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Environmental Document for **OTT SR 357 2.30 Repair PID 119897** **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: 119897
Project Sponsor: DISTRICT 2 ENGINEERING
ODOT District: 2
Funding Source: Federal

C2 Section

Project Description:

This project includes the construction of a break wall type structure in Lake Erie, replacement of drainage features, and reconstruction of State Route 357 to prevent further erosion and correct damage to State Route 357 on South Bass Island. This project is within the roadway right of way with the exception of the portion within Lake Erie. The work that will occur within Lake Erie will require a Submerged Land Lease from the ODNR. There will be no impacts to any utilities. Other permits that will be required are a Section 404 permit from the USACE and a Shore Structure Permit from the ODNR, both of which are currently under review at the appropriate agencies. There will be no adverse impacts to any listed species or their habitat due to this project. There is minimal potential for any adverse impacts to any historical resources. Construction is expected to begin in the summer of 2026 and last approximately 45 days. During construction, access to all local residences and businesses will be maintained.

This env document was written and 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	119897: 24-27 STIP
CO	119897: 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, 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:

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

Endangered Species Remarks:

This project will not impact any listed species or their habitat.



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 ft 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:

09/05/2024

Floodplain Remarks

The required LD-52 and LD-51 have been completed and sent to the appropriate parties. They are also located in the project file.

Section 4(f)

Section 4(f):

Not present

Section 4(f) Remarks

There are no recreational properties within the project area and none will be impacted by this project.

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**

04/17/2024

Cultural Resources Remarks

In accordance with Stipulation V(C)(1) and Appendix A of the Section 106 Programmatic Agreement executed on November 8, 2017 (Agreement No. 19319), amended on July 11, 2019, ODOT-OES has determined that the proposed 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.

Environmental Resources Considered



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

Regulated Materials

Air Remarks

No air studies are required for this project

Noise Remarks

No noise studies are required for this project.

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

Hazardous Materials - OES Approval Date: 04/17/2024

Regulated Materials Review Remarks:

There is no permanent right of way or deep excavation required for this project. This project is not located within 300 ft of a landfill. 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
391230501001	4	23

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

Minimum PI requirements were met and no comments or objections were received.



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- 1) Ohio Department of Transportation will obtain a Shore Structure Permit from the Ohio Department of Natural Resources prior to plan file
- 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.
- 3) Maintain safe public access to Scheeff East Point Nature Preserve at all times during construction activities via flagging operations, a detour, or both approved by the Project Engineer
- 4) A plan note to salvage and reuse as many of the painted concrete blocks within the existing break wall shall be included in the final design.



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Approvals & Electronic Signatures

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Appendix

General

Aerial Map.pdf

USGS Quadrangle Topographical Map.pdf

Cultural Resources

Records Check.docx

Ecological

ODNR Concurrence - Coastal Consistency.pdf

ODNR Scenic River MOA Conditions

USFWS/ODNR Ecological MOA Conditions

Environmental Justice

Census Mapping.pdf

Permits

FEMA FIRM.pdf

Floodplain Impacts.pdf

Statement of Findings.pdf