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## **Environmental Document**

for

## **POR/SUM IR 76 01.57/VAR PID 94009**

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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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<b>PID:</b>	94009
<b>Project Sponsor:</b>	DISTRICT 4-PLANNING
<b>ODOT District:</b>	4
<b>Funding Source:</b>	Federal
<b>Private Funding:</b>	No

**Project Description:**

The Ohio Department of Transportation proposes to mill and resurface approximately 8.16 miles of Interstate Route (IR) 76 from Straight Line Mile (SLM) 1.57, east of the IR 76/County Road 18 Interchange, to SLM 9.73, at approximately New Milford Road, in Brimfield and Rootstown Townships, Portage County. Additional improvements proposed by this project include full depth pavement repair, partial depth pavement repair, linear grading, raised pavement marker replacement and edge line/center line/stop line/channelizing line/lane line/dotted line/other pavement marking applications.

The project also proposes to remove an existing median turnaround at SUM-76-15.80 and construct a new median turnaround at SUM-76-16.29, west of S. Munroe Road, in the cities of Akron and Tallmadge, Summit County. Improvements proposed by the new median turnaround construction include pavement placement, deceleration lane construction and traffic control signage installation.

Moreover, the project proposes bridge maintenance activities on fourteen (14) IR 76 bridges in Brimfield and Rootstown Townships, Portage County, as follows:

- POR-76-0132/Structure File Number (SFN) 6701922 over Tallmadge Road/CR 18
- POR-76-0190 Right and POR-76-0191 Left /SFN 6701981 and 6701957 over Wheeling & Lake Erie Railroad
- POR-76-0203/SFN 6702015 over Plum Creek
- POR-76-0305/SFN 6702031 under SR 43
- POR-76-0397/SFN 6702074 under Sherman Road/TR 91
- POR-76-0483/SFN 6702104 under Sandy Lake Road/CR 89
- POR-76-0552/SFN 6702139 over Feeder Canal
- POR-76-0616/SFN 6702163 under Lakewood Road/CR 151
- POR-76-0710/SFN 6702198 under Rootstown Road/TR 106
- POR-76-0745 Left and Right/SFN 6702228 and 6702252 over Congress Lake Outlet
- POR-76-0853 Left and Right/SFN 6702287 and 6702317 over SR 5/SR 44

These proposed bridge maintenance activities include removal of above ground vegetation within 15-feet of each structure; bridge deck/approach slab repair, paving and/or treatment with gravity fed resin; superstructure/substructure/backwall/parapet repair and concrete surface sealing; bearing device repair/refurbishing and new structure identification sign installation.

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 lane will be maintained in each direction on the existing IR 76 mainline pavement or completed pavement during project construction. Permitted Lane Closure Chart times will be followed to ensure lane closures and restrictions occur during non-peak use hours. Ramp closures will occur on one weekend at the IR 76/SR 44 interchange for pavement resurfacing operations.

Bridge maintenance operations will take place on eight (8) separate weekends resulting in weekend ramp closures at the IR 76/SR 43 interchange and the IR 76/Tallmadge Rd-CR 18 interchange locations as described below.

To minimize impacts to the traveling public, ramps closures will occur on separate weekends. The on-ramp from SR 43 to IR 76 West will be closed for 2 weekends for bridge joint maintenance on the IR 76 westbound structure in Portage County at straight line mile (SLM) 1.90, and the on-ramp from CR 18 to IR 76 East will be closed for 2 weekends for joint maintenance on the eastbound structure over the railroad in Portage County at SLM 1.90. Portable changeable message boards displaying alternate routes will be utilized during project construction. Construction and lane restriction/reduction information will be posted within the project construction limits prior to the start of project construction. Substantial traffic disruptions are not expected during project



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construction.

The project will be constructed within the existing highway right-of-way.

Existing utilities 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). See the Ecologically Exempt POR SUM-76-0.00 15.34.pdf for the project in the Project File/Ecological/Reports 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 Final Tracings Design plan for the project. A copy of the Final Tracings Design plan for the project is included in the Project File/General/Project Information subsection as Final Tracings Design.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 #:**

94009: 21-24 STIP/SLI Group Project. Fiscal constraint is at SLI Group level.

**Cultural Resources Coordination:**

Minimal Potential to Cause Effect Appendix A

**Cultural Resources Coordination Date:**

12/16/2021

**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



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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 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:

Yes



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## **Environmental Commitments**

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1) The project designer shall incorporate the following note into the plans:

**NO EXCAVATION, GRADING OR FILLING OPERATIONS SHALL BE PERFORMED BELOW THE ORDINARY HIGH WATER MARK OF PLUM CREEK (POR-76-0203), FEEDER CANAL (POR-76-0552) AND/OR CONGRESS LAKE OUTLET (POR-76-0745 LEFT AND RIGHT). USE OF MOTORIZED EQUIPMENT BELOW ORDINARY HIGH WATER MARK OF ANY STREAM IS PROHIBITED. UNDER NO CIRCUMSTANCES SHALL THE CONTRACTOR STORE CONSTRUCTION EQUIPMENT AND/OR MATERIALS IN STREAMS, RIVERS, WETLANDS OR OTHER JURISDICTIONAL WATERS OF THE UNITED STATES. ODOT CONSTRUCTION AND MATERIALS SPECIFICATIONS SECTION 107.10 (PROTECTION AND RESTORATION OF PROPERTY) PROHIBIT THE CONTRACTOR FROM CREATING STAGING AREAS NEAR STREAMS AND/OR WETLANDS.**



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### **Approvals & Electronic Signatures**

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Edward Deley (PROGRAM ADMIN 3)	1/31/2022



## **Appendix**

### **General**

County Map.pdf

USGS Quadrangle Topographical Map.pdf

### **Cultural Resources**

Buckeye Assets Mapping.pdf

Records Check.pdf

### **Ecological**

ODNR Scenic River MOA Conditions

### **Public Involvement**

Correspondence with Stakeholders.pdf

### **Permits**

District Determination - No Floodplain Impacts.pdf

FEMA FIRM.pdf