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## **Environmental Document**

for

## **STA Colonial Blvd NE PID 111059**

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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 14, 2020, and executed by FHWA and ODOT.*

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**PID:** 111059  
**Project Sponsor:** Canton, City of  
**ODOT District:** 4  
**Funding Source:** Federal  
**Private Funding:** No

**Project Description:**

The city of Canton proposes to reconstruct Colonial Boulevard NE from Market Avenue N/State Route (SR) 43 to Maple Avenue NE in the city of Canton, Stark County. The project proposes to realign the 26th Street NE and Rowland Avenue NE/Warrick Place NE approaches to Colonial Boulevard NE, construct a double roundabout at the Gibbs Avenue NE/Havana Place NE intersection and incorporate active transportation and complete streets components. Work includes pavement reconstruction; curb/gutter/sidewalk replacement to comply with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) standards, new roundabout construction, new bus stop construction and a new 10-foot wide ADA-compliant paved shared-use path, with multiple divided path sections, in the median of Colonial Boulevard NE. This project also proposes storm drainage system reconstruction with catch basin/manhole adjustments, retaining wall construction, driveway approach reconstruction, street light upgrades, new landscaping, new traffic sign installations and new center line/edge line/other pavement marking applications.

The project will be designed and constructed in two phases: Phase 1 will reconstruct Colonial Boulevard NE from Market Avenue N/SR 43 to Rowland Avenue NE, a distance of approximately 0.4 mile, and Phase 2 will reconstruct Colonial Boulevard NE from Rowland Avenue NE to Maple Avenue NE, a distance of approximately 0.35 mile.

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

The proposed intersection realignment at the Colonial Boulevard NE/26th Street NE intersection and the Colonial Boulevard NE/Rowland Ave NE/Warrick Place NE intersection and construction of the proposed double roundabout at the Colonial Boulevard NE/Gibbs Avenue NE/Havana Place NE intersections will require the detour of through traffic during project construction. However, local traffic access will be maintained during project construction. Construction and through traffic restriction/detour information will be posted within the project construction limits prior to the start of project construction. Access shall be maintained to all adjacent properties, residences and intersecting side streets for the duration of the project. Moreover, temporary parking will also be provided along Colonial Boulevard NE for the duration of the project. Substantial traffic disruptions are not expected during project construction.

Acquisitions of new permanent strip/temporary rights-of-way and utility easements are required to construct the project. A total of 0.158 acre of new permanent strip right-of-way/utility easement will be acquired from 24 parcels and 0.183 acre of temporary right-of-way will be acquired from 16 parcels to construct Phase 1 of the project. The Phase 2 right-of-way plan is not available for the project at the time of the environmental documentation preparation. See the Phase 1 right-of-way plans for the project in the Project File/General/Project Information subsection.

Minor relocations of existing utilities within the project study area will be necessary to construct the project.



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These minor utility relocations will occur within the existing street rights-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.

The project Area of Potential Effects (APE) is the footprint of the undertaking and the houses at the intersections within the project limits due to the potential to cause effects and the project includes new right-of-way. The project APE has been previously disturbed by urban development, including roadway construction and utilities. Therefore, further archaeological investigations are not warranted for the project.

The Section 106 Records Check shows no previously inventoried History/Architecture (H/A) resources within the project APE. The nearby Ridgewood Historic District, NRHP#82001489, is a residential district listed on the National Register of Historic Places (NRHP) in 1982. The project APE is approximately 2 blocks from the northeastern edge of the Ridgewood Historic District. The H/A resources in the project APE are part of an early to mid-twentieth century residential area of Canton and are not eligible for listing in the NRHP. Therefore, further history/architecture investigations are not warranted for the project. Based on the scope of the undertaking, and in accordance with Section (5).C.2 of the Section 106 Programmatic Agreement, approved November 8, 2017 and amended July 11, 2019 (No.19319), the Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT) Office of Environmental Services (OES) determined the finding for the subject undertaking is 'No Historic Properties Affected,' based on the following:

No history/architecture properties in the APE are eligible for or listed on the National Register of Historic Places.

The project area has been previously disturbed by urban development, including roadway construction and utilities; therefore, no further archaeological investigations are warranted.

This completes the Section 106 review and no further cultural resource investigations are required, pending a 15-day review and comment period at Ohio's State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO). No SHPO comment or objection was received by ODOT OES within the 15-day SHPO review/comment period for the project.

See the cultural resources documentation for the project in the Project File/Cultural Resources/Project Information subsection and the Cultural Resources Tab.

Based on the information in the Regulated Materials Review (RMR) Form completed for the project, further RMR activities or special materials management are not warranted for the project. See the RMR documentation for the project in the Project File/ESA/Reports and Project Information subsections.

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.

ODOT District 4 Environmental Section personnel reviewed the FEMA FIRM for the project study area and determined the project is not located within a special flood hazard area. See the FEMA FIRM mapping for the project in the Project File/Permits/Floodplains subsection.

The project is located within the Ground Water Protection Area of the Canton Water System. A project coordination letter was sent to Canton Water Department. Upon sending a plan sheet with plan note, as requested, Canton Water Department confirmed no issues with the project. The Project Designer will incorporate a plan note into the plans to ensure drinking water supply safety. Project equipment fueling will be restricted in the section of the project area that is located within the Canton Water System ground water protection area. See the drinking water documentation for the project in the Project File/Other Resources/Drinking Water subsection.

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

Canton conducted a virtual public involvement meeting for the project to present and discuss proposed improvements with local residents, public officials and the general public. A virtual public involvement meeting notification letter with project information, comment form and exhibit were mailed to affected property owners, local emergency services and schools. The virtual public involvement meeting and project



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information were also conveyed to the media, public officials and the public by its posting on the city of Canton website. Moreover, a notification advertisement announcing the virtual public involvement meeting was published in the Canton Repository newspaper.

Public comments about the project were solicited during the virtual public involvement meeting while Canton and project consultant personnel were available to address questions and/or concerns concerning the project. Moreover, the virtual public involvement meeting presentation video was available on the Canton project website (<https://www.cantonohio.gov/655/Colonial-Blvd-Project-Public-Involvement>) throughout the project public comment period.

Thirteen residents participated in and entered written comments during the virtual public involvement meeting for the project. Additional written comments were not received after the virtual public involvement meeting. Canton provided responses to comments by posting the comments and responses to comments on the Canton project website. See the public involvement documentation, including the received comments and responses to comments, for the project in the Project File/Public Involvement/Project Information subsection.

The environmental document and associated studies, as applicable, were approved using the Stage 2/Phase 1 and the Stage 1/Phase 2 Design plans for the project. A copy of the Stage 2/Phase 1 and the Stage 1/Phase 2 Design plans for the project are included in the Project File/General/Project Information subsection as Stage 2 Design - Phase 1.pdf and Stage 1 Design - Phase 1 and 2.pdf.

The estimated total project cost specified in Ellis agrees with the total project cost specified in the ODOT State Fiscal Years 2021 - 2024 Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP).

**STIP Reference #:**

111059: 21-24 STIP.

**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 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.



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<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>	No Historic Properties Affected
<b>Cultural Resources Coordination - ODOT Approval/SHPO Concurrence Date</b>	05/04/2020

**Tribal Consultation Summary/Remarks:**

Based on the customized preferences configured by the tribe, the ODOT EnviroNet System notified the Delaware Tribe of Oklahoma about the project on 05/04/2020. No comment or objection was received from the Delaware 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>	
<b>Hazardous Materials - ESA Screening Conducted</b>	Yes
<b>Hazardous Materials - OES Approval Date:</b>	01/13/2020
<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
<b>Scenic Rivers</b>	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.



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**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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## **Environmental Commitments**

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1) This project is located within the Canton Water System public drinking/ground water protection area from St Elmo Avenue NE to Maple Avenue NE. The Project Designer will incorporate a plan note into the plans to ensure drinking/ground water supply safety. Project equipment fueling will be restricted in the section of the project area that is located within the Canton Water System public drinking/ground water protection area.



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Edward Deley (PROGRAM ADMIN 3)	3/29/2021



## Appendix

### General

Aerial Map.pdf

County Map.pdf

STIP Listing.pdf

USGS Quadrangle Topographical Map.pdf

### ESA

Project Related ODOT Decision - ESA.pdf

### Cultural Resources

Buckeye Assets Mapping.pdf

Records Check.pdf

SHPO Comments

Transmittal 1 - Effect Determination

Tribal Consultation

### Ecological

Ecological Review Form - Ecologically Exempt Project.pdf

### Other Resources

Local Drinking Water Agency Response.pdf

Local Drinking Water Coordination.pdf

Urbanized Area Map.pdf

Water Source Protection Area Map.pdf

Well Log Data.pdf

### Section 4(f)

Project Related OES Decision - Section 4(f).pdf

### Section 6(f)

LWCF Grant Listing.pdf

### Underserved Populations

Census Mapping.pdf

Underserved Populations Documentation Form.pdf

### Public Involvement



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City Facebook Post.pdf

News Article.pdf

News Paid Ad - Canton Repository.pdf

Public Comments Received with Responses.pdf

Public Meeting Comment Form.pdf

Public Meeting Exhibits.pdf

Public Meeting Handouts.pdf

Public Meeting Notification Letter Packet.pdf

Public Meeting Notification Mailing List.pdf

Public Meeting Presentation.pdf

Public Meeting Webpost Snap SHot.pdf

SCATS MPO Facebook Post.pdf

**Permits**

FEMA FIRM.pdf