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Environmental Document

for

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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:	113833
Project Sponsor:	ODOT SPONSORING AGENCY
ODOT District:	4
Funding Source:	Non-Federal
Does this project require a Federal permit or approval?	No
Private Funding:	No

Project Description:

The Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT) proposes to replace existing intelligent transportation systems (ITS) equipment, including camera lowering units and traffic surveillance cameras, along various interstate and state routes throughout Portage, Stark and Summit Counties.

All lanes of traffic in each direction will be maintained at all times except for minimum periods of time with the approval of the project engineer. The duration of lane closures and restrictions shall be prescribed by the permitted lane closure chart. Access shall be maintained to all adjacent properties, businesses and intersecting side streets for the duration of the project. Lane restriction/reduction information will be posted within the project construction limits prior to the start of project construction. Substantial traffic disruptions are not expected during project construction.

The project will be constructed within the existing highway rights-of-way.

Existing utilities within the project study areas will not be impacted/relocated to construct the project. Any electric service disconnections and reconnections shall be coordinated with the electric service provider per the project plan.

Based on the project scope of work, its Path 1 Project Development Process (PDP) Classification and the proposed maintenance of traffic measures, emergency/public services contact activities were not conducted for the project.

The project has no Federal funding (100% State funded project) and does not involve a Federal action.

The project is exempt from consultation with the Ohio State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO)/Ohio History Connection (OHC) under Ohio Revised Code (ORC) Section 149.53 and under stipulations found in Appendix A of the revised State Funded Project Letter Agreement (Agreement No. 17075), between Ohio's SHPO and ODOT, executed August 29, 2012. The work is an exempted project type and is limited to the installation of ITS system components as referenced in Appendix A under Item 2. This undertaking occurs within the existing highway rights-of-way and the proposed work will not impact any historic properties or



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historic districts. The project will not impact any cultural resources. See the cultural resources documentation for the project in 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.

Additionally, this project is considered ecologically exempt under the Ecological MOA (Agreement No. 19394). See the Ecological Review Form - Ecologically Exempt Project.pdf for the project in the Project File/Ecological/Reports subsection.

ODOT District 4 Environmental Section personnel reviewed the FEMA FIRM for the project study areas and determined the project is not located within a special flood hazard area.

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

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 ODOT State Fiscal Years 2021 - 2024 Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP).

STIP Reference #

113833: 21-24 STIP/SLI Group
Project. Fiscal constraint is at SLI
Group level.

Cultural Resources Coordination:

ORC 149.53 Appendix A

Cultural Resources Coordination Date:

11/02/2020

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):

(21) Release of electronics, photonics, communications, or information processing used singly or in combination, or as components of a fully integrated system, to improve the efficiency or safety of a surface transportation system or to enhance security or passenger convenience. Examples include, but are not limited to, traffic control and detector devices, lane management systems, electronic payment equipment, automatic vehicle locaters, automated passenger counters, computer-aided dispatching systems, radio communications systems, dynamic message signs, and security equipment including surveillance and detection cameras on roadways and in transit facilities and on buses. *Additional examples include: Replacement of existing or installation of new traffic signals, flashing beacons, railroad warning devices and the installation of ITS system components; Upgrade of existing tower lighting to new technologies that ensure a lesser impact*



than the current system; Implementation of other new safety or operations technologies (must be approved by OES).

(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 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.)***

(31) Activities that do not utilize federal monies or require federal actions.

Environmental Commitments:

No



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Appendix

Ecological

Ecological Review Form - Ecologically Exempt Project.pdf