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Environmental Document for **D02 GR FY2023 PID 114609** **Environmental Document Level: C1**

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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: DISTRICT 2 ENGINEERING
ODOT District: 2
Funding Source: Non-Federal
Does this project require a Federal permit or approval? No
Private Funding: No
Project Description:

This project is a district wide guardrail maintenance project. Actual work locations are not known as the repairs are requested by work order and will be determined based on where guardrail is damaged throughout the year. All work will remain within the existing right of way and there is potential for minor utility impacts depending on the type of repair. If any work is required within waters of the US, no work will begin until the appropriate US Army Corps of Engineers permit is obtained. Notes will be placed in the plans to ensure that potential impacts to any state or federally listed species are avoided. The contract starts 1-1-2023 and last one year. The public will be notified of any traffic disruptions.

This document was approved based on Stage 2 plans.

STIP Reference #: 114609: 21-24 STIP
Cultural Resources Coordination: ORC 149.53 Appendix A
Cultural Resources Coordination Date: 12/27/2021

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):

(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 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**



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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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1) The Project Designer shall incorporate the following note into the plans: The contractor shall take all precautions to prevent any and all material from going off the edge of bridge deck(s) and edge of culvert(s) during all construction operations. The contractor shall immediately remove any material that falls into the roadside ditches, streams, wetlands, or other waters through non-mechanical means. Under no circumstances shall the contractor work in or store equipment and/or materials in any wetlands, streams, or other waters. No work or staging is permitted below the Ordinary High Water Mark (OHWM) of any stream and/or within a wetland. Any work below the OHWM and/or within a wetland is a violation of the Federal Clean Water Act of 1977

2) The Project Designer shall incorporate the following note into the plans: If the guardrail repair or replacement is located within 1,000 feet of Maumee River or the Sandusky River outside the limits of a municipal corporation limit, the following conditions apply:

1. A sediment and erosion control plan shall be developed and implemented if the project requires earthwork. All controls shall be properly maintained until final site stabilization has been achieved. All denuded areas (location where vegetation is removed or erodible material is exposed to storm water) shall be seeded and mulched as specified in the current Ohio EPA's construction general permit. All sediment and erosion controls shall be removed upon stabilization of the project area.
2. Any cutting and/or clearing of any vegetation associated with the project shall be completed in such a manner so as to limit the amount of vegetation being cleared to the absolute minimum necessary to accomplish the goal of the project.
3. No toxic or hazardous materials such as sealants, paint, solvents, cleaning agents, earthen materials, waste-water, fuels or debris of any kind shall be discharged to Maumee River or the Sandusky River or any tributary water courses.
4. All asphalt or concrete grindings, excess asphaltic or concrete materials or any other debris generated during the project shall be removed from within 1,000 feet of the Maumee River or the Sandusky River and disposed of at an appropriate facility above the FEMA 100 year flood elevation.

Projects requiring any work along the banks of either the Maumee River or the Sandusky River, and that cannot comply with any of these conditions, cannot proceed until ODOT conducts additional coordination with the Ohio Department of Natural Resources (ODNR) Scenic Rivers. Contact the Acting District 2 Environmental Coordinator, Phoenix Golnick, at 419-373-4329 to initiate the appropriate coordination. Additional coordination with ODNR may take up to 90 days from initial contact with the District 2 Environmental Coordinator.

3) The Project Designer shall incorporate the following note into the plans: The contractor shall advise the project engineer as soon as it is known that lane restrictions, lane closures, and/or road closures are necessary. ODOT will then notify affect agencies including local media outlets, schools, police, fire, emergency services, bus transportation departments and post offices.

4) The Project Designer shall incorporate the following note into the plans: The project is located within the known habitat ranges of the federally listed and protected Indiana bat and northern long-eared bat. No trees shall be removed under this project from April 1 to September 30. All necessary tree removal must occur from October 1 to march 31. This requirement is necessary to avoid and minimize impacts to these species as required by the Endangered Species Act. 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. Should a tree be a safety hazard for the traveling public, the tree should be cut as soon as possible.



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ODNR Scenic River MOA Conditions