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Environmental Document

for

ATB SR 84/531 11.99/7.52 PID 113041

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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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PID: 113041
Project Sponsor: DISTRICT 4-PLANNING
ODOT District: 4
Funding Source: Federal

Project Description:

ODOT District 4 proposes roadway maintenance activities on 1.43 miles of SR 84 and 2.47 miles of SR 531 in the City of Ashtabula in an urbanized setting in northern Ashtabula County. The project limits on SR 84 are between West 48th Street and Ashtabula-Austinburg Road. The project limits on SR 531 are between the Ashtabula western city limit and Maruba Road. Proposed improvements include pavement planing, partial and full depth pavement repairs as needed, pavement resurfacing, aggregate shoulder grading, casting adjustments, curb ramp and abutting sidewalk replacement if needed for grading, and various 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.

Traffic flow will be maintained during project construction. In two-lane roadway sections, a minimum of one ten-foot bidirectional lane will be maintained. If the road has three lanes or more, then a minimum of one ten-foot lane in each direction will be maintained. Road closures and detours are not proposed to construct the project. Construction and lane restriction/reduction information will be posted within the project construction limits prior to the start of project construction. Access shall be maintained to all adjacent properties, businesses and intersecting side streets during project construction. Substantial traffic disruptions are not expected during project construction.

Based on the project scope of work, its Path 1 Project Development Process (PDP) Classification and the proposed maintenance of traffic measures, emergency/public services contact activities were not conducted for the project.

The project will be constructed within the existing roadway rights-of-way.

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

The project crosses Ashtabula Harbour Commercial Historic District, which is listed on the National Register of Historic Places (NRHP) on SR 531 with the work described above being proposed, except there will be no aggregate shoulder grading within the limits of the Historic District. Features will be replaced with in-kind features, such as asphalt to asphalt and concrete to concrete. Impacts to the existing brick pavement and crosswalk on Goodwill Drive and Hulbert Avenue adjacent to SR 531 in the Ashtabula Harbour Commercial Historic District will be avoided to the maximum extent practicable. Any impacted brick must be restored to its current use/condition.

The Ashtabula County Historical Society was contacted regarding the proposed activities in the Historic District on 10/25/2023. No response was received.

The NRHP-listed SR 531 bascule lift bridge over the Ashtabula River is nearby, but no work will take place on the bridge.

Based on the limited scope of the undertaking, the results of the Section 106 Records Check, and the setting of the project, the undertaking has minimal potential to cause effects, and no further investigations are warranted. See the cultural resources documentation for the project in the Project File/Cultural Resources/Project Information subsection and the Cultural Resources tab.



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The Regulated Materials Review (RMR) Form completed for the project indicated that 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 on the Ecological tab.

ODOT District 4 Environmental Section personnel 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.

The project will not impact any environmentally sensitive resources within the project study areas. 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/Final Plans.pdf.

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

Ellis STIP Details

| Phase | Current STIP Reference |
|-------|------------------------|
| CO | 113041: 24-27 STIP |
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| DD | On Previous STIP |

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 B

Cultural Resources Coordination Date: 11/16/2023

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):

(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**



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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:

Yes



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1) The Project Designer will add a plan note stating that impacts to the existing brick pavement and crosswalk on Goodwill Drive and Hulbert Avenue adjacent to SR 531 in the Ashtabula Harbour Commercial Historic District will be avoided to the maximum extent practicable and any impacted brick must be restored to its current use/condition.



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Appendix

General

Aerial Map.pdf

County Map.pdf

USGS Quadrangle Topographical Map.pdf

ESA

Regulated Materials Review Form.pdf

Cultural Resources

Minimal Potential to Cause Effect - Appendix B

Ecological

ODNR Scenic River MOA Conditions

Section 4(f)

OES Cultural Resources 4(f) Determination.pdf

Public Involvement

Stakeholder Notification ATB County Historical Society.pdf

Permits

FEMA FIRM.pdf