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Environmental Document

for

SUM E Waterloo Rd Ph 1&2(Akron) PID 108133

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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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PIDs:	108133, 108134
Project Sponsor:	Akron, City of
ODOT District:	4
Funding Source:	Federal
Private Funding:	No

Project Description:

The city of Akron proposes to resurface 3.4 miles of Waterloo Road between Manchester Road and Kelly Avenue in the city of Akron, Summit County. This project also proposes to implement a road diet along Waterloo Road between Manchester Road and Sycamore Street by converting the existing four-lane street to a three-lane street with one travel lane in each direction and a two-way center left turn lane, adjust existing utilities, install/replace curb ramps in compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) standards and apply new pavement markings. The existing lane configuration along Waterloo Road from Sycamore Street to Kelly Avenue will not change.

The proposed resurfacing/road diet improvements were initially programmed as two separate projects, Phase 1 from Manchester Road to Glenmount Avenue and Phase 2 from Glenmount Avenue to Kelly Avenue. These projects were subsequently combined into one construction project.

A minimum of one bidirectional lane will be maintained on the existing and completed pavement during project construction. Road closures and detours are not proposed to construct the project. Access shall be maintained to all properties, businesses and intersecting side streets during project construction. Substantial traffic disruptions are not expected with the project.

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 project will be constructed within the existing street right-of-way.

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

Based on the information in the Regulated Materials Review (RMR) Form completed for the project, further environmental site assessment or special materials management is not warranted for the project. See the RMR documentation for the project in the Project File/ESA/Reports subsection.



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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.

Akron issued a news release about the project and posted it on the Akron website. A news article on the project was published on Cleveland.com. The news release was also mailed to 61 property owners and residents near the proposed road diet section of the project. Six (6) comments were received and responses to comments were provided by Akron. Comments entailed clarification on the road diet limits, opposition to the road diet and the need to fix drainage issues on Waterloo Road and flooding. See the public involvement documentation, received public comments and responses to public 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 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 cost specified in the Akron Metropolitan Area Transportation Study (AMATS) Fiscal Year (FY) 2018 - FY 2021 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP).

STIP Reference # 2018AM14ID0471FDCO/2018AM14D0472FDCO and is fiscally constrained.

Cultural Resources Coordination: Minimal Potential to Cause Effect Appendix A

Cultural Resources Coordination Date: 01/14/2020

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):

(22) Projects, as defined in 23 U.S.C. 101 that would take place entirely within the existing operational right-of-way. Existing operational right-of-way refers to right-of-way that has been disturbed for an existing transportation facility or is maintained for a transportation purpose. This area includes the features associated with the physical footprint of the transportation facility (including the roadway, bridges, interchanges, culverts, drainage, fixed guideways, mitigation areas, etc.) and other areas maintained for transportation purposes such as clear zone, traffic control signage, landscaping, any rest areas with direct access to a controlled access highway, areas maintained for safety and security of a transportation facility, parking facilities with direct access to an existing transportation facility, transit power substations, transit venting structures, and transit maintenance facilities. Portions of the right-of-way that have not been disturbed or that are not maintained for transportation purposes are not in the existing operational right-of-way. *Examples*



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include: Tower lighting within the existing operational right-of-way; Guardrail installation and replacement (including median cable barriers) where roadway ditches and backslopes will not be relocated; Improvements to existing ODOT/County maintenance facilities; Construction of new ODOT/County maintenance facilities within existing operational right-of-way; Environmental mitigation activities within existing operational right-of-way; Work on pedestrian and vehicle transfer structures and associated utilities, buildings, and terminals within existing operational right-of-way; Construction of alternative energy facilities (fuel tank farms, wind turbines, etc.)

Environmental Commitments:

No



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Appendix

Ecological

Ecological Review Form - Ecologically Exempt Project.pdf

General

USGS Quadrangle Topographical Map.pdf

Public Involvement

Akron Website Posting.pdf

News Article Cleveland.com.pdf

Press Release.pdf

Public Notification Mailing List.pdf

Response to Public Comments.pdf