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Environmental Document for **LUC SR 64 3.81 Sidepath PID 111523** **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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Project Sponsor: Whitehouse, Village of
ODOT District: 2
Funding Source: Federal
Private Funding: No

Project Description:

The Village of Whitehouse is proposing to construct a 10' path along the north side of SR 64 between Whitehouse Square Blvd and Finzel Road. The project includes a new 14' wide pedestrian bridge over Blue Creek. Permanent right of way is required, but the properties are residential/vacant. Temporary right of way is required from a residential lot. This project is located within a special flood hazard area and the LPA will obtain necessary floodplain permits prior to construction. All ecological impacts have been coordinated with the appropriate agencies. All general and project specific conditions of the Ecological MOA between ODOT, ODNr, and USFWS have been met. There will be no impacts to any historically significant resources. Construction is expected to begin in the fall of 2023 and last approximately 90 days. During construction, one lane of traffic will be maintained at all times.

This document was based off of Stage 2 Plans.

STIP Reference #: 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, etc.); Construction of alternative energy facilities (fuel tank farms, wind turbines, etc.)***

(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*



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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.

Waterways:	Not Present
Will any wetlands be impacted?	No
Endangered Species:	Present; No finding of May Affect, Likely to Adversely Affect
Endangered Species - Coordination	May Affect, Not Likely to Adversely Affect
Endangered Species - Coordination Date	01/20/2022
Endangered Species - Critical Habitat Present/Impacted	
Indiana bat	
Northern long-eared bat	
Endangered Species - Other Critical Habitat Present/Impacted:	No
100-Year Floodplain:	Encroachment Within the SFHA is a Functionally Dependent Use
EO 11988/NFIP Coordination and Documentation Completed:	Yes
NFIP Local Floodplain Coordinator Notification Date:	03/07/2022
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 B

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**Cultural Resources Coordination - ODOT Approval/SHPO
Concurrence Date**

01/14/2022

Tribal Consultation Summary/Remarks:

No comments or objections were received within 30 days

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:** No**Noise:** Studies Not Required**Noise Coordination - OES Approval Date:** 03/15/2022**Hazardous Materials - ESA Screening Conducted** Yes**Hazardous Materials - OES Approval Date:** 01/13/2022**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 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)
390950089012	2	11	14	0
390950089013	1	26	13	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 based upon the table above, the attached mapping, and the answers to the questions above. 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.

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



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- 1) Do not place any temporary or permanent fill within the jurisdictional boundaries of all streams, wetlands, and jurisdictional ditches during construction of this project, including scaffolding or bracing. Do not place any equipment within the jurisdictional boundary of any waterway. If debris enters the waterway during construction, remove the debris immediately using equipment staged outside the jurisdictional boundary.
- 2) Ensure impacts to the federally listed and protected Indiana bat and northern long-eared bat are avoided and minimized. Do not remove trees from April 1 through September 30. Perform all necessary tree removal from October 1 through March 31. Demarcate clearing limits in the field to avoid any unauthorized tree clearing. For the purposes of this note, a tree is defined as a live, dying, or dead woody plant, with a trunk three inches or greater in diameter at a height of 4.5 feet above the ground surface, and with a minimum height of 13 feet.
- 3) The LPA will obtain the floodplain permit or documentation of exemption prior to plan file.



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Appendix

General

Aerial Map.pdf

County Map.pdf

USGS Quadrangle Topographical Map.pdf

Cultural Resources

Minimal Potential to Cause Effect - Appendix B

Ecological

ODNR Scenic River MOA Conditions

USFWS/ODNR Ecological MOA Conditions

Underserved Populations

Census Mapping.pdf

Permits

FEMA FIRM.pdf

Statement of Findings.pdf