



# OHIO DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

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## **Environmental Document**

for

### **POR SR 0014 06.25 PID 113733**

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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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<b>PID:</b>	113733
<b>Project Sponsor:</b>	DISTRICT 4-PLANNING
<b>ODOT District:</b>	4
<b>Funding Source:</b>	Federal
<b>Private Funding:</b>	No

**Project Description:**

The Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT) proposes to make safety improvements on State Route 14 (SR 14) at Price Road and Lake Rockwell Road in the City of Streetsboro and Ravenna and Shalersville Townships, Portage County, Ohio. The project limits extend approximately 3,809 linear feet (0.72 mile) along SR 14. The existing SR 14 northbound climbing (auxiliary) lane will be removed and replaced with left turn lanes at the Price Road and Lake Rockwell Road intersection locations. The existing southbound SR 14 climbing lane will be extended south an additional 760 linear feet. Moreover, the project will make radii improvements to the Price Road and Lake Rockwell Road intersections, replace existing drive culverts that are impacted by the project, resurface SR 14, install new post-construction BMPs (vegetated swales), and install new signage and pavement markings throughout the project limits.

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 majority of the project will be constructed within the existing SR 14, Price Road and Lake Rockwell Road rights-of-way.

However, 0.139 acre of temporary right-of-way will be acquired from 2 parcels for construction access, grading and drive reconstruction. Permanent takes, total property takes, structure takes, or relocations are not proposed to construct the project. See the right-of-way plan for the project in the Project File/General/Project Information subsection as Right of Way Plan Sheets.pdf.

A minimum of one lane of traffic will be maintained in each direction on State Route 14 during project construction. Short duration lane and/or turning movement restrictions may occur on Price Road and Lake Rockwell Road at SR 14 during active construction. Construction, lane and turning movement restriction information will be posted prior to the start of construction and this information will be updated and reposted prior to each change in construction phase/travel pattern during the duration of the project. Access shall be maintained to all adjacent properties for the duration of the project. Substantial traffic disruptions are not expected during project construction.

Emergency/public services in the project area were solicited for comments concerning the project as part of the public involvement performed for the project. 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.

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 and proposed permanent 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.

The undertaking involves safety improvements along SR 14 and work will focus on the existing operational right-of-way. No buildings will be removed by the project and no relocations will be required. The literature search determined there are no inventoried buildings (OHI), no identified archaeological sites (OAI), and no listed or eligible historic properties found in the proposed construction area or the area of potential effects (APE). Minor safety projects focused on the existing right-of-way and rural widening projects measuring less than a full travel lane are exempt from further cultural resource consideration by the 11/8/17 Cultural Resource PA (Agreement 19319), if the project is not within the boundaries of any N.R. property or historic 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-OES has determined that the proposed 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. Regulated Materials Review (RMR) was completed for the project study area and no further environmental site assessment or special material management is warranted for the project. See the RMR documentation for the project in the Project



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File/ESA/Reports subsection.

Based on field review of the preliminary construction limits performed by ODOT District 4 Environmental Section personnel on January 3, 2022, this project is considered ecologically exempt under the Ecological MOA (Agreement 19394). Moreover, this project is not subject to Scenic River coordination as per the ODNR Memorandum of Agreement between ODOT and ODNR (Division of Watercraft) for Project Coordination on Ohio's State Wild, Scenic and Recreational Rivers. See *Ecologically Exempt POR-14-6.25.pdf* documentation for the project in the Project File/Ecological/Reports subsection.

ODOT District 4 Environmental Section personnel 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.

ODOT District 4 conducted various public involvement activities for the project, including a project notification letter, with preliminary conceptual plan on aerial mapping, mailed to affected and adjacent property owners, project MOT/schedule information electronic mailed to local emergency and public services in the project study area, a news release issued about the project and the news release information posted on the ODOT website. Comments were requested by all of the public involvement activities conducted for the project. Written comments were received as a result of the public involvement activities conducted for the project. All comments were responded to accordingly. 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 2 Design plans for the project. A copy of the Stage 2 Design plans for the project is included in the Project File/General/Project Information subsection as *Stage 2 Design.pdf*.

The estimated total project cost specified in Ellis is 2.2% 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 #:

113733: 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.)***

(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 -**

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*



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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.**

<b>Waterways:</b>	Not Present
<b>Will any wetlands be impacted?</b>	No
<b>Endangered Species:</b>	No Impacts to Protected Species and Critical Habitat
<b>100-Year Floodplain:</b>	No Encroachment Within a Special Flood Hazard Area (SFHA)
<b>Section 4(f):</b>	Not present
<b>Section 6(f):</b>	Not present
<b>Cultural Resources:</b>	Present; No Finding of Adverse Effect
<b>Cultural Resources Coordination:</b>	Minimum Potential to Cause Effect Appendix B
<b>Cultural Resources Coordination - ODOT Approval/SHPO Concurrence Date</b>	12/08/2021

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.

<b>Air Quality:</b>	Studies Not Required
<b>Air Quality - Coordination with OES:</b>	Yes
<b>Air Quality - OES Approval Date:</b>	12/06/2021
<b>Noise:</b>	Studies Not Required



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Noise Coordination - OES Approval Date: 12/06/2021

Hazardous Materials - ESA Screening Conducted Yes

Hazardous Materials - OES Approval Date: 01/18/2022

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 Present; No UPIAR Required, Does Not Exceed UP Guidance Criteria, and No Issues Raised During Public Involvement

**Identified Underserved Populations**

Census Block Group #	% Minority	% Low Income	% Older Adults	% Limited English Proficiency (LEP)
391336004022	17	22	16	1
391336005003	4	32	16	0
391336011002	5	35	13	0
391336011001	4	31	17	0

**Underserved Populations Remarks**

The proposed project will have no disproportionately high and adverse effects to minority or low-income populations or disparate impacts to a Title VI population. No concerns related to impacts on Environmental Justice or Title VI populations were raised as a result of public involvement activities conducted as part of the proposed project. Therefore, in accordance with the protections of Executive Order 12898, FHWA Order 6640.23A and Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, no further analysis is required. See underserved population documentation for the project in the Project File/Underserved Populations/Project Information subsection.

Public Involvement: Minimum PI Requirements Met; No Minor Public or Agency Controversy on Environmental Grounds

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1) Lake Rockwell Reservoir is a source for the City of Akron drinking water supply. Because of this, Lake Rockwell Reservoir and the surrounding areas (including Eckert Ditch) are highly restricted. The project designer shall incorporate the following drinking water supply protection notes into the final construction plans.

Lake Rockwell Reservoir & Upper Cuyahoga River/Akron Drinking Water Supply Avoidance - Lake Rockwell Reservoir, which is fed by the State Scenic Upper Cuyahoga River, is a source for the City of Akron drinking water supply. Because of this, Lake Rockwell Reservoir and the surrounding areas (including Eckert Ditch) are highly restricted. Under no circumstances shall any equipment (backhoe, earth moving equipment, etc.) and/or materials enter below the ordinary high water mark (OHWM) of 1052 MSL established for Lake Rockwell Reservoir.

The contractor shall develop a spill containment and cleanup plan prior to the start of any construction activities and particular attention shall also be given to drainage ways, ditches, wetlands, and open water areas. Appropriately designed erosion controls shall be utilized and all soil erosion and sediment control measures shall be properly maintained until final project site stabilization is achieved and accepted by the Engineer. Equipment and material staging areas shall be kept away from the Lake Rockwell Reservoir, wetlands and other waters of the United States to the extent practicable. Idle equipment, petrochemicals and toxic/hazardous materials should not be stored in proximity of Lake Rockwell Reservoir, wetlands and other waters of the United States. All project related refueling and maintenance activities shall be performed in an environmentally responsible manner and under no circumstances shall the Contractor discharge any petrochemicals and/or toxic and hazardous materials.

Spills of fuels, oils, chemicals or other toxic/hazardous materials shall be cleaned up immediately by the Contractor and reported to the Project Engineer. In each case where there is an incident of hazardous material spill in a reportable quantity or any spill that could pose a risk to surface water or groundwater, the Contractor shall, as soon as possible, notify the Project Engineer and the following agencies:

Streetsboro Water Department Emergency/Service: (Streetsboro Service Department) 330-626-2856  
Emergency/Service after hours: (Streetsboro Police Department Non-Emergency) 330-626-4976  
Streetsboro Fire Department phone: 330-626-4664  
911 for all emergencies

City of Akron Water Supply Bureau Distribution Division for emergencies or security concerns, phone: 330-375-2420 (24-Hour Dispatch)

City of Akron Water Supply Bureau Plant Division: 330-678-0077 Press "2" (24-Hour Dispatch)

OHIO EPA Spill Reporting 24 hour emergency service: 800-282-9378

Provide as much of the following information as possible:

1. Time Observed.
2. Location
3. Material Released
4. Probable Source
5. Volume & Duration
6. Present & Anticipated Movement of Material
7. Personnel on Scene
8. Actions Already Initiated
9. Person(s) on the Scene to Contact



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### **Approvals & Electronic Signatures**

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Edward Deley (PROGRAM ADMIN 3)	3/10/2022



## Appendix

### General

Aerial Map.pdf

County Map.pdf

USGS Quadrangle Topographical Map.pdf

### Air

Project Related OES Decision - Air.pdf

### Noise

Project Related OES Decision - Noise.pdf

### ESA

Project Related OES Decision - ESA.pdf

### Cultural Resources

Minimal Potential to Cause Effect - Appendix B

Records Check.pdf

### Ecological

ODNR Scenic River MOA Conditions

### Other Resources

City of Akron Water Supply Bureau Comments.pdf

Coordination with City of Akron Water Supply Bureau.pdf

Response to City of Water Supply Bureau Comments.pdf

### Underserved Populations

Census Mapping.pdf

### Public Involvement

Correspondence with Stakeholders.pdf

Emergency and Public Services Proj Notification List.pdf

Emergency and Public Services Proj Notification.pdf

News Article.pdf

Press Release.pdf

Project Website Snap Shot 1-6-2022.pdf

Property Owner Notification Letters.pdf



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Property Owner Notification Mailing List.pdf

Public Comments Received.pdf

Response to Public Comments.pdf

**Permits**

FEMA FIRM.pdf