



# OHIO DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

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## Environmental Document

for

### GEA SR 044 17.11 TLCI Sidewalk PID 115905

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

**PID:** 115905  
**Project Sponsor:** Chardon, City of  
**ODOT District:** 12  
**Funding Source:** Federal  
**Private Funding:** No

### Project Description:

Grading and installing sidewalks along Center Street (SR-044) from Washington Street (MR-56) to 375' northeast of Meadowlands Dive (MR-151) in the City of Chardon in Geauga County. NOACA TLCI Implementation Project.

Permanent right-of-way is required for this project. Right-of-way has already been acquired. Utility impacts are likely.

Construction will not require a maintenance of traffic (MOT).

ESR was approved 6/9/22, no coordination required. One non-jurisdictional ditch located within the construction limits, 24 feet in length (0.001). All trees were removed prior construction between November 15-March 15 to avoid impacts to summer roosting and spring/fall swarming. There is no suitable habitat for any other federally or state listed species within the project area.

The project is not located in a regulated floodplain, therefore no coordination is required.

Cultural Resources was coordinated as Minimal Potential to Cause Effect - Appendix B, approved 6/8/2022. The undertaking involves grading and installing short sidewalk segments along Center Street (SR 44) in the City of Chardon, Geauga County, Ohio. The current city sidewalk plan exhibits seven areas measuring a total of 375 feet where currently there are no sidewalks. These gaps are found between Washington Street to the northwest and Meadowlands Drive to the southeast. Center Street can be described as a mixed-use corridor but the immediate study area is primarily used commercially. Construction areas have been previously disturbed by underground utilities, parking areas, access drives, and general urban landscaping. Proposed sidewalk construction will focus on the existing highway right-of-way. Existing walks are sometimes found just beyond the highway right-of-way. As a result, minor new right-of-way is also needed to tie the new segments to the existing sidewalk facilities. Narrow temporary right-of-way is also needed to provide access during construction. However, no buildings will be directly involved in construction and no relocations will be required. The literature search concluded there are no inventoried buildings (OHI), no known archaeological sites (OAI), and no listed or eligible historic properties found in the project area or in the area of potential effects (APE). General sidewalk construction is exempt from further cultural resource consideration by the 11/8/17 Cultural Resource PA (Agreement 19319) as long as no new permanent right-of-way from a historic property will be acquired and when no contributing element of a historic property or N. R. district will be diminished by construction.

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

The City of Chardon posted a *Chardon Sidewalk Connectivity Analysis* report on their website listed under their Adopted Plans page.

The City of Chardon also discussed the sidewalk construction along Center Street in their *2022-2026 Capital Improvements Plan* (there is a map on Page 37 of the Plan that shows our area.) No public comments have been received. The city has made the determination to proceed with the project as currently designed.

The environmental documentation and associated studies are being approved using Stage 3 design. A copy of the plans is included in the project file.

**STIP Reference #:** 115905: 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;**



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**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 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
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.**

<b>Waterways:</b>	Not Present
<b>Will any wetlands be impacted?</b>	No
<b>Endangered Species:</b>	No Impacts to Protected Species and Critical Habitat
<b>100-Year Floodplain:</b>	No Encroachment Within a Special Flood Hazard Area (SFHA)
<b>Section 4(f):</b>	Not present
<b>Section 6(f):</b>	Not present
<b>Cultural Resources:</b>	Present; No Finding of Adverse Effect
<b>Cultural Resources Coordination:</b>	Minimum Potential to Cause Effect Appendix B



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

06/08/2022

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.

**Air Quality:** Studies Not Required

**Air Quality - Coordination with OES:** No

**Noise:** Studies Not Required

**Noise Coordination - OES Approval Date:** 06/08/2022

**Hazardous Materials - ESA Screening Conducted** Yes

**Hazardous Materials - OES Approval Date:** 06/29/2022

**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)
153632	12	30	37	0
153628	0	42	20	0

**Underserved Populations Remarks**



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According to the ODOT's TIMS, the EJ population percentages are low in the project area. The Minority population ranges from 0 to 12 percent, the Low Income population ranges from 30 to 42 percent, the older adult population ranges from 20 to 37 percent, and the Limited English Proficiency (LEP) is 0 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 an Underserved Populations Impact Analysis Report is not required.

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

Installation of new sidewalks which fill gaps between existing sidewalks will benefit underserved populations.

**Public Involvement:**

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

**Environmental Commitments**

No



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### **Approvals & Electronic Signatures**

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Mark Carpenter (TRANS ENGR 3)	7/7/2022



## Appendix

### General

Aerial Map.pdf

USGS Quadrangle Topographical Map.pdf

### ESA

OES Recommendations - Screening.pdf

Regulated Materials Review Form.pdf

### Cultural Resources

Minimal Potential to Cause Effect - Appendix B

### Ecological

ODNR Scenic River MOA Conditions

USFWS/ODNR Ecological MOA Conditions

### Other Resources

Site Specific Resource Mapping.pdf

### Underserved Populations

Census Mapping.pdf

### Public Involvement

Public Involvement Plan.pdf

Response to Public Comments.pdf

### Permits

FEMA FIRM.pdf