



# OHIO DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

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## **Environmental Document** for **CUY Van Aken Blvd PID 113270** 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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## C1

<b>PID</b>	113270
<b>Project Sponsor</b>	Shaker Heights
<b>ODOT District</b>	12
<b>Funding Source</b>	Federal

### Project Description:

Implementation of a road diet to add bike lanes to Van Aken Boulevard from Farnsleigh Road to Lee Road in the City of Shaker Heights in Cuyahoga County.

All work is within existing ROW.

The proposed project is limited to the creation of a road diet via striping and signage along Van Aken Boulevard from Farnsleigh Road to Lee Road in the City of Shaker Heights. The purpose of the road diet is to add bike lanes. All work will be completed within existing right-of-way. The Area of Potential Effect (APE) is the footprint of the undertaking. For more information see Project File/General/ Project Information/Stage 3 Design in EnviroNet.

A records check was conducted to determine if previously recorded cultural resources are located within the project area. The records check included a review of information from Ohio's State Historic Preservation Office (OSHP). These records identify properties listed on or eligible for the National Register of Historic Places (NRHP), as well as properties documented in the Ohio Historic Inventory (OHI) and Ohio Archaeological Inventory (OAI). The project passes through the NR-listed Shaker Village Historic District (NR#00001557). Multiple inventoried structures lie adjacent to the APE, including the Shaker Heights World War II Memorial (CUY1028323) and Lynnfield Station (CUY0179223). As stated above, this project is limited to the creation of a road diet via the application of striping and signage. All road surfaces within the APE are modern and the stone curbing throughout the APE will not be impacted. The proposed work will not alter the project area and is considered maintenance of an existing facility. A portion of the work will take place within the NR-listed Shaker Village Historic District (NR#00001557). No new permanent right-of-way will be acquired from within the historic boundary of an NRHP-listed or eligible resource, and no contributing features of an NRHP-listed or eligible resource will be altered by the project. Landscaping features adjacent to the project will not be impacted. Due to the nature of the work, no archaeological resources will be affected by the project. After reviewing the scope of the project and results of the records check, the undertaking is considered to have minimal potential to cause effects to historic properties and was approved on 5/19/2026 under Appendix B.

This project is not located in a Special Hazard Flood Area.

No work in streams, wetlands, or pollinator initiative sites. No tree removal.

RMR screening approved by the district on 2/13/2026. No deep excavation required. This project's activities are exempt from OAC Rule 3745-513. There are no landfills within 300 feet of the Project Area.

On November 13, 2025, the City of Shaker Heights and GPD hosted a public open house for the Van Aken Bikeway project. The City mailed 1,042 postcard invitations directly to residents in the project area. The open house was also advertised on the Community Events Calendar on the City's website, via the City's monthly E-Newsletter, and via direct email to a list of residents who signed up for email updates about the project. Over 62 comments were received during the open house involving: concerns about traffic going down to one lane, yielding to emergency vehicles, where emergency vehicles will park, left turns from Van Aken Boulevard, delivery vehicle and landscape truck parking, RTA parking concerns, concerns the roadway speed will be too high for one lane, appropriate car and bike buffers, bike lane maintenance, visibility, and school bus drop off/pick up. All comments were addressed by the project team via in-person conversations and the presentation given at the beginning of the open house. A summary of the comments and questions that were heard and the responses shared with the community is uploaded to the EnviroNet Project File. Most of the public's comments and concerns had already been addressed during the Planning Phase of the project when the project team worked closely with consultants and the City's Police, Fire, and Public Works departments to develop the final bikeway layout. After all comments were received and considered in November, several changes were made to the design of the lane layout. For example, the following are examples of how we adjusted the plans: removed parking spaces around driveways (daylighting) to improve visibility, adjusted signage and lane markings for better clarity, and adjusted buffer and delineator locations for improved safety.

Construction: \$1,875,000: 80% federal, 20% local  
C1 approval is based on Stage 3 (2/6/2026) Design.



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

**Ellis STIP Details**

Phase	Current STIP Reference
CO	113270: 26-29 STIP

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

Cultural Resources Coordination: Minimal Potential to Cause Effect  
Appendix B

Cultural Resources Coordination Date: 05/19/2026

**Tribal Consultation Summary/Remarks:**

Tribes were notified of the project on 5/19/2026. To date, no objections or comments were received. If a Tribe comments or objects to the project within the 30-day review, ODOT will address them in a timely and appropriate manner.

Supporting documentation has been uploaded to Project File: Yes

**Select the appropriate project type (more than one can be selected):**

- (4) Activities included in the State's *highway safety plan* under 23 U.S.C. 402.
- (3) Construction of bicycle and pedestrian lanes, paths, and facilities. *Examples include: Walkways, sidewalks, shared-use paths, and facilities, small passenger shelters, (i.e. construction of a bike path on an existing railroad bed, designations of certain highways as bike routes, painting of existing paved shoulders as bike lanes, ADA ramps, etc.) provided that no new disturbance will occur.*
- (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.*
- (23) Projects that receive federal funds that are less than the monetary values indicated by FHWA. These monetary values are adjusted annually by the Secretary to reflect any increases in the Consumer Price Index prepared by the Department of Labor (see [www.fhwa.dot.gov](http://www.fhwa.dot.gov) or [www.fta.dot.gov](http://www.fta.dot.gov)). See the Help Tip Box for current monetary limits.

Environmental Commitments: No



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## Appendix

### General

Aerial Map.pdf

County Map.pdf

Stage 3 Design.pdf

USGS Quadrangle Topographical Map.pdf

### RMR

ORPS Mapping.pdf

Regulated Materials Review Form.pdf

### Cultural Resources

Minimal Potential to Cause Effect - Appendix B

### Ecological

ODNR Scenic River MOA Conditions

### Section 4(f)

OES Cultural Resources 4(f) Determination.pdf

### Public Involvement

Public Comments Received.pdf

Public Involvement Compilation.pdf

Public Meeting Notification.pdf

Public Meeting Sign In Sheet.pdf

### Permits

FEMA FIRM.pdf