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Environmental Document

for

ATB SR 0531 13.20 Slide PID 82819

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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:	82819
Project Sponsor:	DISTRICT 4-MAINTENANCE
ODOT District:	4
Funding Source:	Non-Federal
Does this project require a Federal permit or approval?	No
Private Funding:	No
Project Description:	

The Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT) proposes to repair approximately 200 linear feet of failing roadway embankment slope along State Route (SR) 531 at Straight Line Mile (SLM) 13.20 on a bluff above Lake Erie, approximately 0.15 mile west of Whitman's Creek, in Ashtabula Township, Ashtabula County. The proposed roadway embankment slope repair involves construction of a sheet pile retaining wall behind the existing guardrail, regrading/stabilization of the embankment slope between SR 531 and Lake Erie using erosion control mats, curb placement, drainage improvements, paved gutter installation and new guardrail installation.

An estimated total of 0.05 acre of permanent right-of-way will be needed from FirstEnergy Properties, Inc., for project construction and embankment slope maintenance. The proposed right-of-way is located where the construction limits extend north toward Lake Erie beyond the existing SR 531 right-of-way line. Due to the emergency condition of the failing embankment slope, ODOT and FirstEnergy Properties executed a Contract for Right of Entry-Emergency Project on March 21, 2019, to allow ODOT and its contractors access to the property. This contract states ODOT will eventually determine the specific amount of right-of-way required for this project and follow its right-of-way acquisition process with FirstEnergy Properties. See the executed Contract for Right of Entry-Emergency Project for the project in the Project File/General/Right-of-Way and Utility Involvement subsection.

During construction, a minimum of one lane in each direction will be maintained on SR 531, except for a period not to exceed 14 days when SR 531 may be closed to traffic with a signed detour. The proposed detour route will use SR 11, U. S. Route 20 and SR 193. Portable changeable message signs will alert travelers to the upcoming detour seven days prior to the closure. Access shall be maintained to all properties during project construction. Substantial traffic disruptions are not expected with the project.

Existing utilities within the project study area will not be impacted/relocated to construct the project.

Based on the proposed maintenance of traffic measures, ODOT District 4 conducted emergency/public services notification activities for the project. Comments were not received as a result of these notification



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activities. The emergency/public services notification documentation for the project is in the Project File/General/Maintenance of Traffic subsection.

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

Lake Erie is beyond the project construction limits. In correspondence, dated February 21, 2019, ODOT requested the Ohio Department of Natural Resources (ODNR) make a coastal consistency determination on the project in accordance with the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between ODNR and ODOT for review of Federal Consistency Certifications and Determinations required by the Coastal Zone Management Act and State Consistency reviews under the Ohio Coastal Management Program (OCMP). On February 25, 2019, ODNR stated the project is consistent per the MOU and no additional authorizations or reviews are required by the OCMP. ODNR provided no other comments on the project. See project coordination with ODNR in the Project File/Ecological/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.

On March 20, 2019, ODOT-OES has determined this project will not impact any property listed on or eligible for the National Register of Historic Places or significant resources. Furthermore, the project is exempt from further consultation with the Ohio SHPO/OHC under ORC 149.53 and stipulations in Appendix B of the revised State Funded Project Letter Agreement (Agreement No. 17075), between Ohio's SHPO and ODOT, executed August 29, 2012.

The environmental document and associated studies, as applicable, were approved using the Stage 3 Design plans for the project. A copy of the Stage 3 Design plans for the project is included in the Project File/General/Project Information subsection as Stage 3 Design.pdf.

The estimated total project cost specified in Ellis agrees with the total project funding specified in the ODOT Fiscal Year (FY) 2018 - FY 2021 State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) Statewide Line Item (SLI) Grouped Project Report as of 03/06/2019.

STIP Reference #	Statewide Line Item (SLI) Number 32 and is fiscally constrained.
Cultural Resources Coordination:	ORC 149.53 Appendix B
Cultural Resources Coordination Date:	03/20/2019
Since no Tribe was interested in this project based on their customized preferences, no further Tribal consultation was conducted.	
Supporting documentation has been uploaded to Project File:	Yes

Select the appropriate project type (more than one can be selected):

(31) Activities that do not utilize federal monies or require federal actions.



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Environmental Commitments:

Yes



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1) The project designer shall incorporate the following note in the plans. LAKE ERIE AVOIDANCE: UNDER NO CIRCUMSTANCES SHALL THE CONTRACTOR DISTURB LAKE ERIE AND/OR STORE EQUIPMENT/MATERIALS IN LAKE ERIE. NO EXCAVATION, GRADING OR FILLING OPERATIONS SHALL BE PERFORMED AT OR BELOW THE LAKE ERIE NORMAL WATER ELEVATION OF 572.0 +/- MSL.



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Appendix

General

Aerial Map.pdf

Ecological

Coordination with ODNR.pdf

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Correspondence with Emergency and Public Services.pdf

County Map.pdf

Cultural Resources

ORC 149.53 Appendix B

Records Check.pdf

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