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Environmental Document

for

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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: DISTRICT 4-PLANNING
ODOT District: 4
Funding Source: Federal
Private Funding: No

Project Description:

The Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT) proposes to reconstruct the State Route (SR) 687-Fulton Drive NW/Dressler Road intersection in Jackson Township, Stark County. The project proposes to realign the north and south Dressler Road approaches, install new raised concrete traffic islands on the northwest and southeast quadrants and replace the existing traffic signal. Additional improvements proposed by the project include existing manhole adjustments, new curb/catch basin/storm drainage installations, center/lane/other pavement marking applications and new traffic sign installations throughout the project construction limits.

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.

Project construction will be completed using a phased approach to minimize disruption to adjacent properties and the traveling public. A minimum of one (1) 11-foot lane of traffic in each direction will be maintained on SR 687 and Dressler Road during the project construction duration. Individual turn lanes and/or turning movements will be restricted from Dressler Road to SR 687 during individual phases of project construction. However, turn lane restrictions associated with each phase will be limited to a duration of 7 to 14 consecutive days. Detour routes utilizing Everhard Road to Hills & Dales Road and Hills & Dales Road to Whipple Avenue will be established, as appropriate, for each project construction phase. Lastly, short term lane closures will be required during installation of the new traffic signal mast arms and other overhead traffic signal equipment.

Construction, lane restrictions, closures and detour information will be posted within the project limits prior to the start of construction and this information will be updated and posted prior to each change in construction phase/travel pattern during project construction. Access shall be maintained to all adjacent properties, businesses and intersecting side streets for the duration of the project. Substantial traffic disruptions are not expected to construct the project.

A total of 0.236 acre of new permanent right-of-way will be acquired from three (3) parcels and a total of 0.165 acre of temporary right-of-way will be acquired from two (2) parcels to construct the project. Total property takes/structure relocations are not required by the project. See the 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. These minor utility relocations will occur within the existing and new permanent roadway 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 undertaking is a safety project limited to roadway improvements at the SR 687-Fulton Drive NW/Dressler Road intersection. New areas of right-of-way will be taken from areas of commercial development, previously disturbed landscaping and parking areas. Modern development is found in all four quadrants. A literature search did not identify any architectural resources (OHI) or archaeological sites (OAI) in the immediate study area. No historic properties are found in the construction area or the area of potential effects (APE) for the project. Highway modernization project including upgrades to existing traffic signals are exempt from further cultural resource consideration by the 11/8/2017 Cultural Resource PA (Agreement 19319 and amended on July 11, 2019), if the project is not within the boundaries of any Historic Property or National Register of Historic Places District. 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 Office of Environmental Services (OES) determined the 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. See the cultural resources documentation for the project in the Project File/Cultural Resources/Project Information subsection and the Cultural Resources Tab.

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

STIP Reference #

111011: 21-24 STIP/SLI Group
Project. Fiscal constraint is at SLI
Group level.

Select the appropriate project type:

(27) Highway safety or traffic operations improvement projects, including the installation of ramp metering control devices and lighting, if the project meets the constraints in paragraph (e) of this section. ***Examples include: Lane reduction ("road diet") changes provided traffic analysis is completed; Railroad projects that close at-grade crossings to improve safety or traffic operations.***

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):	Not present
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	07/21/2020

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:	07/22/2020
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
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
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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

Cultural Resources

Buckeye Assets Mapping.pdf

General

County Map.pdf

Ecological

Ecological Review Form - Ecologically Exempt Project.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

ESA

Regulated Materials Review Form.pdf

General

USGS Quadrangle Topographical Map.pdf

Underserved Populations

Census Mapping.pdf

Public Involvement

Correspondence with Stakeholders - Jackson Township .pdf

Correspondence with Stakeholders - SCEO.pdf

Permits

FEMA FIRM.pdf

Public Involvement

Press Release.pdf



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Project Posting Website Snap Shot.pdf

Property Owner Notification Letter (ROW Take).pdf

Property Owner Notification Mailer (No ROW Take).pdf

Property Owner Notification Mailing Address List.pdf

Public and Emergency Services Proj Notification Email List.pdf

Public and Emergency Services Project Notification.pdf

Stakeholder Notification 6-29-2020.pdf

Underserved Populations

Underserved Populations Documentation Form.pdf

Public Involvement

Website Project Posting.pdf