birds Eye Rendering.pdf

Public Meeting Exhibits - Site Plan.pdf

Public Meeting Notification Letter.pdf

Public Meeting Notification_Facebook.pdf

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Response to Public Comments_20190204.pdf

Stakeholder Notification.pdf

Permits

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