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Environmental Document

for

SUM Goodyear Blvd Bridge PID 112467

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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 December 14, 2020, and executed by FHWA and ODOT.

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Project Sponsor:	Akron, City of
ODOT District:	4
Funding Source:	Federal
Private Funding:	No
Project Description:	



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The city of Akron proposes to replace the existing 68-foot single span steel beam bridge (Structure File Number 7761776) with a 44-foot wide concrete-filled steel grid deck and a 5-foot wide sidewalk on each side on reinforced concrete wall abutments and spread footings that carries Goodyear Boulevard over the grade separated Wheeling & Lake Erie Railroad track between North Johns Avenue and West Pondview Avenue in the city of Akron, Summit County. The proposed bridge will be a 48-foot single span precast concrete arch with a 44-foot wide deck and a 5-foot wide sidewalk on each side on reinforced concrete wall abutments, footings and steel H-piles. Additional improvements proposed by this project include approach roadway work, drainage improvements, water main utility work, concrete sidewalk reconstruction, curb ramp installations to comply with Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) standards, concrete steps replacement, fence removal/reconstruction, new traffic sign installations and center line/stop line/crosswalk line applications.

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.

Goodyear Boulevard bridge will be closed between North Johns Avenue and Pondview Avenue for approximately 90 consecutive days to construct the project. The detour route for this closure will utilize Goodyear Boulevard, East Market Street, North Seiberling Street, Bauer Boulevard and Brittain Road. Access will not be restricted to any shopping, schools, jobs, recreational resources and/or community centers during project construction. Pedestrian movements will be maintained as much as possible during project construction. The bridge closure, including its effect on bus route/stops, will be coordinated with the Metro RTA.

Construction, lane restrictions/reductions and bridge closure/detour information will be posted within the project construction limits and on the Akron webpages, www.akronohio.gov and www.driveakron.com, at least two weeks prior to the start of project construction. Access shall be maintained to all adjacent residences, properties, businesses and intersecting side streets within the project construction limits for the duration of project construction. Substantial traffic disruptions are not expected during project construction.

A total of 0.150 acre of temporary right-of-way will be required from four (4) parcels to construct the project. See the right-of-way plan information for the project in the Project File/General/Project Information subsection as Right of Way Plans.pdf.

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 roadway 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.

A Cultural Resources Records Check was performed by ms Consultants using the SHPO GIS online database and included in a Section 106 Scoping Request that was reviewed by district environmental staff. 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.

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 19394). See the Ecologically Exempt ESR.pdf for the project in the Project File/Ecological/Reports subsection.

Environmental personnel of the project consultant, ms consultants, reviewed the FEMA FIRM for the project study area and determined the project is not located within a special flood hazard area. See the floodplains 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.

Akron conducted various public involvement activities for the project, including property-business owner/emergency/public services notifications, a news release and project information posted on the Akron website. Cleveland.com and The Plain Dealer published articles about the project. Six public comments were received involving neighborhood gateway signing, other construction alternatives such as an at grade crossing and other area roadway issues. Akron responded to the project comments individually and emailed them to the respective commenters. See the public involvement documentation, including the received comments and responses to comments, 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 agrees with the total project cost specified in the ODOT State Fiscal Years 2021 - 2024 Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP).



STIP Reference #:

112467: 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 -

1. a. Acquisition of more than a minor amount of right-of-way
2. b. Residential or non-residential displacements
3. c. A Coast Guard, Individual Section 404 and/or a Section 10 permit
4. d. A Section 106 finding of *Adverse Effect*
5. e. A Section 4(f) Programmatic or Individual Evaluation
6. f. A finding of *May Affect, Likely to Adversely Affect* to Threatened and Endangered Species
7. g. Construction of temporary access, or the closure of existing road, bridge, or ramps, that would result in major traffic disruptions
8. h. Changes in access control
9. 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)
10. 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
11. k. No minor public or agency controversy on environmental grounds (no opposition from any organized groups or agencies and no unresolved environmental coordination)
12. 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:	Not Present
Will any wetlands be impacted?	No
Endangered Species:	No Impacts to Protected Species and Critical Habitat
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 A
Cultural Resources Coordination - ODOT Approval/SHPO Concurrence Date	09/29/2021
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:	Yes
Air Quality - OES Approval Date:	03/08/2021
Noise:	Studies Not Required
Noise Coordination - OES Approval Date:	03/08/2021
Hazardous Materials - ESA Screening Conducted	Yes
Hazardous Materials - OES Approval Date:	09/29/2021
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
Environmental Commitments	Yes



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1) The Project Designer shall incorporate the following note into the plans: The Contractor shall maintain pedestrian movements to the maximum extent practicable and only restrict public access to all sidewalks to complete construction activities that could compromise pedestrian safety. Access to all sidewalks shall remain open to the public at all other times throughout construction.

2) The Project Designer will coordinate with Metro RTA regarding the bridge closure and its effect on the bus route and bus stops.



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Appendix

General

Aerial Map.pdf

County Map.pdf

Project Study Area Map.pdf

Right of Way Plans.pdf

Stage 3 Design.pdf

USGS Quadrangle Topographical Map.pdf

Air

OES Approval - No Air Analysis Required.pdf

Noise

OES Approval - No Analysis Required.pdf

Ecological

ODNR Scenic River MOA Conditions

Underserved Populations

Census Mapping.pdf

Underserved Populations Documentation Form.pdf

Public Involvement

News Article - Cleveland.com.pdf

News Article - The Plain Dealer.pdf

Property Owner Notification Letter .pdf

Public Comments Received.pdf

Public Involvement Letter 2021-03-31.pdf

Response to Public Comments.pdf

Permits

FEMA FIRM.pdf