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Environmental Document

for

CUY Main Avenue Connector TLCI PID 111396

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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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PID:	111396
Project Sponsor:	Cleveland, City of
ODOT District:	12
Funding Source:	Federal
Private Funding:	Yes
Project Description:	

The CUY-Main Avenue Connector consists of improvements to Main Avenue (CR 757), between W. 11th Street and W. 9th Street, and W. 9th Street (CR 718), between Main Avenue and Lakeside Avenue. The project will improve pedestrian and bicycle facilities, restore existing streetscape, and provide enhanced streetscape, including seating, bicycle racks, and public art. This project is an implementation phase of the Main Avenue Connector Plan that will improve the safety and sense of place of the urban transition between the Warehouse District and Flats East Bank.

No trees are to be removed for this project.

No work to be within streams or wetlands.

No work is to occur within a FEMA designated Floodplain.

No city parks or recreation centers are within in the project area. As a result of review of the LWCF Grant Listing database, no Section 6(f) sites are in the project area.

On January 13, 2020, ODOT determined the undertaking will have "no adverse effect" on historic cultural resources. The Ohio State Historic Preservation Office was provided an opportunity to review and comment on this determination, they concurred with ODOT-OES via email on January 24, 2020.

In accordance with 23 CFR Part 774, the undertaking, CUY-Main Avenue Connector, PID: 111396, will result in the *de minimis* use of a Section 4(f) historic site- Warehouse District + Boundary Increase (NR#07000070), which is listed on the National Register of Historic Places (NRHP), in Cleveland, Cuyahoga County, Ohio.

No other environmental, Section 4(f), cultural resources, or underserved population impacts will result from this project.

Public involvement has occurred in various forms with opportunity to comment. Stakeholders and the public have had the opportunity to comment on designs during design competition by Downtown Cleveland Alliance (2016); City Landmarks Commission meeting (2018); and Warehouse District Community meeting (2018). During the City Landmarks Commission meeting, project representatives noted that public comments for or against the project had not been received at that time. The City of Cleveland will proceed with the project as currently designed. A summary of public involvement activities is provided in the Project File.

The environmental document and associated studies are being approved using Stage 3 Design. Project plans are included in the Project File.



STIP Reference #

SLI 16

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.

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):	Present; No Programmatic Evaluation or Individual Evaluation Required
Section 4(f) Determination:	
de minimis	
Section 4(f) Determination Date - de minimis	01/24/2020
Section 6(f):	Not present
Cultural Resources:	Present; No Finding of Adverse Effect



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Cultural Resources Coordination:	No Adverse Effect
Cultural Resources Coordination - ODOT Approval/SHPO Concurrence Date	01/24/2020
Tribal Consultation Summary/Remarks:	No Tribal involvement for this project.
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:	01/24/2020
Hazardous Materials - ESA Screening Conducted	Yes
Hazardous Materials - OES Approval Date:	03/11/2020
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
Public Involvement:	Minimum PI Requirements Met; No Minor Public or Agency Controversy on Environmental Grounds
Environmental Commitments	Yes



Environmental Commitments

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- 1) Following contract award, a series of public meetings will be held by the City of Cleveland with stakeholders on construction.
- 2) A 513 Authorization will be required for the construction. The City of Cleveland will obtain the 513 Authorization prior to filing the project for sale.



Preparers and Approvals

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Appendix

General

County Map.pdf

Noise

District Determination - No Noise Analysis Required.pdf

Ecological

Ecological Review Form - Ecologically Exempt Project.docx

ESA

OES Recommendations - Screening.pdf

Cultural Resources

Records Check.pdf

SHPO Comments

General

Stage 3 Design.pdf

STIP Listing.pdf

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Transmittal 1 - Effect Determination

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General

USGS Quadrangle Topographical Map.pdf

Other Resources

Water Source Protection Area Map.pdf

Underserved Populations

Census Mapping.pdf

Public Involvement

Correspondence with Stakeholders.pdf

Permits

FEMA FIRM.pdf

Public Involvement

News Article 2.pdf



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Section 4(f)

OES Cultural Resources 4(f) Determination.pdf

Public Involvement

Public Meeting Handouts.pdf

Public Meeting Presentation.pdf

Stakeholder Meeting Minutes or Notes.pdf

Underserved Populations

Underserved Populations Documentation Form.pdf