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Environmental Document

for

D04 FEN FY2025-26 PID 116287

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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 Sponsor: DISTRICT 4-HMA
ODOT District: 4
Funding Source: Non-Federal
Does this project require a Federal permit or approval? Yes

Project Description:

The Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT) proposes fence installation/replacement and repairs, as warranted, along various Interstate, U.S. and state routes throughout Ashtabula, Mahoning, Portage, Stark, Summit and Trumbull Counties. On highways/roadways with 3 or more lanes, a minimum of one ten-foot lane of traffic in each direction shall be maintained on the existing pavement during project construction. On roadways with 2 lanes, a minimum of one ten-foot bidirectional lane of traffic shall be maintained on the existing pavement during project construction. Road closures and detours are not proposed to construct the project. Lane restrictions/reductions shall not be permitted after normal working hours. The duration of lane closures/restrictions shall be prescribed by the permitted lane closure chart. 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 roads during project construction. Substantial traffic disruptions are not expected during project construction.

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

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

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 has no Federal funding (100% State funded project), however, the project is federalized because the effort involves limited-access interstate routes.

The proposed fence installation/replacement and repair activities will be state-funded, but the project is federalized since the effort involves a limited-access interstate route. The highway changes will require a Federal Highways permit, however, construction efforts will focus on existing limited access and other operational rights-of-way and no additional right-of-way acquisition is anticipated. No buildings will be involved in construction and no relocations will be required. Therefore, in accordance with Stipulation V(C)(1) and Appendix A of the Section 106 Programmatic Agreement executed June 29, 2023 (*Agreement No. 38503*), the D04-FEN-FY2025-26 (PID 116287) project has 'Minimal Potential to Cause Effects' to Historic Properties and is not a part of a larger undertaking. No further coordination is required in accordance with the Section 106 Programmatic Agreement. See additional cultural resources information for the project in the Cultural Resources Tab.

Based on the information in the Regulated Materials Review (RMR) Form completed for the project, 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.

Additionally, this project is considered ecologically exempt under the Ecological MOA (Agreement 19394). See the *Ecologically Exempt D04-FEN-FY2025-26.pdf* for the project in the Project File/Ecological/Reports subsection.

The work proposed by the project is considered roadway maintenance that will not change the alignment, grade or hydraulic capacity of the stream(s) and, therefore, is exempt from the normal permit process required for work encroaching on a special flood hazard area (SFHA). Floodplain coordination is not required for the project. See the floodplains documentation 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 Stage 3 Design plans for the project. A copy of the Stage 3 Design plans for the project is included in the Project File/General/Project Information subsection as *Stage 3 Design.pdf*.

The estimated total project cost specified in Ellis agrees with the total project cost specified in the ODOT State Fiscal Years 2024 - 2027 Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP).



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

Yes

Ellis STIP Details

Phase	Current STIP Reference
CO	116287: 24-27 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 A

Cultural Resources Coordination Date:

03/25/2024

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):

(8) Installation of fencing, signs, pavement markings, small passenger shelters, traffic signals, and railroad warning devices where no substantial land acquisition or traffic disruption will occur. **Examples include: The installation or maintenance of signs, pavement markings/raised pavement markers/sensors, traffic calming activities, and/or new or replacement fencing (right-of-way, vandal, etc.); General pavement marking or "line painting" projects.**

(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



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1) The project designer shall incorporate the following note into the project plans: WETLAND/STREAM AVOIDANCE: NO EXCAVATION, GRADING OR FILLING OPERATIONS WILL BE PERFORMED IN ANY WETLANDS, STREAMS OR OTHER WATERS OF THE UNITED STATES. UNDER NO CIRCUMSTANCES SHALL THE CONTRACTOR STORE EQUIPMENT AND/OR MATERIALS IN ANY WETLANDS, STREAMS OR OTHER WATERS OF THE UNITED STATES.

2) The project designer shall incorporate the following note into the project plans: THE PROJECT IS LOCATED WITHIN THE KNOWN HABITAT RANGES OF THE FEDERALLY LISTED AND PROTECTED INDIANA BAT, NORTHERN LONG-EARED BAT AND TRI-COLORED BAT. TREE TRIMMING/CUTTING IS PERMITTED AS DIRECTED BY THE PROJECT ENGINEER, HOWEVER, NO TREES SHALL BE CUT FOR THE PROJECT FROM APRIL 1 THROUGH SEPTEMBER 30. FOR THE PURPOSE 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.

FURTHER, ANY TREE CUTTING SHALL BE COORDINATED WITH DISTRICT 4 ENVIRONMENTAL SECTION PERSONNEL A MINIMUM OF 30 DAYS PRIOR TO REMOVAL. THESE REQUIREMENTS ARE NECESSARY TO AVOID AND MINIMIZE IMPACTS TO FEDERALLY AND STATE LISTED BAT SPECIES AS REQUIRED BY THE ENDANGERED SPECIES ACT.



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Appendix

General

USGS Quadrangle Topographical Map.pdf

Ecological

ODNR Scenic River MOA Conditions

Permits

District Determination - No Floodplain Impacts.pdf