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Environmental Document

for

D12 MNT FY2021 Tree Removal PID 111637

Environmental Document Level: C2

Approved: 6/1/2020

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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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C2

PID: 111637
Project Sponsor: ODOT SPONSORING AGENCY
ODOT District: 12
Funding Source: Non-Federal
Does this project require a Federal permit or approval? No
Private Funding: No

Project Description:

General tree removal from various routes in Cuyahoga, Lake, and Geauga Counties.

All work is within existing right-of-way. No work in streams or wetlands. No deep excavation required.

No Section 4(f) sites were identified during project development. The LWCF.com listing for Cuyahoga, Lake, and Geauga Counties did not identify any Section 6(f) sites in the project vicinity.

The project is listed on the ODOT website to be completed during 2020. As all work is within the existing r/w and there will be no impact to traffic during or after construction, no individual notification to adjacent property owners or the general public were sent out.

The C2 approval is based on Stage 1 Plans. Plans are included in Project File/General/Project Information/Stage 1 Design.pdf

STIP Reference # SLI 12

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



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organized groups or agencies and no unresolved environmental coordination) I. 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:	Present; No finding of May Affect, Likely to Adversely Affect
Endangered Species - Coordination	May Affect, Not Likely to Adversely Affect
Endangered Species - Coordination Date	05/29/2020
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:	ORC 149.53 Appendix A
Cultural Resources Coordination - ODOT Approval/SHPO Concurrence Date	05/06/2020
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:	05/01/2020
Hazardous Materials - ESA Screening Conducted	Yes
Hazardous Materials - OES Approval Date:	05/01/2020
Phase I ESA Warranted Based on Coordination with OES:	No Further Studies Warranted



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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) Modify all phases/aspects of the project (e.g., temporary work areas, alignments) to avoid tree removal in excess of what is required to implement the project safely.
- 2) Ensure tree removal is limited to that specified in project plans by clearly marking clearing limits. Ensure that contractors understand clearing limits and how they are marked in the field.
- 3) The following Endangered Species Habitat Removal plan note shall be included in the project plans: 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 UNDER THIS 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.



Preparers and Approvals

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Approvals & Electronic Signatures

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Appendix

Ecological

Coordination with ODNR and USFWS.pdf

Noise

District Determination - No Noise Analysis Required.pdf

ESA

Regulated Materials Review Form.pdf

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USFWS Comments Consult Form CUY D12-MNT-FY2021.pdf

USFWS Comments Consult Form GEA D12-MNT-FY2021.pdf

USFWS Comments Consult Form LAK D12-MNT-FY2021.pdf

Underserved Populations

Underserved Populations Documentation Form.pdf