



# OHIO DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

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## **Environmental Document** for **CUY SR 175 Multi-Purpose Trail PID 114539** Environmental Document Level: C2

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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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**C2**

<b>PID:</b>	114539
<b>Project Sponsor:</b>	Bedford Heights, City of
<b>ODOT District:</b>	12
<b>Funding Source:</b>	Federal
<b>Private Funding:</b>	No
<b>Project Description:</b>	



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The CUY 175 Multi-purpose Trail project (PID 114539) in the city of Bedford Heights will install a vital pedestrian pathway. The CUY 175 multi-purpose trail will be installed adjacent to the eastern Richmond Road (SR-175) curb line from 1,500 feet north of the Eastern Corporation Line (Bedford Heights/Solon) to Miles Road. The project will consist of the installation of a 10.5' wide concrete multi-purpose trail, curb and driveway apron repairs, utility adjustments and ADA curb ramp upgrades. All work will be completed in the existing right-of-way.

A review of property records and current aeriels found no records of publicly owned parks, schools, trails, multi-use paths, recreation areas, wildlife and waterfowl refuges, and publicly and privately owned historic sites within or adjacent to the project limits.

A review of recipients of Land and Water Conservation Funds (LWCF) for Cuyahoga County was completed. The City of Bedford Heights was included on this list as a recipient of LWCF for projects related to the Bedford Heights Park east of Perkins Road behind City Hall and the Community Center. However the LWCF received in 2013 and 2014 are not a part of the project area along Richmond Road and is not located within or adjacent to the project limits funded via this process. The LWCF Grant List is included in Project File/Section 6(f)/Project Information/LWCF Grant Listing.pdf.

A Cultural Resource 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 which has minimal potential to cause effects to historic properties. No further coordination is required in accordance with the Section 106 Programmatic Agreement. The Record Check can be found in the Project File under Cultural Resources/Project Information.

ODOT has reviewed the RMR Screening for CUY 175 Multi-Purpose Trail (PID 114539). Based on this review, ODOT concurs that no further RMR or special material management is warranted for the project. However, if the plans change or require additional excavation, further RMR investigation may be required. See Project File/ESA/Coordination/District Decision-NFA.PDF.

Based on a consideration and ecological review, the project does not have the potential to impact ecological resources regulated under the under Sections 404 or 401 of the Clean Water Act, Section 7 of the Endangered Species Act, or the Fish and Wildlife Coordination Act, and should not result in any activities that violate ORC Chapters 1518 and 1531, or Section 1533.324. This project is considered Ecologically Exempt under the Ecological MOA (Agreement 19394). No work in streams, wetlands, or pollinator initiative sites, and no tree removal is required to complete the CUY 175 Multi-Purpose Trail project.

The C2 approval is based upon Stage 3 Design. Plans are included in the Project File/General/Project Information/Stage 3 Design.PDF.

On June 1, 2022, the City of Bedford Heights posted a press release to the website [www.bedfordheights.gov](http://www.bedfordheights.gov) providing the public information on the proposed Richmond Rd multi-purpose trail project. A copy of this press release as posted on the website can be found in the Project File/Public Involvement. No public comments were received after the Press Release was posted.

Public Involvement Conclusion: no public comments were received, therefore the City of Bedford Heights has decided to proceed with the project as currently designed.

**STIP Reference #:**

114539: 21-24 STIP

**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,***



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*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 -**

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.**

<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 A
<b>Cultural Resources Coordination - ODOT Approval/SHPO Concurrence Date</b>	04/04/2022

Since no Tribe was interested in this project based on their customized preferences, no further Tribal consultation was conducted.



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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>	No
<b>Noise:</b>	Studies Not Required
<b>Noise Coordination - OES Approval Date:</b>	07/08/2022
<b>Hazardous Materials - ESA Screening Conducted</b>	No ROW
<b>Hazardous Materials - ODOT Approval Date:</b>	04/04/2022
<b>Farmland:</b>	Urbanized Area; No Impacts in Accordance With the Farmland MOU and 7 CFR 658
<b>Scenic Rivers</b>	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)
133103	74	47	22	4

**Underserved Populations Remarks**

The City of Bedford Heights is proposing to construct a multi-use trail that will parallel Richmond Road. Access to all private business, including all commercial and industrial properties along Richmond Road shall be maintained at all times during construction activities. No residential, business or institutions will be relocated, closed or otherwise impacted during the installation of the pedestrian multi-use path. The proposed trail along Richmond Road will increase community connectivity once completed. *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 these Underserved Populations were raised as a result of public involvement activities conducted as part of the proposed project. Therefore, in accordance with the protections of the Age Rehabilitation Act of 1973, Discrimination Act of 1975, Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, and Executive Order 13166, no further analysis is required.*



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**Public Involvement:**

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

**Environmental Commitments**

No



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### **Approvals & Electronic Signatures**

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## **Appendix**

### **General**

Aerial Map.pdf

County Map.pdf

USGS Quadrangle Topographical Map.pdf

### **ESA**

District Approval of RMR Screening.pdf

### **Cultural Resources**

Records Check.pdf

### **Ecological**

ODNR Scenic River MOA Conditions

### **Section 6(f)**

LWCF Grant Listing.pdf

### **Underserved Populations**

Census Mapping.pdf

### **Public Involvement**

Press Release.pdf

### **Permits**

FEMA FIRM.pdf