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Environmental Document

for

SUM Cleve Mass Sidewalk PID 112788

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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 Information

PID: 112788
Project Sponsor: SUMMIT COUNTY ENGINEER
ODOT District: 4
Funding Source: Federal

Project Description:

The Summit County Engineer proposes to install 5-foot-wide concrete sidewalk facilities along the north side of State Route (SR) 18/Medina Road from 104.8 feet west of the SR 18-Medina Road/Cleveland-Massillon Road intersection to Cleveland-Massillon Road and along the west side of Cleveland-Massillon Road from the SR 18-Medina Road/Cleveland-Massillon Road intersection to the northwest return of the Cleveland-Massillon Road/Springside Drive intersection, a distance of 2,278.45 feet and a total distance of approximately 2,383.25 feet, in Bath Township Summit County. These proposed new sidewalks will be constructed in compliance with Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) standards. Additional improvements proposed by this project include driveway apron reconstruction to meet ADA requirements and crosswalk pavement marking applications.

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.

Roadway traffic will be maintained using temporary curb lane closures. During driveway apron reconstruction, a minimum of one access point will be maintained at all times. This may require some drives to be constructed part width or access to be maintained using another existing access point. Driveway closures will be coordinated with the property owner and access to all adjacent properties and businesses will be maintained at all times during project construction. Construction restrictions/reductions information will be posted within the project construction limits prior to the start of project construction. Substantial traffic disruptions are not expected during project construction.

A total of 0.034 acre of permanent right-of-way will be acquired from two parcels and a total of 0.134 acre of temporary right-of-way will be acquired from four parcels to construct the project.

Minor relocations of existing utilities within the project study area will be necessary to construct the project. Utility impacts include an existing guy pole/wire relocation, a telecommunications pullbox relocation and utility valves/manholes/service boxes adjustments to grade. These minor utility relocations will occur within the existing and proposed new permanent roadway right-of-way. Utilities will not be permanently removed to construct the project. Coordination with the utility companies affected by the proposed construction activities was conducted for the project during its preliminary engineering phase and will continue during its detailed design phase.

The project is considered ecologically exempt under the Ecological MOA (Agreement 19394). See the Ecologically Exempt ESR.pdf for the project in the Project File/Ecological/Reports subsection.

The environmental document and associated studies, as applicable, were approved using the Stage 1/2 Design plans for the project. A copy of the Stage 1/2 Design plans for the project is included in the Project File/General/Project Information subsection as Stage 2 Design.pdf.

The estimated total project cost specified in Ellis is greater than the total project cost specified in the ODOT State Fiscal Years 2024 - 2027 Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP). However, based on the estimated total project cost being less than \$3,000,000 and the additional project cost not exceeding \$1,500,000, a STIP amendment is not necessary for the project.



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

Yes

Ellis STIP Details

Phase	Current STIP Reference
ENV	On Previous STIP
RW	On Previous STIP
CO	112788: 24-27 STIP
DD	On Previous STIP

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

Yes

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 I 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; 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 ROW (exceeds strip takes)
2. **b.** Residential or non-residential displacements
3. **c.** A U.S. Coast Guard permit or an Individual Section 404 permit under the Clean Water Act
4. **d.** A Section 106 finding of *Adverse Effect*
5. **e.** Section 4(f) impacts greater than de minimis
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.** A full Environmental Justice Analysis Report (EJAR) is required (the project must be processed as a D-level CE or higher-level document). If a memo-to-file/letter/IOC-format EJAR Short Report is determined to be the appropriate level of documentation, contact OES regarding NEPA document level.



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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.

Ecological

Waterways: Not Present

Will any wetlands be impacted? No

Endangered Species: No Impacts to Protected Species and Critical Habitat

Scenic Rivers No National Wild and Scenic River Within 1000 Feet of the Proposed Project Area

Scenic Rivers Remarks

Waterways or scenic rivers are not located within the project study area. Ecological studies were not included in the project as the area is urbanized and consists entirely of upland lawn and commercial driveways. This project is considered ecologically exempt under the Ecological MOA (Agreement 19394). See the Ecologically Exempt ESR.pdf for the project in the Project File/Ecological/Reports subsection.

Floodplains

100-Year Floodplain: No Encroachment Within a Special Flood Hazard Area (SFHA)

Floodplain Remarks

Environmental Design Group staff reviewed the FEMA FIRM for the project study area and determined the project is located within an Area of Minimal Flood Hazard/Zone X. The project will not impact a special flood hazard area. See the floodplain mapping for the project in the Project File/Permits/Floodplains subsection.

Section 4(f)

Section 4(f): Not present

Section 4(f) Remarks

Section 4(f) properties are not present in the project study area. Section 4(f) coordination is not required for the project.

Section 6(f)

Section 6(f): Not present

Cultural Resources

Cultural Resources: Present; No Finding of Adverse Effect



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Cultural Resources Coordination:

Minimum Potential to Cause Effect
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**Cultural Resources Coordination - ODOT Approval/SHPO
Concurrence Date**

07/14/2023

Cultural Resources Remarks

The project will require less than two tenths of an acre of permanent and temporary right-of-way which will only be taken at the Medina Road intersection, Springside Drive intersection, and the entrance to the Lowe's Home Improvement property. Each of these areas have been previously disturbed by commercial development. The bulk of construction will be limited to the existing previously disturbed right-of-way. No buildings will be involved in construction and no relocations will be required.

The literature search determined there are no inventoried buildings (OHI), no known archaeological sites (OAI), and no listed or eligible historic properties found in the project area or the area of potential effects (APE). The alignment is considered disturbed, and no field investigations were conducted. Pedestrian and multi-use path projects are exempt from further cultural resource consideration by the 6/29/23 Cultural Resource PA (Agreement 38503) as long as no new permanent right-of-way from a National Register district will be acquired and when no contributing element of any historic property will be diminished by construction. In accordance with Stipulation V(C)(1) and Appendix B of the Section 106 Programmatic Agreement executed on June 29, 2023 (Agreement No. 38503), ODOT-Office of Environmental Services 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.

Environmental Resources Considered

The following environmental resources are present and have been studied for potential impacts:

Regulated Materials

Air Remarks

The project does not impact air quality.

Noise Remarks

The project does not have noise impacts.

**The project involves ROW acquisition, Deep Excavation, or OEPA
513 Landfill Authorization:**

Yes - Screening

Regulated Materials Review Screening:

No Further Regulated Materials Review

Regulated Materials Review Screening - DEC/OES Approval Date:

07/12/2023

Regulated Materials Review Remarks:

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/Coordination and Reports subsections.

Environmental Justice

Projects that meet C2 criteria must be in accordance with ODOT's EJ Guidance and activities conducted



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for Public Involvement are commensurate to the project's type and scope of work.

Environmental Justice Populations

Present; No EJAR Required, Does Not Exceed EJ Guidance Criteria, and No Issues Raised During Public Involvement

Identified Environmental Justice Populations

Census Block Group #	% Minority	% Low Income
158333	7	8

Environmental Justice Remarks

Residential/business relocations are not required to construct the project.

Pedestrian access will improve as pedestrian access does not currently exist in the project study area. Access to surrounding business and through traffic will be maintained using existing sidewalk areas outside the project.

No man made dividers will be installed with the project.

Access or use of the project will not be denied to Environmental Justice populations.

No concerns related to impacts on Environmental Justice populations were raised during the public involvement activities conducted for the proposed project.

The proposed project will have no disproportionately high and adverse effects to minority or low-income populations based upon the table above, the attached mapping, and the answers to the questions above. No concerns related to impacts on Environmental Justice 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, no further analysis is required for the project.

Based on the above findings an EJAR is not required for the project.

Public Involvement

Public Involvement:

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

Public Involvement Remarks

The Summit County Engineer conducted various public involvement activities for the project, including a press release and a website posting that explained the proposed improvements. No public comments were received from the public involvement activities. See the public involvement documentation for the project in the Project File/Public Involvement/Project Information subsection.

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Appendix

General

Aerial Map.pdf

USGS Quadrangle Topographical Map.pdf

ESA

District Decision Document - No Further Coordination.pdf

Regulated Materials Review Form.pdf

Cultural Resources

Minimal Potential to Cause Effect - Appendix B

Ecological

ODNR Scenic River MOA Conditions

Other Resources

Census Bureau Urbanized Area Map.pdf

Section 6(f)

LWCF Grant Listing.pdf

Environmental Justice

Census Mapping.pdf

Public Involvement

No Public Comments Received Email.pdf

Press Release.pdf

Project Website Snapshot - Press Release Dated 7-14-2023.pdf

Property Owner Notification Letter - Right of Entry.pdf

Permits

FEMA FIRM.pdf