



OHIO DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

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Environmental Document

for

WOO CR 84 1.45 Pelton Rd Bridge PID 118258

Environmental Document Level: C2

Approved: 5/29/2024

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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: 118258
Project Sponsor: WOOD COUNTY ENGINEER
ODOT District: 2
Funding Source: Federal

C2 Section

Project Description:

The Wood County Engineer is currently proposing to rehabilitate the bridge that carries Pelton Road (CR84B) over the South Branch Portage River in Wood County due to poor bridge conditions. This project is located within the existing right of way. This project is located within a special flood hazard area and a floodplain permit has been obtained. A USACE waterway permit is required for the bridge work and will be obtained prior to construction. It has been 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. All ecological impacts have been coordinated with the appropriate agencies. All general and project specific conditions of the Ecological MOA between ODOT, ODNR, and USFWS have been met (documented in project file). Construction is expected to begin in the summer of 2025 and last approximately 180 days. During construction, one lane of traffic will be maintained at all times with the exception of a 90 day detour required for the bridge work. All impacted property owners, public safety agencies, and schools have been notified of the closure.

This document was written and approved based on stage 1 plans

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

Ellis STIP Details

Phase	Current STIP Reference
ENV	118258: 24-27 STIP
CO	118258: 24-27 STIP
DD	118258: 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:

(28) Bridge rehabilitation, reconstruction, or replacement or the construction of grade separation to replace existing at-grade railroad crossings, if the actions meet the constraints in 23 CFR 771.117(e). **Examples include: Railroad projects that close or relocate at-grade crossings**



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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 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	05/24/2024
Northern Long-eared Bat	<i>Myotis septentrionalis</i>	Endangered	05/24/2024
Tricolored Bat	<i>Perimyotis subflavus</i>	Proposed Endangered	05/24/2024

The following Federally Listed Species received an effect determination of No Effect:



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Species Common Name	Species Scientific Name	Listing Status	Most Recent Coordination Date
Bald Eagle	Haliaeetus leucocephalus	Species of Concern	05/24/2024

Endangered Species Remarks:

All suitable wooded habitat will be cleared during the winter cutting dates. There will be no adverse effects to 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 feet 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:

05/10/2024

Floodplain Remarks

All floodplain coordination and permits have been completed

Section 4(f)

Section 4(f):

Not present

Section 4(f) Remarks

There are no recreational resources within the project area.

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

05/29/2024



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 A 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.

Environmental Resources Considered

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:

All work is within the existing right of way and there is no deep excavation

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
391730222002	35	11

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



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Public Involvement:

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

Public Involvement Remarks

No comments or objections were made during the public comment period.

Environmental Commitments

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Yes



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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) Hire a State permitted malacologist to complete a mussel salvage and relocation in accordance with the most recent version of the Ohio Mussel Survey Protocol prior to the initiation of construction activities below the ordinary high water mark. The mussel survey must occur after May 1 and before October 1 either within the same season as the instream work or the season prior to the instream work. Submit the results of the mussel survey, salvage work, or both to the ODOT District Environmental Coordinator, Phoenix Golnick (phoenix.golnick@dot.ohio.gov). Obtain approval from the Department prior to performing work below ordinary high water mark South Branch Portage River.
- 3) Do not work below the ordinary high water mark of South Branch Portage River, or install, modify, or remove any existing instream fills during the ODNR instream work restriction period of April 15-June 30.
- 4) The Wood County Engineers Office will obtain all appropriate waterway permits prior to any work within the jurisdictional boundary of any waterway, including wetlands, and all applicable waterway permits will be included in the plans and adhered to during construction.



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Approvals & Electronic Signatures

Approved & Electronically Signed By:	Approval Date:
Phoenix Meek (PROGRAM ADMIN 3)	5/29/2024



Appendix

General

Aerial Map.pdf

Correspondence with Emergency and Public Services.pdf

USGS Quadrangle Topographical Map.pdf

Cultural Resources

Records Check.docx

Ecological

ODNR Scenic River MOA Conditions

USFWS/ODNR Ecological MOA Conditions

Environmental Justice

Census Mapping.pdf

Public Involvement

Property Owner Notification Letter.pdf

Permits

FEMA FIRM.pdf

Local Floodplain Administrator Approval.pdf

Statement of Findings.pdf