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Environmental Document

for

FUL Wabash Canball-N. Fork Pave PID 106880

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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Project Sponsor: Toledo Area Metropark District
ODOT District: 2
Funding Source: Federal
Private Funding: No

Project Description:

Metroparks Toledo, in cooperation with the Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT), proposes to extend the paved Wabash Cannonball Trail westward approximately 6.14 miles from the existing S. Fulton-Lucas Road (the Lucas County/Fulton County line) trailhead to SR 109. The proposed project involves constructing a 12' wide paved multi-use trail with 2' shoulders along the abandoned Wabash Cannonball Railroad, improving railings on two existing bridges, constructing roadway crossings, and clearing of tree and vegetation overgrowth. The project will not require acquisition of right-of-way and no residential or business relocations are required. There will also be no impacts to any utilities. The Oak Openings Preserve Metropark is at the eastern terminus of the project area and several rare plant species were identified within the area. The impacts to these plants along with other ecological resources were coordinated with the ODNR and USFWS. All conditions of the MOA between ODOT and these agencies will be met and the rare plants that were found will be transplanted out of the project area prior to construction to avoid impacts. No historically significant resources were found within the project area so there should be minimal impacts. All entities that are responsible for maintaining and owning the existing gravel trail has been contacted and is aware of the project. Construction is expected to begin in the spring of 2020 and last approximately 60 days. During construction, the existing path will be closed in sections. Signage will alert the users of the access restrictions and a detour will be posted. All vehicular traffic will be maintained on the county roads within the project limits.

The environmental document and associated studies are being approved using Stage 3 design. A copy of the plans are included in the project file

STIP Reference # SLI 26

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***



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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 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:	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:	
Transportation Enhancement Exception - 774.13(g)	
Section 4(f) Determination Date - 774.13(g)	07/18/2019
Section 6(f):	Not present
Cultural Resources:	Present; No Finding of Adverse Effect
Cultural Resources Coordination:	Minimum Potential to Cause Effect Appendix A
Cultural Resources Coordination - ODOT Approval/SHPO Concurrence Date	03/12/2019
Tribal Consultation Summary/Remarks:	No comment or objection received within 30 days.
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



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Air Quality - Coordination with OES:	No
Noise:	Studies Not Required
Noise Coordination - OES Approval Date:	08/01/2019
Hazardous Materials - ESA Screening Conducted	Yes
Hazardous Materials - OES Approval Date:	03/08/2019
Phase I ESA Warranted Based on Coordination with OES:	No Further Studies Warranted
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



Environmental Commitments

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- 1) The project is within an area with a known presence of Ohio threatened Blandings Turtle. If any turtle is found within the project work limits, crews shall wait until the species has moved off the project site unharmed before work can continue. The contractor shall not harm or kill any turtles. If a Blanding's turtle, or what is believed to be a Blanding's turtle, is encountered, the ODNR Division of Wildlife Environmental Compliance Coordinator, Nathan Reardon, should be contacted at 614-265-6741.
- 2) The Toledo Metroparks shall transplant the June grass from the project area to another suitable location within the park district prior to the start of construction.
- 3) The Project Designer shall incorporate the following note into the plans: Prior to the start of construction activities, the Contractor shall install signage approved by the Metroparks Toledo Engineer to alert Wabash Cannonball Trail users of construction activities and access restrictions or closures, and to direct users to trail detour routes and secondary access points. The signs shall be installed 15 days prior to the start of construction activities and shall be visible to users of the trail to explain which sections of the trail will be closed during construction. The signs shall meet all ODOT and local specifications.
- 4) The Project Designer shall incorporate the following note into the plans: The contractor shall closely coordinate the construction schedule with Metroparks Toledo, Northwestern Ohio Rails-to-Trails Association, Inc., and North Country Trail Association. The contractor shall submit the construction schedule to Metroparks Toledo 30 days prior to the start of construction.
- 5) The Project Designer shall incorporate the following note into the plans: The Contractor shall not store or stage construction equipment or materials within the Wabash Cannonball Trail or Oak Openings Preserve boundaries outside of proposed construction limits.
- 6) The Project Designer shall incorporate the following note into the plans: The staging and/or storage of construction equipment or materials shall not take place outside proposed construction limits that are within the defined boundaries of Wabash Cannonball Trail.
- 7) The Project Designer shall incorporate the following note into the plans: Access to Wabash Cannonball Trail shall be maintained at all times, except for the time needed to temporarily occupy the property. The duration of the temporary occupancy shall be less than the time needed for construction of the project.



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Appendix

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