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Environmental Document

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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 mill and resurface 4.67 miles of U. S. Route (USR) 62T mainline and ramp pavement from the USR 62T/USR 62/State Route (SR) 173 interchange in Washington Township, Stark County, to the USR 62T/SR 225 interchange in Lexington Township, Stark County. This project also proposes full depth pavement repairs, new center line/edge line/other pavement marking applications and rumble strip installations. Moreover, the project proposes to perform channel, cross culvert and storm outfall conduit cleanout along the westbound lanes of USR 62T extending from east of the Klinger Avenue bridge over USR 62T to approximately SR 183 in Lexington Township, Stark County. Mapping that depicts the project location on United States Geological Survey (USGS) 7.5-Minute Topographic Quadrangle mapping is included in Project File/General/Project Information as USGS Quadrangle Topographical Map.pdf.

The project will maintain a minimum of one (1) eleven-foot of traffic on the existing pavement and completed pavement during project construction. Ramp pavement maintenance and resurfacing activities will require ramp lane restrictions and/or closures. Ramp closures will be limited to night-time non-peak travel demand hours occurring over specified durations ranging from 2 days to 5 days. The contractor may use Bolton Street NW to access the USR 62T limited access right-of-way to perform the proposed channel/storm conduit cleanout operations. Two-way traffic will be maintained on Bolton Street NW at all times during project construction. Construction, lane/ramp restriction and ramp closure information will be posted within the project limits prior to the start of construction. Substantial traffic disruptions are not expected during project construction.

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

Existing utilities within the project study area will not be impacted/relocated to construct the project.

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.

A Cultural Resources Records Check was performed by district environmental staff using the SHPO GIS online database. No Cultural Resources listed on or determined eligible for listing on the National Register of Historic Places were identified within and/or immediately adjacent to the proposed project area. The undertaking is a type that has minimal potential to cause effects to historic properties. No further coordination is required in accordance with the Section 106 Programmatic Agreement. In accordance with Stipulation V(C)(1) and Appendix A of the Section 106 Programmatic Agreement executed on November 8, 2017 (Agreement No. 19319), amended on July 11, 2019, ODOT 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.



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Based on the information in the Regulated Materials Review (RMR) Screening completed for the project, ODOT determined further RMR activities or special material management are not warranted for the project. See the RMR documentation for the project in the Project File/ESA/Reports subsection.

The project proposes to perform drainage channel and cross and storm conduit cleanout operations. This work will result in removal of accumulated sediment from approximately 600 linear feet of stream channel and 0.35 acre of fringe wetlands along an existing constructed drainage course. Placement of temporary or permanent fill will not occur within any streams or wetlands. The project does not require a Section 404/401 Water Quality Certification or any other waterway permit action. See the ecological documentation for the project in the Level 1 Ecological Survey Report and agency coordination in the Project File/Ecological/Reports and Coordination subsections.

The project is located within the Western Management Unit as defined by the 2016 Programmatic Agreement/Biological Opinion for the Federally-listed Indiana Bat (*Myotis sodalis*) and Northern Long-Eared Bat (*Myotis septentrionalis*). The project will remove approximately 3.22 acres of wooded habitat within the project study area. The wooded habitat to be impacted by the project is Suitable Wooded Habitat (SWH) for the Indiana Bat and Northern Long-eared Bat species and suitable roosting habitat for the Little Brown Bat (*Myotis lucifugus*) and Tricolored bat (*Perimyotis subflavus*) species.

The project shall adhere to the SWH cutting restriction dates set forth in the 2016 Programmatic Agreement/Biological Opinion for the Federally-listed Indiana Bat and Northern Long-Eared Bat. This project May Effect but is Not Likely to Adversely Affect these bat species. The project will have no effect on any other federally listed threatened/endangered species. Moreover, the project is not likely to impact the state threatened Spotted Turtle (*Clemmys guttata*) and/or any other state listed species. See the threatened/endangered species documentation for the project in the Level 1 Ecological Survey Report and agency coordination in the Project File/Ecological/Reports and Coordination subsections.

Additionally, the resurfacing part of the project is considered ecologically exempt under the Ecological MOA (Agreement 19394). See the Ecological Review Form - Eco Exempt Project - Resurfacing.pdf for the project in the Project File/Ecological/Reports subsection.

The project is located within a Special Flood Hazard Area (SFHA) Zone A of the Mahoning River. The project is considered maintenance and, therefore, is exempt from the normal floodplain permit process required for work encroaching on a SFHA. See the FEMA FIRM mapping and documentation for the project in the Project File/Permits/Floodplains subsection.

The project will not impact any other environmentally sensitive resources within the project study area. ODOT District 4 conducted various public involvement activities for the project, including project maintenance of traffic (MOT)/schedule information provided to Lexington Township and the city of Alliance Engineering Department by electronic mail correspondence and project MOT/schedule information posted on the ODOT website. Comments were requested by the public involvement activities conducted for the project. ODOT District 4 did not receive any comments as a result of the public involvement activities conducted for the project. See the public involvement documentation for the project in the Project File/Public Involvement/Project Information subsection.

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 is 3.07% greater than the total project cost specified in the ODOT State Fiscal Years 2021 - 2024 Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP). However, fiscal constraint is at the Statewide Line Item (SLI) Group level. Therefore, an individual project utilizing a SLI does not require a STIP/TIP amendment.



STIP Reference #:

96516: 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 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 11/30/2020

Endangered Species - Critical Habitat Present/Impacted

Indiana bat

Northern long-eared bat



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Endangered Species - Other Critical Habitat Present/Impacted: No

100-Year Floodplain: Encroachment Within the SFHA is a Functionally Dependent Use

EO 11988/NFIP Coordination and Documentation Completed: No

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 A

Cultural Resources Coordination - ODOT Approval/SHPO Concurrence Date 09/14/2020

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: 09/14/2020

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



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Environmental Commitments

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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 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 Map.pdf

County Map.pdf

USGS Quadrangle Topographical Map.pdf

Cultural Resources

Buckeye Assets Mapping.pdf

Records Check.pdf

Ecological

Coordination with ODNR and USFWS.pdf

Disposition to Agency Comments.pdf

Ecological Review Form - Eco Exempt Project - Resurfacing.pdf

USFWS Comments Consult Form STA-62T-0.00 PID 96516.pdf

Underserved Populations

Census Mapping.pdf

Underserved Populations Documentation Form.pdf

Public Involvement

Correspondence with Stakeholders.pdf

Project Website Posting.pdf

Project Website Snap Shot.pdf

Permits

District Determination - No Floodplain Impacts.pdf

FEMA FIRM.pdf