



# OHIO DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

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## **Environmental Document**

for

## **CUY Memorial Bridges Loop Trail PID 120754**

**Environmental Document Level: C1**

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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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**C1**

**PID:** 120754  
**Project Sponsor:** Cleveland, City of  
**ODOT District:** 12  
**Funding Source:** Federal

**Project Description:**

The proposed project involves the creation of a multi-use path on Huron Rd and Ontario Ave (US-422) from Superior Ave to Eagle Ave in the City of Cleveland in Cuyahoga County.

Mapping that depicts the project location and limits are the County Map and Aerial map. Mapping is included in the Project File/General/Project Information subsection.

The project will be constructed within the existing right-of-way, no permanent or temporary right-of-way acquisition are proposed for this project. There is no anticipated relocation of existing utilities within the project study area.

A Cultural Resources Records Check was performed by district environmental staff Corey Czinger, Environmental Specialist 3, using the online OSHPO ArcMap Resource Map. One (1) record was found within the project area; HPSA - Historic Surveys: H00039. Two (2) records were found adjacent to the project area; NR Boundary: Euclid Avenue Historic District (+Boundary Increase) and HPSA - Historic Surveys: H00071. 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 08/19/24.

ODOT reviewed the RMR Screening on August 19, 2024, a determination was made that no further RMR or special material management is warranted for the project. The proposed project will not require deep excavation during construction. The RMR documentation for the project can be found in the Project File/RMR/Reports subsection.

Based on a consideration and ecological review, the project does not have the potential to impact ecological resources regulated under the Section 404 or 401 of the Clean Water Act, Section 7 of the Endangered Species Act, or the Fish and Wildlife Coordination Act, and should not result in any activities that violate ORC Chapters 1518 and 1531, or Section 1533.324. This project is considered Ecologically Exempt under the Ecological MOA (Agreement 19394). No work in streams, wetlands, or pollinator initiative sites. No tree removal.

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

The project area is not located in a floodplain. This C1-level creation of a multi-use path has such a remote chance of affecting base food elevation that it is excluded from analysis.

The estimated cost specified in Ellis equals the total cost specified in the ODOT's State Fiscal Year 2024-2027 Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP). Funding supporting the project (\$1,663,200.00) 80% federal and 20% local for construction.

The C1 environmental document and associated studies, as appropriate, are being approved using Schematic Plan. A copy of the plans is included in the Project File/General/Project Information/Schematic Plans.

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

**Ellis STIP Details**

Phase	Current STIP Reference
CO	120754: 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: 08/19/2024

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):

(3) Construction of bicycle and pedestrian lanes, paths, and facilities. *Examples include: Walkways, sidewalks, shared-use paths, and facilities, small passenger shelters, (i.e. construction of a bike path on an existing railroad bed, designations of certain highways as bike routes, painting of existing paved shoulders as bike lanes, ADA ramps, etc.) provided that no new disturbance will occur.*

(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: Yes



## **Environmental Commitments**

### **C1**

- 1) The City of Cleveland shall continue to conduct Public Involvement activities and will continue to respond to public comments.
- 2) All work to be within existing right-of-way.
- 3) No work performed in streams, wetlands, or Pollinator Initiatives sites.
- 4) No tree removal.



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## **Appendix**

### **General**

Aerial Map.pdf

County Map.pdf

### **Cultural Resources**

Records Check.pdf

### **Ecological**

ODNR Scenic River MOA Conditions