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Environmental Document

for

POR CR 0502 00.180 (N Water St) PID 109347

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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:	Kent, City of
ODOT District:	4
Funding Source:	Federal
Private Funding:	No

Project Description:

The city of Kent proposes to reconfigure the existing travel lanes/on-street parking to establish 11-foot/12-foot lane widths and resurface 0.25 mile of N. Water Street between Main Street and Fairchild Avenue in the city of Kent, Portage County. This project also proposes grading, driveway/alley approach reconstruction, drainage improvements, sidewalk repairs, new curb/Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA)-compliant curb ramps and pedestrian crossings.

Additional improvements proposed as part of the project include new curb extensions at the N. Water Street/Columbus Street and N. Water Street/Portage Street intersections, new pedestrian level lighting, new streetscape features (public seating, brick tree lawn and street trees) and new pavement markings (edge/lane/center/channelizing/stop/crosswalk/transverse/diagonal line, lane arrow, parking stall, handicap symbol and shared bicycle lane).

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

The project does not require the acquisition of any new permanent right-of-way to construct the proposed improvements. However, minor temporary right-of-way at a few locations within the project limits will be acquired by the project to accommodate construction access. See the Stage 1 Design plans for the project in the Project File/General/Project Information subsection as Stage 1 Design.pdf.

To accommodate two-way traffic, two (2) 10-foot lanes will be maintained along N. Water Street during project construction. Access will be maintained to all side streets and adjacent properties and businesses. Project construction, detour and lane restriction information will be posted prior to the start of construction. Substantial traffic disruptions are not expected with the project.

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 right-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 its preliminary engineering phase and will continue during its detailed design phase.

On June 18, 2019, the ODOT Office of Environmental Services (OES) determined the project has "minimal potential to cause effects" to historic properties in accordance with the Section 106 Programmatic Agreement (Agreement No. 19319) executed November 8, 2017, and is not part of a larger undertaking. Moreover, the undertaking will not require land from within the historic boundary of a Section 4(f) Cultural Resource. See the cultural resources documentation for the project in the Project File/Cultural Resources section and the Cultural Resources Tab. In



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accordance with 23 CFR Part 774.11, the project will not result in the use of a Section 4(f) Cultural Resource. See the ODOT OES Section 4(f) Cultural Resource Determination for the project as OES Cultural Resources 4(f) Determination.pdf in the Project File/Section 4(f)/Coordination subsection.

Based on the information contained in the RMR Form prepared for the project, further environmental site assessment or special materials management is not warranted for the project. See the RMR Form for the project in the Project File/ESA/Reports subsection.

Additionally, this project is considered ecologically exempt under the Ecological MOA (Agreement 19394). See the Ecological Review Form - Ecologically Exempt Project.pdf for the project in the Project File/Ecological/Reports subsection.

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

In 2018, a Kent Better Block Committee, comprised of business owners in the project study area, citizens and city of Kent officials was formed to envision the potential of the N. Water Street area and consider street improvements. Multiple planning meetings were conducted in 2018. Moreover, project planning efforts were announced in the Record Courier, a local newspaper, in news articles dated, March 30, 2018, and July 10, 2018. A proposed future Better Block public event, scheduled on September 29, 2018, was announced in the Record Courier newspaper article, dated July 10, 2018.

See continuation of the project description in the Project File/General/Project Information subsection as Project Description - Continued.pdf.

STIP Reference #

Statewide Line Item (SLI) Number 15
and is 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.)***

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



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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:	
No Use	
Section 4(f) Determination Date - No Use	06/19/2019
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	06/19/2019
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:	
Hazardous Materials - ESA Screening Conducted	Yes
Hazardous Materials - OES Approval Date:	06/17/2019
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



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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: NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES (NRHP) ELIGIBLE "JACOBSON WOODWORKS" 2-STORY BRICK COMMERCIAL BUILDING, 300 NORTH WATER STREET (POR0022209): UNDER NO CIRCUMSTANCES SHALL THE CONTRACTOR IMPACT THE NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES (NRHP)-ELIGIBLE "JACOBSON WOODWORKS" 2-STORY BRICK COMMERCIAL BUILDING LOCATED AT 300 NORTH WATER STREET (POR0022209). THE STAGING AND/OR STORAGE OF CONSTRUCTION EQUIPMENT AND/OR MATERIALS SHALL NOT TAKE PLACE WITHIN THE PROPERTY BOUNDARIES OF THIS NRHP-ELIGIBLE PROPERTY.

2) The project shall not acquire any new permanent and/or temporary right-of-way from the National Register of Historic Places (NRHP)-eligible "Jacobson Woodworks" 2-story brick commercial building property located at 300 North Water Street (POR0022209).



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Appendix

General

Aerial Map.pdf

Other Resources

Census Bureau Urbanized Area Map .pdf

General

County Map.pdf

Cultural Resources

Minimal Potential to Cause Effect - Appendix B

ESA

OES Recommendations - Screening.pdf

General

Project Description - Continued.pdf

Cultural Resources

Records Check .pdf

General

USGS Quadrangle Topographical Map.pdf

Other Resources

Water Source Protection Area Map.pdf

Well Log Data.pdf

Public Involvement

2018 Neighborhood Grant Program Petition - Better Block.pdf

Underserved Populations

Census Mapping.pdf

Permits

FEMA FIRM.pdf

Public Involvement

Kent Better Block Project Web Page.pdf

Kent Resolution Support of Better Block.pdf

Mill District Web Page.pdf



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N Water Street Better Block Event Web Page.pdf

News Article - July 10 2018.pdf

News Article - March 30 2018.pdf

News Article - September 10 2018.pdf

News Article - September 27 2018.pdf

Section 4(f)

OES Cultural Resources 4(f) Determination.pdf

Public Involvement

Project Booth at Art in the Park Fest 9-8-18.pdf

Project Youtube Site Snap Shot.pdf

Property Owner Right of Entry Notification Letter.pdf

Property Owner Right of Entry Notification Mailing List.pdf

Public Event Email Notification.pdf

Public Event Social Media Notification Snap Shot.pdf

Response to Public Comments - Website Snap Shot.pdf

Response to Public Comments.pdf

Special Event Application - Better Block.pdf

Stakeholder Meeting 3-15-2018.pdf

Stakeholder Meeting 4-25-2018.pdf

Stakeholder Meeting 6-14-2018.pdf

Stakeholder Meeting 7-10-2018.pdf

Stakeholder Meeting 7-24-2018.pdf

Stakeholder Meeting 8-14-2018.pdf

Stakeholder Meeting 8-28-2018.pdf

Stakeholder Meeting 9-11-2018.pdf

Stakeholder Meeting 9-25-2018.pdf

Underserved Populations

Underserved Populations Documentation Form.pdf