



# OHIO DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

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## **Environmental Document**

for

## **CUY IR 090 19.77/VAR Ramps PID 119642**

**Environmental Document Level: C2**

**Approved: 1/23/2024**

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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:** 119642  
**Project Sponsor:** ODOT SPONSORING AGENCY  
**ODOT District:** 12  
**Funding Source:** Federal

**C2 Section**

**Project Description:**

Reconstruct 3 ramps along IR-480 at Ridge Road and IR-90 at East 55th Street in the Cities of Cleveland and Brooklyn.

No permanent or temporary right-of-way is required for this project. All work within existing r/w. Utility impacts are unlikely.

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

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

A Cultural Resources Records Check was performed by district environmental staff Corey Czinger, Environmental Specialist 2, using the SHPO Records Request via email. Records check show one (1) Phase I Cultural Resources Management Investigations (PSA: CU21797) for the Shoreline Storage Tunnel Sewer (ORACLE No. 1536) located in the City of Cleveland, Cuyahoga County, Ohio, within the Study Area. No cultural resources impacts anticipated.

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 Minimal Potential to Cause Effect - Appendix A of the Section 106 Programmatic Agreement. No further coordination is required. The Records Check can be found in the Project File Under Cultural Resources/Project Information. District approval date 01/22/24.

Regulated Materials Review Screening was prepared by Corey Czinger, Environmental Specialist 2. Based on findings, no further Regulated Materials Review is required. Corey Czinger, Environmental Specialist 2, approved Regulated Materials Review on 01/17/2024.

No other environmental, Section 4(f)/6(f), or environmental justice impacts will result from this project.

Property Owner Notification Letters were sent out on 11/06/2023. One comment was received from the City of Cleveland asking for more project details; ODOT responded 01/17/2024. ODOT has decided to proceed with the project as currently designed.

Construction: \$2,500,000.00: 90% federal and 10% state.

The environmental documentation and associated studies are being approved based on preliminary plans.

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

**Ellis STIP Details**

Phase	Current STIP Reference
ENV	119642: 24-27 STIP



Phase	Current STIP Reference
CO	119642: 24-27 STIP
DD	

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.

**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

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

**Endangered Species Remarks:** No endangered species will be affected.

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

### Scenic Rivers Remarks

No scenic river in project area.

## Floodplains

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

### Floodplain Remarks

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

## Section 4(f)

**Section 4(f):** Not present

### Section 4(f) Remarks

No Section 4(f) impacts.

## 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** 01/22/2024

### Cultural Resources Remarks



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**Environmental Resources Considered**

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

Noise

Regulated Materials

**Air Remarks**

No Air Quality impacts.

**Noise:** Studies Not Required

**Noise - Coordination with OES** No

**Noise Remarks**

No Noise impacts. District approval ##/##/2024.

**The project involves ROW acquisition, Deep Excavation, or OEPA 513 Landfill Authorization:** No

**Hazardous Materials - OES Approval Date:** 01/17/2024

**Regulated Materials Review Remarks:**

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**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
390351082011	66	75
390351371033	55	54
390351065004	66	98



### **Environmental Justice Remarks**

Based on mapping from TIMS, the minority populations are 55% to 66% for the US Census Block Groups located within the project area and 54% to 98% of the population is designated as low income.

The proposed project will have no disproportionately high and adverse effects to minority or low-income populations or disparate impacts 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, DOT Order 5610.2(a), and FHWA Order 6640.23A, no further analysis is required.

Based on the above findings an Environmental Justice Analysis Report (EJAR) is not required.

The Census mapping may be found in the Project File under Environmental Justice.

### **Public Involvement**

#### **Public Involvement:**

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

### **Public Involvement Remarks**

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### **Environmental Commitments**

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**Form Preparer**

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### Approvals & Electronic Signatures

Approved & Electronically Signed By:	Approval Date:
Mark Carpenter (TRANS ENGR 3)	1/23/2024



## **Appendix**

### **General**

Aerial Map IR-480 at Ridge Road.pdf

Aerial Map IR-90 at East 55th Street.pdf

Aerial Map TIMS.pdf

County Map IR-480 at Ridge Road.pdf

County Map IR-90 at East 55th Street.pdf

USGS Quadrangle Topographical Map IR-480 at Ridge Road.pdf

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### **Ecological**

ODNR Scenic River MOA Conditions

### **Environmental Justice**

Census Mapping.pdf

### **Public Involvement**

Property Owner Notification Letter - EB Exit at E. 55th St..pdf

Property Owner Notification Letter - EB Exit at Ridge Rd..pdf

Property Owner Notification Letter - WB Exit at Ridge Road.pdf

Response to Public Comments.pdf

### **Permits**

FEMA FIRM.pdf