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Environmental Document

for

WOO E. Water St Bridge Replacmnt PID 116054

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: 116054
Project Sponsor: North Baltimore, Village of
ODOT District: 2
Funding Source: Federal

C2 Section

Project Description:

The Village of North Baltimore is currently proposing to replace the East Water St Bridge over Rocky Ford Creek in North Baltimore due to poor bridge conditions. The structure is currently closed to traffic due to safety concerns. All work is within the existing right of way and there will be no impacts to utilities. This project is located within a special flood hazard area. The local floodplain administrator determined that a floodplain permit will not be required. Impacts to Rocky Ford Creek have been coordinated with the appropriate agencies and a USACE permit will be required. There will be no impacts to any historically significant resources. Construction is expected to begin in the summer of 2025 and last approximately 120 days. Access to private property will be maintained.

This document was approved based on Stage 1 plans.

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

Ellis STIP Details

Phase	Current STIP Reference
CO	116054: 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:

(28) Bridge rehabilitation, reconstruction, or replacement or the construction of grade separation to replace existing at-grade railroad crossings, if the actions meet the constraints in 23 CFR 771.117(e). *Examples include: Railroad projects that close or relocate at-grade crossings*

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*



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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: Permit Determination and/or Permit Application Approval Pending

Isolated Wetland Permit No

Will any wetlands be impacted? No

The following Federally Listed Species received an effect determination of May Affect, Not Likely to Adversely Affect:

Species Common Name	Species Scientific Name	Listing Status	Most Recent Coordination Date
Indiana Bat	<i>Myotis sodalis</i>	Endangered	10/05/2023
Northern Long-eared Bat	<i>Myotis septentrionalis</i>	Endangered	10/05/2023
Tricolored Bat	<i>Perimyotis subflavus</i>	Proposed Endangered	10/05/2023

The following Federally Listed Species received an effect determination of No Effect:

Species Common Name	Species Scientific Name	Listing Status	Most Recent Coordination Date
Bald Eagle	<i>Haliaeetus leucocephalus</i>	Species of Concern	10/05/2023

Endangered Species Remarks:

There are no impacts to any other listed species or their habitat.



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Scenic Rivers

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

Scenic Rivers Remarks

The work will not occur within 1,000ft of a scenic river

Floodplains

100-Year Floodplain:

Encroachment Within the SFHA is a
Functionally Dependent Use

EO 11988 Compliance Met

Yes

NFIP Coordination and Documentation Completed

Yes

NFIP Local Floodplain Coordinator Notification Date:

03/29/2024

Floodplain Remarks

The local floodplain administrator determined that a floodplain permit will not be required.

Section 4(f)

Section 4(f):

Not present

Section 4(f) Remarks

There are no recreational properties within the project area.

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
Appendix A

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

11/09/2023

Cultural Resources Remarks

A Cultural Resources Records Check was performed by district environmental staff using the SHPO GIS online database. No Cultural Resources listed on or determined eligible for listing on the National Register of Historic Places were identified within and/or immediately adjacent to the proposed project area. The undertaking is a type which has minimal potential to cause effects to historic properties in accordance with Appendix A of the Section 106 Programmatic Agreement and therefore, no further coordination is required. The Record Check can be found in the Project File Under Cultural Resources/Project Information.



Environmental Resources Considered

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

Regulated Materials

Air Remarks

N/A

Noise Remarks

N/A

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

Yes - OEPA 513 Landfill
Authorization Required

Regulated Materials Review Remarks:

Mannik & Smith performed a RMR Screening and OES determined that an RMR investigation was necessary. Since this project was located so close to a historic/private landfill, a 513 authorization was required prior to doing the borings for the investigation. After the investigation was submitted by Mannik & Smith, OES determined that no further studies or authorizations were required.

Landfill Remarks (OEPA 513 Authorization):

A 513 authorization was required for the borings for the RMR investigation. Once complete, the results indicated that no further studies were necessary and an additional 513 authorization for the bridge work was not required.

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
39170224002	5	34

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



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No comments were made during the 30-day comment period

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- 1) Ensure impacts to the federally listed and protected Indiana bat and northern long-eared bat are avoided and minimized. Do not remove trees from April 1 through September 30. Perform all necessary tree removal from October 1 through March 31. Demarcate clearing limits in the field to avoid any unauthorized tree clearing. For the purposes 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.
- 2) Do not place any temporary or permanent fill within the jurisdictional boundaries (below the OHWM) of all streams, wetlands, and jurisdictional ditches during construction of this project, including scaffolding or bracing. Do not place any equipment within the jurisdictional boundary of any waterway. If debris enters the waterway during construction, remove the debris immediately using equipment staged outside the jurisdictional boundary.



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Approvals & Electronic Signatures

Approved & Electronically Signed By:	Approval Date:
Allie Baker (ENV SPEC 2)	8/19/2024



Appendix

General

Aerial Map.pdf

County Map.pdf

USGS Quadrangle Topographical Map.pdf

RMR

Environmental Database Search Results.pdf

OES Review - RMR Investigation.pdf

OES Review - Screening.pdf

Ecological

ODNR Scenic River MOA Conditions

USFWS/ODNR Ecological MOA Conditions

Environmental Justice

Census Mapping.pdf

Permits

Coordination with Local Floodplain Administrator.pdf

FEMA FIRM.pdf

Statement of Findings.pdf