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Environmental Document for **CUY Monticello Blvd Signals PID 112809**

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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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PID:	112809
Project Sponsor:	Cleveland Heights, City of
ODOT District:	12
Funding Source:	Federal
Private Funding:	No
Project Description:	



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The proposed CUY Monticello Blvd Signals project involves intersection safety upgrades along a two (2) mile segment of Monticello Boulevard in Cleveland Heights, Cuyahoga County, Ohio. Six (6) signal upgrades will take place at the intersections of Monticello Boulevard and Lee Road, Forest Hills Boulevard, Taylor Road, Noble Road, Yellowstone Road, and Belvoir Boulevard. Two (2) unwarranted signals will be removed at Quarry Drive and the Forest Hills/Mount Vernon Boulevard intersections. Miscellaneous work will include fiber-optic interconnections, installing vehicle/pedestrian detection equipment, and upgrading ADA curb ramps. Construction is scheduled to begin in early 2023.

Mapping that depicts the project location on the United States Geological Survey 7.5-Minute Topographic Quadrangle is included in the Project File/General/Project Information subsection.

No road closures or detours are anticipated to complete the proposed project. Signage, traffic drums, and cones will be used to help guide motorists and pedestrians through the work zone. Curb lanes will be closed during non-peak hours during the replacement of traffic signals and control devices. Access will be maintained to all adjacent properties and businesses for the duration of the project. No substantial traffic disruptions are anticipated to construct the project.

The project will be constructed within the existing right-of-way, no permanent or temporary right-of-way acquisition is proposed for this project. The Stage 2 Design plan sheets are included in the Project File/General/Project Information subsection.

There is no anticipated relocation of existing utilities within the project study area. Coordination with the utility companies was conducted during the project's preliminary engineering phase and will continue during its detailed design phase.

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-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 cultural resources documentation for the project in the Project File/Cultural Resources/Coordination subsection and the Cultural Resources Tab.

Based on information provided in the Regulated Materials Review (RMR) Screening, no sites within the project study area warranted for further RMR investigation. ODOT reviewed the RMR Screening and on August 8, 2022, a determination was made that no further RMR or special material management is warranted for the project. The RMR documentation for the project can be found in the Project File/ESA/Reports subsection.

Based on consideration and ecological review, the project does not have the potential to impact ecological resources regulated 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). See the Ecologically Exempt CUY-Monticello Signals.pdf for the project in the Project File/Ecological/Reports subsection.

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

Various public involvement activities were conducted for this project; including notification letters to property owners, stakeholders, and residents that could potentially be impacted by the project. In addition, a press release was posted on the City's website. During the 30-day comment period five (5) comments were received via email and two (2) comments were received via phone. The comments were reviewed by the City and a response was provided. In conclusion the public involvement has been addressed and the City of Cleveland Heights has decided to proceed with 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 appropriate, are being approved using Stage 2 Design plan sheets. A copy of the plans are included in the Project File/General/Project Information/Stage 2 Design.pdf.

The estimated cost specified in Ellis equals the total cost specified in the ODOT's State Fiscal Year (FY) 2021 FY 2024 Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP). Funding supporting the project includes 80% federal and 20% local for construction.

STIP Reference #: 112809: 21-24 STIP

Cultural Resources Coordination: Minimal Potential to Cause Effect
Appendix B

Cultural Resources Coordination Date: 09/12/2022

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):

(21) Release of electronics, photonics, communications, or information processing used singly or in



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combination, or as components of a fully integrated system, to improve the efficiency or safety of a surface transportation system or to enhance security or passenger convenience. Examples include, but are not limited to, traffic control and detector devices, lane management systems, electronic payment equipment, automatic vehicle locaters, automated passenger counters, computer-aided dispatching systems, radio communications systems, dynamic message signs, and security equipment including surveillance and detection cameras on roadways and in transit facilities and on buses. ***Additional examples include: Replacement of existing or installation of new traffic signals, flashing beacons, railroad warning devices and the installation of ITS system components; Upgrade of existing tower lighting to new technologies that ensure a lesser impact than the current system; Implementation of other new safety or operations technologies (must be approved by OES).***

(23) Projects that receive federal funds that are less than the monetary values indicated by FHWA. These monetary values are adjusted annually by the Secretary to reflect any increases in the Consumer Price Index prepared by the Department of Labor (see www.fhwa.dot.gov or www.fta.dot.gov). See the Help Tip Box for current monetary limits.

Environmental Commitments:

Yes



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- 1) No trees will be removed during construction.
- 2) No work performed in streams, wetlands, or Pollinator Initiatives sites.



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Appendix

General

Aerial Map.pdf

County Map.pdf

USGS Quadrangle Topographical Map.pdf

ESA

District Approval of RMR Screening - NFA.pdf

Cultural Resources

Minimal Potential to Cause Effect - Appendix B

Records Check.pdf

Ecological

ODNR Scenic River MOA Conditions

Public Involvement

Press Release.pdf

Property Owner Notification Letter.pdf

Public Notification Mailing List.pdf

Response to Public Comments.pdf

Stakeholder Contact List.pdf