



OHIO DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

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Environmental Document

for

D12 MNT FY2023 Tree Removal PID 114330

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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: ODOT SPONSORING AGENCY
ODOT District: 12
Funding Source: Non-Federal
Does this project require a Federal permit or approval? No
Private Funding: No

Project Description:

General tree and brush clearing removal at 13 different locations throughout the District. No permanent or temporary right-of-way is required for this project. Utility impacts are likely. Construction will not require a maintenance of traffic (MOT).

No work in streams or wetlands. No deep excavation. Coordination with USFWS was completed 05/16/2022 for removal of trees. SWH will be cleared only between October 1 and March 31, when bats would be hibernating.

Cultural Resources was coordinated as Minimal Potential to Cause Effect - Appendix A. The undertaking is a type which has minimal potential to cause effects to historic properties.

No other environmental, hazardous materials, Section 4(f)/6(f), or underserved population impacts will result from this project.

Construction Cost Estimate: \$500,000.00 State funding

The C2 approval is based on Stage 3 Design plans. Stage 3 plans are included in Project File/General/Project Information/Stage 3 Design.pdf

STIP Reference #: N/A

Select the appropriate project type:

(27) Highway safety or traffic operations improvement projects, including the installation of ramp metering control devices and lighting, if the project meets the constraints in paragraph (e) of this section. **Examples include: Lane reduction ("road diet") changes provided traffic analysis is completed; Railroad projects that close at-grade crossings to improve safety or traffic operations.**

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*
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



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- 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	05/16/2022
Endangered Species - Critical Habitat Present/Impacted	
Indiana bat	
Northern long-eared bat	
Endangered Species - Other Critical Habitat Present/Impacted:	No
100-Year Floodplain:	No Encroachment Within a Special Flood Hazard Area (SFHA)
Section 4(f):	Not present
Section 6(f):	Not present
Cultural Resources:	Not Present
Cultural Resources Coordination - ODOT Approval/SHPO Concurrence Date	05/18/2022

Since no Tribe was interested in this project based on their customized preferences, no further Tribal consultation was conducted.

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.



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Air Quality:	Studies Not Required
Air Quality - Coordination with OES:	No
Noise:	Studies Not Required
Noise Coordination - OES Approval Date:	05/11/2022
Hazardous Materials - ESA Screening Conducted	No ROW
Hazardous Materials - ODOT Approval Date:	05/11/2022
Farmland:	Non-Urbanized Area; No Impacts in Accordance With the Farmland MOU, 7 CFR 658, and ORC 929.05
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)
151197 Location 1-1	85	83	10	12
151202 Location 1-2	44	54	13	10
151205 Location 2-1	64	64	9	3
151207 Location 2-2	66	78	15	6
151191 Location 3	59	57	15	13
151197 Location 4-1	85	83	10	12
151203 Location 4-2	24	63	19	3
152223 Location 5	7	18	18	0
153615 Location 6	0	13	17	0
155016 Location 7-1	6	6	20	0
155015 Location 7-2	5	8	20	0
155017 Location 7-3	4	11	25	1
155009 Location 8-1	1	17	26	0
155010 Location 8-2	7	8	22	0
155013 Location 8-3	8	26	17	2
155012 Location 8-4	6	7	34	0
155017 Location 8-5	4	11	25	1
155010 Location 9-1	7	8	22	0
155013 Location 9-2	8	26	17	2
155015 Location 10-1	5	8	20	0
155013 Location 10-2	8	26	17	2
155014 Location 10-3	5	7	16	3
154991 Location 10-4	39	39	10	2
154991 Location 11	39	39	10	2
154989 Location 12	19	19	3	0
154999 Location 13-1	5	32	24	0



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155014 Location 13-2	5	7	16	3
155011 Location 13-3	0	7	18	0
155013 Location 13-4	8	26	17	2
155016 Location 13-5	6	6	20	0

Underserved Populations Remarks

According to the ODOT's TIMS, the EJ population percentages are low in the project area. The Minority population ranges from 0 to 85 percent. The Low Income population ranges from 6 to 83 percent. The older adult population ranges from 3 to 34 percent and the Limited English Proficiency (LEP) ranges from 0 to 12 percent population.

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.

The proposed project will have no substantial impacts to Limited English Proficiency, Older Adults, and Individuals with Disabilities Populations based upon the table above, the attached mapping, and the answers to the questions above. No concerns related to impacts on these Underserved Populations were raised as a result of public involvement activities conducted as part of the proposed project. Therefore, in accordance with the protections of the Age Rehabilitation Act of 1973, Discrimination Act of 1975, Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, and Executive Order 13166, no further analysis is required.

Based on the above findings and with the project being a tree clearing project an Underserved Populations Impact Analysis Report is not required.

The Census mapping may be found in the project file under Underserved Populations

Public Involvement:

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

Environmental Commitments

Yes



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1) The Project Designer shall incorporate the following note into the plans: NO TREES SHALL BE REMOVED UNDER THIS PROJECT FROM APRIL 1 THROUGH SEPTEMBER 30. ALL NECESSARY TREE REMOVAL SHALL OCCUR FROM OCTOBER 1 THROUGH MARCH 31. THIS REQUIREMENT IS NECESSARY TO AVOID AND MINIMIZE IMPACTS TO FEDERALLY AND STATE LISTED BAT SPECIES AS REQUIRED BY THE ENDANGERED SPECIES ACT. FOR THE PURPOSE 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.



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Ecological

ODNR Scenic River MOA Conditions

USFWS/ODNR Ecological MOA Conditions