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Environmental Document

for

POR/STA Culverts FY2021 PID 108828

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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 replace four (4) culverts located at POR-225-8.69/two (2) existing 72" corrugated metal pipes in Palmyra Township, Portage County, at STA-183-13.93/one (1) existing 42" corrugated metal pipe in Washington Township, Stark County, and at STA-183-22.13/one (1) existing 36" reinforced concrete pipe in Lexington Township, Stark County.

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.

Each culvert replacement will require a road closure for a period not to exceed eighteen (18) consecutive calendar days. The detour proposed for each culvert/road closure is specified, as follows:

- State Route (SR) 225 in Palmyra Township, Portage County, traffic will be detoured along SR 14 and Interstate Route 76;
- SR 183 in Washington Township, Stark County, traffic will be detoured along SR 172, SR 44 and U. S. Route 62;
- SR 183 in Lexington Township, Stark County, traffic will be detoured along SR 225 and U. S. Route 224.

Construction, culvert/road closure and detour information will be posted at each culvert location prior to the start of project construction. Access shall be maintained to all adjacent properties, businesses and intersecting side streets during project construction. Substantial traffic disruptions are not expected to construct the project.

All proposed construction activities at the STA-183-22.13 culvert will be conducted within the existing roadway right-of-way. A total of 0.23 acre of temporary right-of-way will be acquired from four (4) parcels and 0.04 acre of permanent right-of-way will be acquired from three (3) parcels to replace the POR-225-8.69 culvert. Moreover, a total of 0.204 acre of temporary right-of-way will be acquired from two (2) parcels and 0.051 acre of permanent right-of-way will be acquired from two (2) parcels to replace the STA-183-13.93 culvert. See the right-of-way plans for the project in the Project File/General/Project Information subsection.



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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/proposed new 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.

Based on a Section 106 literature search conducted for the project study areas, no buildings will be involved in construction and no relocations will be required to construct the project. The literature search determined there are no inventoried buildings (OHI), no identified archaeological sites (OAI), and no listed or eligible historic properties located within the three project study areas or the areas of potential effects (APE). The replacement of culverts composed of modern materials, including concrete and steel, is an activity exempt from further cultural resource consideration as prescribed by the 11/8/2017 Cultural Resource PA (Agreement 19319), as long as 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.

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 subsection.

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

STIP Reference #

108828: 21-24 STIP/SLI Group
Project. Fiscal constraint is at SLI
Group level.

Select the appropriate project type:

(28) Bridge rehabilitation, reconstruction, or replacement or the construction of grade separation to replace existing at-grade railroad crossings, if the actions meet the constraints in 23 CFR 771.117(e). **Examples include: Railroad projects that close or relocate at-grade crossings**

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



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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	07/31/2020
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
Cultural Resources Coordination:	Minimum Potential to Cause Effect Appendix B
Cultural Resources Coordination - ODOT Approval/SHPO Concurrence Date	03/11/2020
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



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Hazardous Materials - OES Approval Date:	03/11/2020
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 AT THE POR-225-8.69 AND STA-183-22.13 CULVERT LOCATIONS FROM APRIL 1 THROUGH SEPTEMBER 30. ALL NECESSARY TREE REMOVAL AT THE POR-225-8.69 AND STA-183-22.13 CULVERT LOCATIONS 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

Cultural Resources

Buckeye Assets Mapping.pdf

Ecological

Coordination with ODNR and USFWS.pdf

General

County Map.pdf

Cultural Resources

Minimal Potential to Cause Effect - Appendix B

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ODOT Disposition of Agency Comments.pdf

OES Approval - No ODNR and USFWS Notification.pdf

General

Project Description Continued.pdf

Cultural Resources

Records Check.pdf

Ecological

USFWS Comments Consult Form POR-225-8.70 PID 108828.pdf

USFWS Comments Consult Form STA-183-22.13 PID 108828.pdf

General

USGS Quadrangle Topographical Map.pdf

Ecological

Wetlands Finding.pdf

Underserved Populations

Census Mapping.pdf

Public Involvement

Correspondence with Stakeholders ROE Letter Response.pdf

Permits

FEMA FIRM.pdf

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Portage Co. Public and Emergency Services Contact List.pdf

Press Release - POR Culvert.pdf

Press Release - STA Culverts.pdf

Press Release Website Posting Snap Shot.pdf

Project Notification - Portage Co. Public and EMS.pdf

Project Notification - Stark Co. Public and EMS.pdf

Property Owner Notification Letter Mailing List.pdf

Property Owner Notification Letter.pdf

Public Comments Received.pdf

Response to Public Comments.pdf

Stark Co. Public and Emergency Services Contact List.pdf

Underserved Populations

Underserved Populations Documentation Form.pdf