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Environmental Document

for

SEN SR 53 9.8 Pavement & Safety PID 120415

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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:	120415
Project Sponsor:	TIFFIN
ODOT District:	2
Funding Source:	Federal

C2 Section

Project Description:

In collaboration with ODOT, the City of Tiffin proposes a roadway improvement project in Tiffin, Seneca County, Ohio. The proposed project will involve full-depth pavement reconstruction of North Sandusky Street (State Route 53) from Hall Street to Tomb Street, including striping, signage upgrades, and structure adjustments. Additionally, North Sandusky Street will be resurfaced between Tomb Street and Rita Lane. The project will also involve improvements to the intersection of North Sandusky Street, North Washington Street, and East and West Davis Streets, including upgrading existing signal equipment, providing pedestrian push buttons, and optimizing signal phasing and timing.

This project will require no new right-of-way. Property takes/relocation are not required to construct the project. No deep excavation will be required. The current estimated project cost, including construction is \$2,592,789 with an anticipated award date in 2025.

Coordination with ODOT Office of Environmental Services (OES) was completed to review the Regulated Materials Review (RMR) Screening. On August 19, 2024, ODOT-OES determined that no further RMR or special material management is warranted for this project.

ODOT environmental staff conducted a literature search, and on August 27, 2024, in accordance with Stipulation V(C)(1) and Appendix B of the Section 106 Programmatic Agreement executed on June 29, 2023 (Agreement No. 38503), ODOT-OES determined that the proposed project has 'minimal potential to cause effects to historic properties.'

No water resources or endangered species habitat was identified within the project area; therefore, no impacts are anticipated to these resources.

Property owner notification letters describing the project and the proposed detours were sent on October 3, 2024. Additionally, local schools, hospitals, and EMS were notified of this project and the detours on October 3, 2024. The public was invited to comment on the project until November 6, 2024. One question was received regarding maintenance of access to a business, and the City of Tiffin provided a response. A copy of the letters, local detour mapping, mailing lists, and comment are included in the project file.

The work will be completed in six phases to expedite construction, minimize disruption to adjacent property owners and businesses, and provide a safe work zone for the contractor. Only one phase of work will be completed at a time. A minimum of one lane of traffic and pedestrian access will be maintained through the construction zone at all times. Additionally, local and out of town detours will be maintained throughout the duration of construction. Local detours are provided in the Detour Mapping in the project file. The out-of-town detour will utilize State Route 18, State Route 635, and State Route 12. Prior to construction, advanced notification will be provided to inform roadway users of the anticipated dates of construction. Construction is expected to begin in April 2026 and require up to eight (8) months to construct (December 2026).

The NEPA document and associated studies are being approved using Stage 1 engineering design plans. A copy of the plans can be found in the project file.



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

Yes

Ellis STIP Details

Phase	Current STIP Reference
ENV	120415: 24-27 STIP
CO	120415: 24-27 STIP
DD	120415: 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.



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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? No

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

Endangered Species Remarks:

The following identified Federally Listed Species for the project received an effect determination of No Effect on August 19, 2024:

- Indiana bat (*Myotis sodalis*)
- northern long-eared bat (*Myotis septentrionalis*)
- tricolored bat (*Perimyotis subflavus*)
- bald eagle (*Haliaeetus leucocephalus*)

Scenic Rivers

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

Scenic Rivers Remarks

No Wild or Scenic Rivers exist within 1,000 feet of the project area; therefore, no impacts are expected to occur.

Floodplains

100-Year Floodplain: No Encroachment Within a Special
Flood Hazard Area (SFHA)

Floodplain Remarks

No special flood hazard areas are located within the project area; therefore, no impacts are expected to occur.

Section 4(f)

Section 4(f): Present; No Impacts and/or Access
Restrictions

Section 4(f) Remarks

The proposed project will not restrict access to and/or permanently incorporate land into a transportation facility or temporarily occupy land from any properties protected under Section 4(f). No Section 4(f) coordination is required in accordance with 23 CFR 774 and the OES Section 4(f) Manual.

Section 6(f)

Section 6(f): Not present



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Cultural Resources

Cultural Resources: Present; No Finding of Adverse Effect

Cultural Resources Coordination: Minimum Potential to Cause Effect
Appendix B

Cultural Resources Coordination - ODOT Approval/SHPO 08/27/2024
Concurrence Date

Cultural Resources Remarks

This project involves roadway maintenance and rehabilitation within a historic district. These activities are exempt from further cultural resource consideration by the Section 106 Programmatic Agreement executed on June 29, 2023 (Agreement No. 38503). On August 27, 2024, ODOT-OES determined that the proposed project is a type of undertaking that has 'minimal potential to cause effects' to historic properties and is not part of a larger undertaking.

Tribal Consultation Summary/Remarks:

The Miami Tribe of Oklahoma was notified regarding this project on August 27, 2024. No comment or objection was received from the tribe within 30 days of notification.

Environmental Resources Considered

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

Regulated Materials

Air Remarks

No air studies or coordination are required for this project.

Noise Remarks

No noise studies or coordination is required for this project because the project does not involve constructing a roadway on new alignment, adding capacity, or moving through travel lanes closer to receptors.

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

Hazardous Materials - OES Approval Date: 08/19/2024

Regulated Materials Review Remarks:

An RMR Screening was completed for the proposed project and no further RMR or special material management is warranted for this project.

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
391479633003	8	39
391479634003	0	24
391479634002	13	36
391479635001	4	58
391479635003	5	47

Environmental Justice Remarks

Every effort was made to include all identified groups, including environmental justice populations, in the decision-making process for this project. Based on a review of ODOT's Transportation Information Mapping System (TIMS) on July 29, 2024, environmental justice populations were identified within the proposed project area (see above table). Based on a review of the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) resource locator, no HUD properties were identified within the proposed project area. One HUD property is located adjacent to the proposed project area. A minimum of one lane of traffic will be maintained at all times and pedestrian access will be maintained through the construction zone at all times. The project will not result in any displacements or in any permanent restrictions to access by environmental justice populations.

The proposed project will have no disproportionately high and adverse effects to minority or low-income populations or disparate impacts to a Title VI population based upon the table above and the attached mapping. No concerns related to impacts on environmental justice or Title VI 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 and Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, no further analysis is required. Furthermore, the proposed project will also have no substantial impacts to Limited English Proficiency, Older Adults, or Individuals with Disabilities Populations. No concerns related to impacts on these 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 the Age Rehabilitation Act of 1973, Discrimination Act of 1975, Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, and Executive Order 13166, no further analysis is required. Project notification occurred for environmental justice populations and the general public, including property owner letters (see Project file: Public Involvement/Property Owner Notification Letter.pdf).

Based on the above findings, an EJAR is not required for this project.

TIMS mapping is in the Project File/Environmental Justice/Project Information/Census Mapping.pdf

HUD location mapping for the project is in the Project File/Environmental Justice/Project Information/HUD Mapping.pdf

Public Involvement

Public Involvement:

Minimum PI Requirements Met; No Minor Public or Agency Controversy on Environmental Grounds

Public Involvement Remarks

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- 1) The City of Tiffin will establish and mark local detour routes and accommodate any local special events or festivals, and if necessary, coordinate with local agencies to do so. The general public, schools, and emergency officials will be informed and updated on the project construction details through the use of notification letters, press releases to local media, and/or social media well in advance of the detour(s) and other construction related activities that would cause inconvenience to the traveling public.
- 2) Access to adjacent properties will be maintained at all times during construction.



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Appendix

General

Aerial Map.pdf

County Map.pdf

Detour Mapping.pdf

USGS Quadrangle Topographical Map.pdf

Cultural Resources

Minimal Potential to Cause Effect - Appendix B

Ecological

ODNR Scenic River MOA Conditions

Other Resources

Census Bureau Urbanized Area Map.pdf

Water Source Protection Area Map.pdf

Environmental Justice

Census Mapping.pdf

HUD Mapping.pdf

Public Involvement

Property Owner Notification - Mailing List.pdf

Property Owner Notification Letter.pdf

Public Comment Received and Response - Email.pdf

Stakeholder Contact List.pdf

Stakeholder Notification.pdf

Permits

FEMA FIRM.pdf