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Environmental Document

for

WIL US 20A 0.00 Resurf/Bridge Reh PID 95998

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 June 6, 2018, and executed by FHWA and ODOT.

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PID: 95998
Project Sponsor: DISTRICT 2 ENGINEERING
ODOT District: 2
Funding Source: Federal
Private Funding: No

Project Description:

The Ohio Department of Transportation is proposing to rehab the bridge located at WIL-20A-0.17 crossing St. Josephs River. This project is a part of a larger resurfacing project that goes from US-20 to SR-15. A waterway permit from the USACE has been obtained for the impacts to the St. Josephs River. There is no work within a special flood hazard area so no floodplain permits are required. All potential impacts to federally and state listed species have been coordinated with the ODNR and USFWS. Measures will be taken to prevent these species from being impacted as much as possible. All other general conditions agreed to with these agencies will be followed as well (documentation in project file). All work is within the existing right of way and no utilities will be impacted. There is minimal potential to have any effects on historic properties in the area. Construction is expected to begin in the spring of 2021 and last approximately 90 days. During construction, a detour will be posted. All impacted residents, public agencies, and schools have been notified of the project and closure.

This document was written and approved based on stage 2 plans.

STIP Reference # SLI 32

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.)***

(28) Bridge rehabilitation, reconstruction, or replacement or the construction of grade separation to replace existing at-grade railroad crossings, if the actions meet the constraints in 23 CFR 771.117(e). ***Examples include: Railroad projects that close or relocate at-grade crossings***



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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.

Waterways:	Present; No Coast Guard, Individual 404, and/or Section 10 Permit required
Waterways Permit Type:	Nationwide Permit
Waterways Permit Approval Date	10/24/2019
Isolated Wetland Permit	No
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):	Not present
Section 6(f):	Not present
Cultural Resources:	Not Present
Cultural Resources Coordination - ODOT Approval/SHPO Concurrence Date	10/11/2019
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:	No
Noise:	Studies Not Required
Noise Coordination - OES Approval Date:	06/27/2019
Hazardous Materials - ESA Screening Conducted	No ROW
Hazardous Materials - ODOT Approval Date:	06/27/2019



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Farmland:

Non-Urbanized Area; No Impacts in
Accordance With the Farmland
MOU, 7 CFR 658, and ORC 929.05

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



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- 1) The Project Designer shall incorporate the following note into the plans: Suitable habitat for the copperbelly water snake is present within the project area and will be impacted by the project. Due to the potential for the snakes to occur in the project area, the Contractor shall not harm or kill the snakes. If this species is encountered within the construction limits during construction operations, all construction operations will cease and the USFWS Columbus Field Office will be notified immediately (614-416-8993). Construction activities shall not continue until this additional coordination/consultation with USFWS is concluded.
- 2) The Project Designer shall incorporate the following note into the plans: The contractor shall not remove any trees under this project from April 1 through September 30. The project is located within the known habitat ranges of the federally listed and protected Indiana bat and northern long-eared bat. 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.
- 3) ODOT and their contractors will adhere to all appropriate waterway permits and all Special Provisions for waterway permits throughout construction.



Preparers and Approvals

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