



# OHIO DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

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## **Environmental Document**

for

## **SUM SR 0091 09.96 Sidewalks PID 107814**

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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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## C2

<b>PID:</b>	107814
<b>Project Sponsor:</b>	Stow, City of
<b>ODOT District:</b>	4
<b>Funding Source:</b>	Federal
<b>Private Funding:</b>	No

### **Project Description:**

The city of Stow proposes to install a 5-foot wide concrete sidewalk, in areas where a sidewalk does not exist, along State Route (SR) 91/Darrow Road from an existing sidewalk just south of Conwill Drive to an existing sidewalk approximately 300 feet south of the SR 91/Fishcreek Road intersection, a total distance of 1.92 miles. The proposed sidewalk will be constructed along the east side of SR 91 from the south project terminus northward to Hibbard Drive where it proposes to cross over to the west side of SR 91 and continue to the north project terminus. This project also proposes to upgrade curb ramps to meet the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) standards.

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

Based on the project scope of work, its Path 1 Preliminary Development Process (PDP) Classification and the proposed maintenance of traffic measures, emergency/public services contact activities were not conducted for the project.

The majority of the project will be constructed within the existing SR 91 right-of-way. However, new permanent right-of-way will be required at some side streets crossings to accommodate the proposed sidewalk. A total of approximately 0.1637 acre of new permanent right-of-way will be acquired from 14 parcels to construct the project. Moreover, a total of approximately 0.2081 acre of temporary right-of-way will also be acquired from 28 parcels to construct the project. Total takes and/or relocations are not proposed to construct the project. See the right-of-way plan information for the project in the Project File/General/Project Information subsection as Right of Way Plan Sheets.pdf.

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

The scope of the project consists of installation and modernization of pedestrian facilities to improve safety and walkability. Based on the submitted project information, the pedestrian improvements project meets the stipulations considered to have minimal potential to cause effects: construction of new pedestrian facilities where minor right-of-way will be required and does not involve impacts to historic properties or historic districts.

In accordance with Stipulation V(C)(1) and Appendix B of the Section 106 Programmatic Agreement executed on November 8, 2017 (Agreement No. 19319), amended on July 11, 2019, ODOT-OES determined



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the proposed project is a type of undertaking that has 'minimal potential to cause effects' to historic properties and is not a part of a larger undertaking.

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.

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.

The city of Stow conducted various public involvement activities, including property owner notification letters, a press release and news articles for the project. Fourteen (14) comments, six (6) written and eight (8) verbal, were received as a result of the public involvement activities conducted for the project. All public involvement documentation, including the received public comments and responses to comments, can be found in the Project File/Public Involvement/Project Information subsection.

The environmental document and associated studies, as applicable, were approved using the Stage 2 Design Plans for the project. A copy of the Stage 2 Design plans for the project is included in the Project File/General/Project Information subsection as Stage 2 Design.pdf.

The estimated total project cost specified in Ellis is 16.43% greater than the total project cost specified in the Akron Metropolitan Area Transportation Study (AMATS) Fiscal Year (FY) 2018 - FY 2021 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). However, based on the estimated total project cost being less than \$2,999,999 and the additional project cost not exceeding 50% of the total project cost in the TIP, a TIP amendment is not necessary for the project.

**STIP Reference #**

2018AM06ID0183FDRW 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



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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.

<b>Waterways:</b>	Not Present
<b>Endangered Species:</b>	No Impacts to Protected Species and Critical Habitat
<b>100-Year Floodplain:</b>	No Encroachment Within a Special Flood Hazard Area (SFHA)
<b>Section 4(f):</b>	Not present
<b>Section 6(f):</b>	Not present
<b>Cultural Resources:</b>	Present; No Finding of Adverse Effect
<b>Cultural Resources Coordination:</b>	Minimum Potential to Cause Effect Appendix B
<b>Cultural Resources Coordination - ODOT Approval/SHPO Concurrence Date</b>	08/20/2019

**Tribal Consultation Summary/Remarks:**

Based on the customized preferences configured by the tribe, the ODOT EnviroNet System notified the Miami Tribe of Oklahoma about the project on August 20, 2019. No comment or objection was received from the Miami Tribe of Oklahoma concerning this project within 30 days of the project notification date.

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.

<b>Air Quality:</b>	Studies Not Required
<b>Air Quality - Coordination with OES:</b>	No
<b>Noise:</b>	Studies Not Required
<b>Noise Coordination - OES Approval Date:</b>	01/09/2020
<b>Hazardous Materials - ESA Screening Conducted</b>	Yes
<b>Hazardous Materials - OES Approval Date:</b>	09/10/2019
<b>Phase I ESA Warranted Based on Coordination with OES:</b>	No Further Studies Warranted
<b>Farmland:</b>	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**

No



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## Appendix

### General

Aerial Map.pdf

### Other Resources

Census Bureau Urbanized Area Map.pdf

### General

County Map.pdf

### Ecological

Ecological Review Form - Ecologically Exempt Project.pdf

### Cultural Resources

Minimal Potential to Cause Effect - Appendix B

### Air

No Air Analysis Required.pdf

### Noise

No Noise Analysis Required.pdf

### Cultural Resources

Section 106 Scoping Request Form.pdf

### General

USGS Quadrangle Topographical Map.pdf

### Other Resources

Water Source Protection Area Map.pdf

Well Log Data.pdf

### Underserved Populations

Census Mapping.pdf

### Permits

FEMA FIRM-North.pdf

FEMA FIRM-South.pdf

### Public Involvement

News Article 2.pdf

News Article.pdf



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Press Release.pdf

Property Owner Notification Letter 2.pdf

Property Owner Notification Letter.pdf

Response to Public Comments.pdf

**Underserved Populations**

Underserved Populations Documentation Form.pdf