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Environmental Document for **SAN SR 19 2.72 Slide Repair PID 119896** **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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Project Information

PID: 119896
Project Sponsor: DISTRICT 2 ENGINEERING
ODOT District: 2
Funding Source: Federal

C2 Section

Project Description:

The Ohio Department of Transportation is currently proposing to complete a slide repair on SR-19 at SLM 2.72 in Sandusky County due to deteriorating embankment conditions. Permanent right of way will be required from 1 parcel (wooded area west of SR-19). There will be impacts to a category 2 wetland and approximately 0.5 acre of trees will need to be removed. A USACE permit will be acquired for the wetland impacts and all trees will be cut during the winter cutting dates. This project is located within a special flood hazard area but there will be no impacts to the floodplain. There is minimal potential to cause adverse effects to any historical resources. Construction is expected to begin in the summer of 2026 and last approximately 90 days. During construction, State Route 19 will be detoured. All impacted residents, public safety agencies, and schools have been notified of the closure. Access to private properties 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	
CO	119896: 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 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,**



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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? Yes

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	01/03/2025
Northern Long-eared Bat	<i>Myotis septentrionalis</i>	Endangered	01/03/2025
Tricolored Bat	<i>Perimyotis subflavus</i>	Proposed Endangered	01/03/2025

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	01/03/2025



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Species Common Name	Species Scientific Name	Listing Status	Most Recent Coordination Date
Eastern Massasauga	Sistrurus catenatus	Threatened	01/03/2025
Eastern Prairie Fringed Orchid	Platanthera leucophaea	Threatened	01/03/2025
Piping Plover	Charadrius melodus	Endangered	01/03/2025
Rufa Red Knot	Calidris canutus rufa	Threatened	01/03/2025

Endangered Species Remarks:

All suitable wooded habitat for the 3 bat species listed above will be cut during the winter cutting dates to eliminate impacts to those species.

Scenic Rivers

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

Scenic Rivers Remarks

this project is not located within 1000 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:

12/04/2024

Floodplain Remarks

All NFIP and EO 11988 requirements have been met and are included in the project file under Permits/Floodplains.

Section 4(f)

Section 4(f):

Not present

Section 4(f) Remarks

There are no Section 4f properties within the project area.

Section 6(f)

Section 6(f):

Not present

Cultural Resources

Cultural Resources:

Present; No Finding of Adverse
Effect



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Cultural Resources Coordination:

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

11/18/2024

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 B 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.

Tribal Consultation Summary/Remarks:

no comments or objections were received within the 30-day comment period.

Environmental Resources Considered

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

Regulated Materials

Air Remarks

No further air quality analysis is required for this project.

Noise Remarks

The project does not qualify as a Type I project for noise (i.e. not adding capacity to thru lanes, 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:

11/14/2024

Regulated Materials Review Remarks:

all new right of way and deep excavation is located on exempt properties. No further studies are 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
391439619003	24	65

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

No comments were received during the 30-day comment period.

Environmental Commitments

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Yes



Ecological

Wetlands

ESR Name:	Wetland ID:	Hydrologic connection:	Wetland category:	Estimated total size (ac.):	Total estimated impact area by alternative (ac.):
SAN-19-2.72	Wetland A	Adjacent	Category 2	14.0	0.104

Has an Approved and/or Preliminary Jurisdictional Determination been made by the USACE? No

Total impact to all wetlands (ac.): 0.104

Total acres of non-isolated wetlands impacted: 0.104

Total acres of isolated wetlands impacted: 0

In accordance with Executive Order 11990 - USDOT Order 5660.1A, this Wetland Finding has been prepared to document that wetlands have been avoided to the extent possible to minimize the long and short term adverse impacts associated with the destruction or modification of wetlands, and to document that there are no practicable alternatives to avoid construction in wetlands.

An analysis of the 'Do Nothing' alternative indicates that it is not practicable because (check all that apply):

It Would Not Correct Safety Hazards.

It Would Not Correct Existing Condition and Maintenance Problems.

An analysis of improvements that avoid all wetland impacts indicates that they are not practicable because (check all that apply):

They Will Substantially Increase Project Costs.

They Will Not Meet the Identified Needs of the Project.

Include justification supporting the decisions noted above:

The proposed project would result in minor, long-term impacts to 0.104 acres of Category 2 wetlands. The impacts to the wetland are associated with grading needed to stabilize the slope.

All practicable measures have been considered and incorporated into the project design to avoid, minimize, wetland impacts. The wetland impact minimization measures that will be followed for the project are documented in the environmental commitments for the project. Wetland mitigation for unavoidable impacts will be provided if required by the Clean Water Act or Ohio isolated wetland law, as regulated by the US Army Corps of Engineers and Ohio EPA regulations (33 CFR parts 325 and 332 and 40 CFR part 230, and OAC 3745-01-54), and (ORC 6111.027). No practicable alternatives exist for



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the proposed construction in wetlands, and the proposed action includes all practicable measures to minimize harm to the wetlands that may result from such use.

Remarks:

It has yet to be determined if mitigation will be required. If it is determined that mitigation is required, it will be purchased prior to the issuance of the final permit.



Environmental Commitments

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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) ODOT will obtain all appropriate waterway permits prior to any work within the jurisdictional boundary of any waterway, including wetlands, and all Waterway Permit Special Provisions will be noted under Special Provisions in the plans and adhered to during construction.



Preparers and Approvals

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Approvals & Electronic Signatures

Approved & Electronically Signed By:	Approval Date:
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Appendix

General

Aerial Map.pdf
Correspondence with Emergency and Public Services.pdf
County Map.pdf
USGS Quadrangle Topographical Map.pdf

RMR

Environmental Database Search Results.pdf

Cultural Resources

Minimal Potential to Cause Effect - Appendix B

Ecological

ODNR Comments
ODNR Scenic River MOA Conditions
USFWS/ODNR Ecological MOA Conditions

Environmental Justice

Census Mapping.pdf

Public Involvement

Property Owner Notification Letter.pdf
Public Notification Mailing List.pdf

Permits

District Determination - No Floodplain Impacts.pdf
FEMA FIRM.pdf
Statement of Findings.pdf