



# OHIO DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

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## **Environmental Document**

for

## **SUM Highland/Valley View Rd PID 113161**

**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

### Project Information

<b>PID:</b>	113161
<b>Project Sponsor:</b>	Macedonia, City of
<b>ODOT District:</b>	4
<b>Funding Source:</b>	Federal

### Project Description:

The city of Macedonia proposes to improve the safety and function of the intersection at Highland Road and Valley View Road, both two-lane roads in a suburban/commercial setting in the city of Macedonia, Summit County. The project proposes to add a new approximate 275-foot left turn lane and a new approximate 275-foot right turn lane on the Valley View Road north approach and add a new approximate 290-foot left turn lane and a new approximate 235-foot right turn lane on the Valley View Road south approach. The project also proposes to extend the existing left turn lanes on Highland Road to establish an approximate 740-foot east approach left turn lane and an approximate 700-foot west approach left turn lane. An approximate 120-foot left turn lane to Shepard Road will be established within the Highland Road east approach limits. Additional improvements proposed by this project include pavement resurfacing, replacement of the existing traffic signal at the intersection, installation of a curb and gutter drainage system on Valley View Road and miscellaneous drainage improvements, sidewalk replacement to comply with Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) standards, driveway reconstruction, traffic sign installation and pavement markings applications. Mapping that depicts the project location on a topographic map, aerial map and county map are included in the Project File/General/Project Information subsection.

A minimum of one lane of traffic in each direction for all roads will be maintained during the duration of construction. 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.

Based on the project scope of work and the proposed maintenance of traffic measures, emergency/public services contact activities were not conducted for the project.

The project will require 0.18 acre of permanent right-of-way from five properties and 0.47 acre of temporary right-of-way from 11 properties. See the right-of-way plan information for the project in the Project File/General/Project Information subsection as Right of Way Plan Sheets.pdf.

Minor relocations of existing utilities within the project study area will be necessary to construct the project. 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. This project is considered ecologically exempt under the Ecological MOA (Agreement 19394). See the ecological documentation for the project in the Project File/Ecological/Reports subsection and on the Ecological tab.

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 Stage 1 Design plans for the project. A copy of the Stage 1 Design plans for the project is included in the Project File/General/Project Information subsection as Stage 1 Design.pdf.

The estimated total project cost specified in Ellis agrees with the total project cost specified in the ODOT State Fiscal Years 2024 - 2027 Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP).

**The next phase of the proposed project is listed on the STIP:** Yes

### Ellis STIP Details



Phase	Current STIP Reference
ENV	
RW	113161: 24-27 STIP
CO	113161: 24-27 STIP
DD	

The current cost estimate is in line with existing federal procedures for Ohio STIP Amendments and Administration Modifications: Yes

**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 I 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.)**

**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 ROW (exceeds strip takes)
2. **b.** Residential or non-residential displacements
3. **c.** A U.S. Coast Guard permit or an Individual Section 404 permit under the Clean Water Act
4. **d.** A Section 106 finding of *Adverse Effect*
5. **e.** Section 4(f) impacts greater than de minimis
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.** A full Environmental Justice Analysis Report (EJAR) is required (the project must be processed as a D-level CE or higher-level document). If a memo-to-file/letter/IOC-format EJAR Short Report is determined to be the appropriate level of documentation, contact OES regarding NEPA document level.

**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.**

## Ecological

**Waterways:** Not Present

**Will any wetlands be impacted?** No

**Endangered Species:** No Impacts to Protected Species and Critical Habitat

**Scenic Rivers** No National Wild and Scenic River Within 1000 Feet of the Proposed Project Area

### Scenic Rivers Remarks

The project will not impact any scenic rivers.

## Floodplains

**100-Year Floodplain:** No Encroachment Within a Special Flood Hazard Area (SFHA)

### Floodplain Remarks

ODOT District 4 Environmental Section personnel reviewed the FEMA FIRM for the project study area and determined the project is located within an Area of Minimal Flood Hazard/Zone X. The project will not impact a special flood hazard area. See the floodplain mapping for the project in the Project File/Permits/Floodplains subsection.

## Section 4(f)

**Section 4(f):** Not present

### Section 4(f) Remarks

Section 4(f) properties are not located within the project study area.

## Section 6(f)

**Section 6(f):** Not present

## Cultural Resources

**Cultural Resources:** Present; No Finding of Adverse Effect

**Cultural Resources Coordination:** No Historic Properties Affected



### Cultural Resources Remarks

A Cultural Resources Records Check was performed by district environmental staff using the SHPO GIS online database and Cultural Resources Scoping Request was sent to ODOT-Office of Environmental Services (OES). Based on the scope of the project, the result of the literature review, and the setting of the project, no further cultural resource investigations are warranted. In accordance with Stipulation V(C)(2) of the Section 106 Programmatic Agreement between FHWA, ODOT, Ohio's State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO), and ACHP executed November 08, 2017 (Agreement No. 19319) and amended on July 11, 2019, ODOT-OES has determined that 'no historic properties affected' is the appropriate finding for the proposed undertaking, based upon the following:

- 1) No archaeological resources are known or suspected to be within the proposed project area. No further archaeological investigations are warranted.
- 2) No History/Architecture properties in the Area of Potential Effects are eligible for or listed in the National Register of Historic Places. No further investigations are warranted.

In regard to project PID 113161, it is the opinion of the SHPO that no historic properties will be affected as a result of this project.

See the cultural resources documentation for the project in the Project File/Cultural Resources/Coordination and Project Information subsections and the Cultural Resources Tab.

### Tribal Consultation Summary/Remarks:

The Delaware Nation, Delaware Tribe of Oklahoma, Seneca Nation of Indians and Shawnee Tribe and Stockbridge Munsee Community do not object to the project Section 106 effect determination. The Seneca Nation of Indians wishes to consult further if artifacts are uncovered during the course of the project or if the project scope changes. The Stockbridge Munsee Community wishes to consult further if artifacts are uncovered during the course of the project.

### Environmental Resources Considered

**The following environmental resources are present and have been studied for potential impacts:**

Regulated Materials

#### Air Remarks

The project will not impact air quality. Air quality studies/coordination are not required for the project.

#### Noise Remarks

The project does not qualify as a Type I project for noise (i.e., not adding capacity, not moving through travel lanes equal to or greater than 50% closer to noise sensitive areas) and a noise analysis is not required for the project under 23 CFR 772.

**The project involves ROW acquisition, Deep Excavation, or OEPA  
513 Landfill Authorization:**

Yes - Screening

#### Regulated Materials Review Screening:

No Further Regulated Materials Review

**Regulated Materials Review Screening - DEC/OES Approval Date:**

07/10/2023



### Regulated Materials Review Remarks:

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.

### Environmental Justice

Projects that meet C2 criteria must be in accordance with ODOT's EJ Guidance and activities conducted for Public Involvement are commensurate to the project's type and scope of work.

### Environmental Justice Populations

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

### Identified Environmental Justice Populations

Census Block Group #	% Minority	% Low Income
391535327011	43	5
391535327013	32	33

### Environmental Justice Remarks

A review of the ODOT Transportation Information Mapping System (TIMS) indicated Environmental Justice populations within the Census Block Groups for the project study area. No businesses or residences will be acquired or relocated as part of the project.

The proposed project will have no disproportionately high and adverse effects to minority or low-income populations based upon the table above and attached mapping. No concerns related to impacts on Environmental Justice 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 and FHWA Order 6640.23A, no further analysis is required.

Based on the above findings an Environmental Justice Analysis Report is not required for the project. Census mapping is saved in the Project File/Environmental Justice/Project Information subsection.

### Public Involvement

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

### Public Involvement Remarks

The city of Macedonia conducted various public involvement activities for the project, including issuance of a news release, posting the project news release on the city website and sending letters to nearby property owners. No public comments were received as a result of the public involvement activities performed for the project. See the public involvement documentation for the project in the Project File/Public Involvement/Project Information subsection.

### Environmental Commitments



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## **Appendix**

### **General**

Aerial Map.pdf

County Map.pdf

USGS Quadrangle Topographical Map.pdf

### **ESA**

Regulated Materials Review Form.pdf

### **Cultural Resources**

SHPO Comments

SHPO Concurrence.pdf

Transmittal 1 - Effect Determination

Tribal Consultation

Tribal Consultation - Correspondence List and Example Email.pdf

Tribal Response - Delaware Nation.pdf

Tribal Response - Seneca Nation.pdf

Tribal Response- - Stockbridge Munsee.pdf

### **Ecological**

ODNR Scenic River MOA Conditions

### **Environmental Justice**

Census Mapping.pdf

### **Public Involvement**

Press Release Posted on City Website.pdf

### **Permits**

FEMA FIRM.pdf