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Environmental Document for **WOO TR 98 0.74 Brim Rd SUP PID 117184** **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

Project Information

PID: 117184
Project Sponsor: Bowling Green, City of
ODOT District: 2
Funding Source: Federal

C2 Section

Project Description:

The City of Bowling Green is currently proposing a project to construct a shared use path in Bowling Green from Bowling Green High School to Van Camp Rd and along Van Camp Rd Brim Road (USBR-25) in Wood County for safety reasons. This project will include high visibility crosswalk markings, advance placement yield markings and signs, and detectable warning surfaces at each intersection. Permanent right of way will be acquired from 9 commercial properties and 1 agricultural property. This project does not include impacts to floodplains, therefore no floodplain permits are required. This project does include impacts to (aquatic resource), therefore a US Army Corps of Engineers permit is required. There will be no impacts to any ecological or historically significant resources. Construction is expected to begin in the summer of 2026 and last approximately 90 days. During construction, one lane of traffic will be maintained at all times.

This document was approved based on Stage 2 Plans.

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

Ellis STIP Details

Phase	Current STIP Reference
ENV	117184: 24-27 STIP
RW	117184: 24-27 STIP
CO	117184: 24-27 STIP
DD	117184: 24-27 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**



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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.

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:	Present; No Coast Guard, Individual 404, and/or Section 10 Permit required
Waterways Permit Type:	Nationwide Permit
Waterways Permit Approval Date	08/30/2024
Isolated Wetland Permit	No
Will any wetlands be impacted?	No

The identified Federally Listed Species for the project received an effect determination of No Effect.

Endangered Species Remarks:

There will be no impacts to any ecologically significant resources.



Scenic Rivers

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

Scenic Rivers Remarks

The project is not located within 1000 feet of a Scenic River.

Floodplains

100-Year Floodplain:

No Encroachment Within a Special
Flood Hazard Area (SFHA)

Floodplain Remarks

The project is not located within a regulated floodplain. No coordination is required.

Section 4(f)

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Not present

Section 4(f) Remarks

There are no recreational properties within the project limits.

Section 6(f)

Section 6(f):

Not present

Cultural Resources

Cultural Resources:

Present; No Finding of Adverse
Effect

Cultural Resources Coordination:

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

05/10/2024

Cultural Resources Remarks



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The undertaking is limited to the construction of a ten-foot (or possibly 11-foot) paved multi-use path and pedestrian amenities including ADA ramps and crosswalk improvements on the northern outskirts of Bowling Green, Wood County, Ohio. The path is designed to provide better access to the Bowling Green High School property from housing complexes in that part of the City. Approximately 4800 feet of path will be constructed along the east side Brim Road, 1200 feet of path on the south side of Van Camp Road, and 4500 feet of path across industrial and school property west of Fairview Avenue will be constructed. Most areas have been previously disturbed by underground utilities, parking lots, landscaping, and other forms of development. No buildings will be involved in construction and no relocations will be required.

The literature search determined there are no inventoried buildings (OHI) or known archaeological sites (OAI) in the study area. Most of the area was once very poorly drained swampland. Scattered prehistoric sites are known in the general area but only coincide with relict Pleistocene islands composed of well-drained sandy soil. The closest prehistoric site, 33WO410, is about a mile from the area of potential effects (APE). As a result, no listed or eligible historic properties are found in the project area or area of potential effects (APE). Due to the previous disturbance and the absence of recorded resources, no further cultural resource survey was conducted. It has been determined the Brim Road multi-use path project is exempt from further cultural resource consideration by the 6/29/23 Cultural Resource PA (Agreement 38503) due to the nature of the work. In addition, no new permanent right-of-way from a historic property will be acquired and no contributing element of any historic district will be removed or altered by construction.

Tribal Consultation Summary/Remarks:

The Miami Tribe of Oklahoma was notified of the project on May 10, 2024.

Environmental Resources Considered

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

Regulated Materials

Farmland

Air Remarks

This project is an Exempt Project per 40-CFR 93.126 (Exempt Project/Air Quality: Bicycle and pedestrian facilities). No air quality analysis is required.

Noise Remarks

The project does not qualify as a Type I project for noise (i.e., not adding capacity, not moving thru travel lanes equal to or greater than 50% closer to noise sensitive areas) and a noise analysis is not required for the project under 23 CFR 772.

**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:

08/26/2024

Regulated Materials Review Remarks:

A RMR Screening was completed, and the decision that no further studies were needed was made on August 26, 2024.

Farmland:

Non-Urbanized Area; No Impacts in
Accordance With the Farmland
MOU, 7 CFR 658, and ORC 929.05



Environmental Justice

Projects that meet C2 criteria must be in accordance with ODOT's EJ Guidance and activities conducted 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
391730216005	33	37

Environmental Justice Remarks

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.

Public Involvement

Public Involvement:

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

Public Involvement Remarks

There will be no closures or detours for this project, so no public involvement is required.

Environmental Commitments

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Yes



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- 1) LPA will adhere to all appropriate Waterway Permit conditions throughout construction.



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Appendix

General

Aerial Map.pdf

USGS Quadrangle Topographical Map.pdf

Cultural Resources

Minimal Potential to Cause Effect - Appendix B

Records Check.docx

Tribal Comments - Miami Tribe.pdf

Ecological

ODNR Scenic River MOA Conditions

USFWS/ODNR Ecological MOA Conditions

Permits

FEMA FIRM.pdf