



# OHIO DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

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## Environmental Document

for

**POR CR 31 08.01 (New Milford Rd) PID 112755**

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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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## C1

**PID:** 112755  
**Project Sponsor:** PORTAGE COUNTY ENGINEER  
**ODOT District:** 4  
**Funding Source:** Federal  
**Private Funding:** No

### Project Description:

The Portage County Engineer (PCE) proposes to mill and resurface approximately 3.5 miles of County Road 31/New Milford Road from County Road 18/Tallmadge Road to the State Route (SR) 5/SR 44 bypass in Rootstown and Ravenna Townships, Portage County, Ohio. This project also proposes full depth pavement repairs, curb/gutter repairs, curb ramp repairs or reconstruction to comply with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) standards, catch basin/manhole adjustments and new center line/edge line/other pavement markings 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.

A minimum of one bidirectional lane of traffic shall be maintained on the existing pavement or completed pavement during project construction. Lane restrictions/reductions shall not be permitted after normal working hours. Road closures and detours are not proposed to construct the project. Construction and lane restriction/reduction information will be posted within the project construction limits prior to the start of project construction. Access shall be maintained to all adjacent properties, businesses and intersecting side streets during project construction. Substantial traffic disruptions are not expected during project construction. The project will be constructed within the existing roadway right-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.

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).



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See the Ecologically Exempt POR-CR 31-8.01 (New Milford Rd).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 area and determined the project is located within various Special Flood Hazard Areas (SFHA) Zone A floodplains. The PCE determined the project is considered maintenance and, therefore, exempt from the normal permit process required for work encroaching on a SFHA. Floodplain coordination is not required for the project. See the floodplains documentation for the project in the Project File/Permits/Floodplains subsection.

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

The environmental document and associated studies, as applicable, were approved using the preliminary scope of work for the project. When available, the project plans will be reviewed by ODOT District 4 Environmental Section personnel and uploaded to the Project File/General/Project Information subsection as Stage 3 Design.pdf. A copy of the preliminary scope of work for the project is included in the Project File/General/Project Information subsection as Project Scoping Form.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 #:** 112755: 21-24 STIP.

**Cultural Resources Coordination:** Minimal Potential to Cause Effect  
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**Cultural Resources Coordination Date:** 04/22/2021

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):**

(8) Installation of fencing, signs, pavement markings, small passenger shelters, traffic signals, and railroad warning devices where no substantial land acquisition or traffic disruption will occur. **Examples include: The installation or maintenance of signs, pavement markings/raised pavement markers/sensors, traffic calming activities, and/or new or replacement fencing (right-of-way, vandal, etc.); General pavement marking or "line painting" projects.**

(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**



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*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.)*

**Environmental Commitments:**

No



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## **Environmental Commitments**



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## **Appendix**

### **General**

County Map.pdf

USGS Quadrangle Topographical Map.pdf

### **Cultural Resources**

Records Check.pdf

### **Ecological**

ODNR Scenic River MOA Conditions

### **Permits**

FEMA FIRM.pdf

PCEO Determination - No Floodplain Impacts.pdf