



# OHIO DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

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## **Environmental Document**

for

### **SUM IR 0076 12.03 PID 116820**

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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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<b>PID:</b>	116820
<b>Project Sponsor:</b>	DISTRICT 4-ENGINEERING
<b>ODOT District:</b>	4
<b>Funding Source:</b>	Federal
<b>Project Description:</b>	



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The Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT) proposes concrete pavement repairs on Interstate Route (IR) 76 and minor maintenance on 10 bridges in a highly urbanized area in the cities of Akron and Tallmadge and Springfield Township, Summit County. The project is located along 5.95 miles of IR 76 and ramps from west of South Arlington Street to the Summit County/Portage County Line northeast of Southeast Avenue. The purpose of the project is to improve the pavement condition for a smoother driving surface and fix bridges that are deteriorating based on annual bridge inspections. The specific location of various concrete pavement repairs and the proposed bridge maintenance activities are described in the plans in the Project File. Additional proposed miscellaneous improvements include concrete pavement diamond grinding, sign replacements, underdrain repairs, raised pavement marker replacements and edge line/lane line/channelizing line pavement marking applications. Mapping that depicts the project location on a topographic, aerial and county map are included in the Project File/General/Project Information subsection.

A minimum of one lane in each direction will be maintained during the pavement repairs in construction. Pavement repairs on ramps will involve weekend ramp closures. Construction lane restrictions/reductions and weekend ramp closures/detours information will be posted within the project construction limits prior to the start of and during project construction. Substantial traffic disruptions are not expected during project construction.

Based on the project scope of work, its Path 1 designation and the proposed maintenance of traffic measures, emergency/public services were not notified regarding the project impacts.

The project will be constructed within the existing highway right-of-way.

Existing utilities within the project study area will not be impacted/relocated to construct the project.

A Cultural Resources Records Check was performed by ODOT 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 that has minimal potential to cause effects to historic properties. No further coordination is required in accordance with the Section 106 Programmatic Agreement. In accordance with Stipulation V(C)(1) and Appendix A of the Section 106 Programmatic Agreement executed on June 29, 2023 (Agreement No. 38503), ODOT 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. See the cultural resources documentation for the project in the Project File/Cultural Resources/Project Information subsection and the Cultural Resources Tab.

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/Reports subsection.

This project is considered ecologically exempt under the Ecological MOA (Agreement 19394). See the ecological documentation for the project in the Project File/Ecological/Reports subsection and the Ecological tab.

ODOT District 4 Environmental Section personnel reviewed the FEMA FIRM mapping for the project study area and found some of the proposed construction activities are located within a designated Special Flood Hazard Area (SFHA) floodplain, Zone A and Zone AE with Floodway. However, the proposed structure work within these zones does not change the existing alignment, grade or hydraulic capacity of the stream and is considered exempt from floodplain requirements within a SFHA. Floodplain coordination is not required for the project. See the floodplain mapping and documentation for the project in the Project File/Permits/Floodplains subsection.

The project will not impact any environmentally sensitive resources within the project study area.

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

The estimated total project cost specified in Ellis is 2.00% greater than the total project cost specified in the ODOT State Fiscal Years 2024 - 2027 Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP). However, fiscal constraint is at the Statewide Line Item (SLI) Group level. Therefore, an individual project utilizing a SLI does not require a STIP/TIP amendment.

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

**Yes**

**Ellis STIP Details**

Phase	Current STIP Reference
CO	116820: 24-27 STIP
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**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 A

Cultural Resources Coordination Date:

07/09/2024

Since no Tribe was interested in this project based on their customized preferences, no further Tribal consultation was conducted.

Supporting documentation has been uploaded to Project File:

Yes

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

(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.***

(22) Projects, as defined in 23 U.S.C. 101 that would take place entirely within the existing operational right-of-way. Existing operational right-of-way refers to right-of-way that has been disturbed for an existing transportation facility or is maintained for a transportation purpose. This area includes the features associated with the physical footprint of the transportation facility (including the roadway, bridges, interchanges, culverts, drainage, fixed guideways, mitigation areas, etc.) and other areas maintained for transportation purposes such as clear zone, traffic control signage, landscaping, any rest areas with direct access to a controlled access highway, areas maintained for safety and security of a transportation facility, parking facilities with direct access to an existing transportation facility, transit power substations, transit venting structures, and transit maintenance facilities. Portions of the right-of-way that have not been disturbed or that are not maintained for transportation purposes are not in the existing operational right-of-way. ***Examples include: Tower lighting within the existing operational right-of-way; Guardrail installation and replacement (including median cable barriers) where roadway ditches and backslopes will not be relocated; Improvements to existing ODOT/County maintenance facilities; Construction of new ODOT/County maintenance facilities within existing operational right-of-way; Environmental mitigation activities within existing operational right-of-way; Work on pedestrian and vehicle transfer structures and associated utilities, buildings, and terminals within existing operational right-of-way; Construction of alternative energy facilities (fuel tank farms, wind turbines, etc.)***

Environmental Commitments:

No



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## **Appendix**

### **General**

Aerial Map.pdf

County Map.pdf

USGS Quadrangle Topographical Map.pdf

### **Ecological**

ODNR Scenic River MOA Conditions

### **Permits**

District Determination - No Floodplain Impacts.pdf

FEMA FIRM.pdf