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Environmental Document

for

FACD04 POR IR-76 RA Parking Lots PID 112697

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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:	112697
Project Sponsor:	DISTRICT 4-HMA
ODOT District:	4
Funding Source:	Non-Federal
Does this project require a Federal permit or approval?	Yes
Private Funding:	No

Project Description:

The Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT) proposes to reconstruct and expand the existing eastbound and westbound rest area parking facilities along Interstate Route (IR) 76 in Edinburg Township, Portage County. These existing IR 76 rest areas are located at approximately Milepost 45.35 between the IR 76/State Route (SR) 14 interchange and the IR 76/SR 225 interchange. This project proposes to reconstruct both rest area parking facilities to change the existing linear truck parking configuration to a proposed diagonal truck parking configuration and to expand passenger vehicle and truck/passenger vehicle with trailer parking capacities as follows:

- westbound rest area/proposed parking spaces: 27 passenger vehicles, including 4 reserved handicap spaces, and 23 trucks/passenger vehicles with trailers;
- eastbound rest area/proposed parking spaces: 26 passenger vehicles, including 5 reserved handicap spaces, and 22 trucks/passenger vehicles with trailers.

The proposed new diagonal truck/passenger vehicle with trailer parking area will consist of full depth concrete pavement while the proposed new passenger vehicle parking area will consist of full depth asphalt pavement.

Also proposed by the project are rest area access ramp re-alignments, new lighting installation, site security infrastructure installation, sidewalk construction, landscaping installation, storm drainage system reconstruction, new pavement marking/parking line applications and new sign installations.

Mapping that depicts the project on United States Geological survey (USGS) 7.5-minute topographic quadrangle maps is included in the Project File/General/Project Information subsection as USGS Quadrangle Topographical Map.pdf.

A minimum of two (2) lanes of traffic will be maintained in each direction on IR 76 during project construction. The project will require closure of both rest areas for approximately 240 consecutive calendar days. Construction and closure information will be posted prior to the start of project construction. Substantial traffic disruptions are not expected with the project.

The project will be constructed within the existing highway/rest area right-of-way.



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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 highway/rest area right-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 existing facilities within both rest areas were constructed in the mid to late 1980s. Therefore, no buildings or structures 50 years of age or older will be affected by the project. Based on the results of the literature review, previous cultural resource investigations and documented disturbance, no further cultural resource investigations are warranted for the project. In accordance with Stipulation V(C)(2) of the Section 106 Programmatic Agreement between FHWA, ODOT, Ohio SHPO, and ACHP executed November 08, 2017 (Agreement No. 19319) and amended on July 11, 2019, ODOT Office of Environmental Services (OES) determined that "no historic properties affected" is the appropriate finding 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.

A Regulated Material Review (RMR) Form was completed for the project study area. Based on the information in the RMR Form completed for the project, further RMR evaluation or special materials management is not warranted for the project. See the RMR documentation for the project in the Project File/ESA/Reports subsection.

The project proposes to impact approximately 285 linear feet (0.03 acre) of a perennial unnamed tributary of Silver Creek and 177 linear feet (0.004 acre) of jurisdictional ditch by the proposed rest area access ramp realignment/reconstruction and the storm drainage system reconstruction activities. While potential wetlands impacts were reported in the Level 1 Ecological Survey prepared for the project, the project will avoid impacts to wetlands identified within the project study area based on available design information. Moreover, the project also proposes to impact approximately 0.53 acre of suitable wooded habitat (SWH) for the federally listed Indiana Bat (*Myotis sodalis*) and Northern Long-eared Bat (*Myotis septentrionalis*) species. See the ecological impacts information for the project in the Level 1 Ecological Survey in the Project File/Ecological/Reports subsection.

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

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

STIP Reference #

112697: 21-24 STIP SLI Group
Project. Fiscal constraint is at SLI
Group level.

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***



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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:	Present; No Coast Guard, Individual 404, and/or Section 10 Permit required
Waterways Permit Type:	Permit Determination and/or Permit Application Approval Pending
Isolated Wetland Permit	No
Endangered Species:	Present; No finding of May Affect, Likely to Adversely Affect
Endangered Species - Coordination	May Affect, Not Likely to Adversely Affect
Endangered Species - Coordination Date	04/30/2020
Endangered Species - Critical Habitat Present/Impacted	
Indiana bat	
Northern long-eared bat	
Endangered Species - Other Critical Habitat Present/Impacted:	No
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



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Cultural Resources Coordination: No Historic Properties Affected

Cultural Resources Coordination - ODOT Approval/SHPO Concurrence Date 03/10/2020

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: 02/20/2020

Phase I ESA Warranted Based on Coordination with OES: No Further Studies Warranted

Farmland: Non-Urbanized Area; No Impacts in Accordance With the Farmland MOU, 7 CFR 658, and ORC 929.05

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



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1) The project designer shall incorporate the following note into the plans. ENDANGERED SPECIES HABITAT - INDIANA BAT/NORTHERN LONG-EARED BAT - THE PROJECT IS LOCATED WITHIN THE KNOWN HABITAT RANGES OF THE FEDERALLY LISTED AND PROTECTED INDIANA BAT AND NORTHERN LONG-EARED BAT. NO TREES SHALL BE REMOVED TO CONSTRUCT THE PROJECT FROM APRIL 1 THROUGH SEPTEMBER 30. ALL NECESSARY TREE REMOVAL SHALL OCCUR FROM OCTOBER 1 THROUGH MARCH 31. THIS REQUIREMENT IS NECESSARY TO AVOID AND MINIMIZE IMPACTS TO THESE SPECIES AS REQUIRED BY THE ENDANGERED SPECIES ACT. FOR THE PURPOSES OF THIS NOTE, A TREE IS DEFINED AS A LIVE, DYING, OR DEAD WOODY PLANT, WITH A TRUNK THREE INCHES OR GREATER IN DIAMETER AT A HEIGHT OF 4.5 FEET ABOVE THE GROUND SURFACE, AND WITH A MINIMUM HEIGHT OF 13 FEET.



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Appendix

General

Aerial Mapping.pdf

Cultural Resources

Buckeye Assets Mapping.pdf

Ecological

Coordination with ODNR and USFWS.pdf

General

County Map.pdf

Ecological

ODOT Disposition of Agency Comments.pdf

General

Project Description Continued.pdf

Cultural Resources

Records Check.pdf

ESA

Regulated Materials Review Form.pdf

Cultural Resources

SHPO Comments

Transmittal 1 - Effect Determination

Tribal Consultation

Ecological

USFWS Comments Consult Form POR IR-76 RA Parking Lots .pdf

General

USGS Quadrangle Topographical Map.pdf

Underserved Populations

Census Mapping.pdf

Permits

FEMA FIRM.pdf

Public Involvement



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