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## **Environmental Document**

for

### **SUM SR 0261 10.90 (N Main St) PID 112716**

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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:** 112716  
**Project Sponsor:** Akron, City of  
**ODOT District:** 4  
**Funding Source:** Federal

### Project Description:

The city of Akron proposes improvements along the North Main Street/State Route (SR) 261 corridor from Olive Street to Riverside Drive in an urbanized part of Akron's North Hill neighborhood. These proposed improvements include 1.77 miles of resurfacing from the All America (Y) Bridge to the High-Level Bridge, converting the existing 4-lane street with two lanes in each direction and on-street parking to a 3-lane street with one lane in each direction and a center dual left turn lane/dedicated left turn lane and on-street parking, establishing a buffered 5-foot bike lane in each direction and installing four new protected pedestrian crossings. Additional improvements include replacement of water main and services from the All America (Y) Bridge to Bannock Street, removal of the existing traffic signals at East York Street, Frances Avenue and East Mildred Avenue, replacement of the remaining traffic signals, installation of a rapid rectangular flashing beacons (RRFB) at East York Street and East Mildred Avenue, improvement of pedestrian facilities in compliance with Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) standards, reconstruction of driveway aprons, reconnection of storm sewers, reduction of curb return radii at various intersections, applications of pavement markings and planting of street trees.

Mapping that depicts the project location on United States Geological Survey (USGS) 7.5-Minute Topographic Quadrangle Mapping is included in Project File/General/Project Information as USGS Quadrangle Topographical Map.pdf.

Two lanes of traffic in each direction shall be maintained on the existing/completed pavement during project construction. Road closures and detours are not proposed to construct the project. 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 streets during project construction. Substantial traffic disruptions are not expected during project construction.

The project will be constructed within the existing street right-of-way.

Minor relocations of existing utilities within the project study area will be necessary to construct the project. These minor utility relocations will occur within the existing street right-of-way. Utilities will not be permanently removed to construct the project. Coordination with the utility companies affected by the proposed construction activities was conducted for the project during its preliminary engineering phase and will continue during its detailed design phase.

A Cultural Resources Records Check was performed 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. No further coordination is required in accordance with the Section 106 Programmatic Agreement. In accordance with Stipulation V(C)(1) and Appendix A of the Section 106 Programmatic Agreement executed on June 29, 2023 (Agreement No. 38503), ODOT determined the 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. See the cultural resources documentation for the project in the Project File/Cultural Resources/Project Information subsection and the Cultural Resources Tab.

Based on the information in the Regulated Materials Review (RMR) Form completed for the project, special materials management is warranted for several properties in the project study area. Plan notes will be developed to handle, transport and dispose or reuse excess soil from these properties. See the RMR documentation for the project in the Project File/ESA/Reports subsection.

The project will not impact any streams, wetlands or suitable wooded habitat. See the ecologically documentation for the project in the Project File/Ecological/Reports subsection and the EcologicalTab.

ODOT District 4 Environmental Section personnel reviewed the FEMA FIRM for the project study area and determined the project is not located within a special flood hazard area. 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 area.

Akron conducted various public involvement activities for the project, including a news release, a website posting, flyer distribution and project/public meeting notification mailings. In February 2024, a Open House public meeting and a community



meeting/presentation were conducted for residents and businesses to review the proposed project and provide comments. The public involvement was catered to one of the most diverse areas of Ohio. The public outreach effort included interpreters and multilanguage materials including Arabic, Swahili, Spanish and English. Several public comments were received from the public involvement activities conducted for the project. Commenters generally supported the project and expressed concerns about the proposed bike lanes, traffic signal removal, audible pedestrian signals, pedestrian facilities, speeding and tree planting. The city of Akron responded to all received comments and modified the project plans, when appropriate. See the public involvement documentation, including the received comments and responses to comments, for the project in the Project File/Public Involvement/Project Information subsection.

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	112716: 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:** 08/22/2024

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.*

(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



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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**

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1) Plan notes to address the handling, transport, and disposal or reuse of contaminated soils from the following sites:

RM-009: Stuver Auto Spring Co. 500 North Main Street, Automotive repair shop

RM-040: Former Churches Chicken 713 North Main Street, Commercial - former gas station

RM-041: Long & Sons Automotive, 730 North Main Street, Automotive repair shop

RM-042: Huntington Bank, 727 North Main Street, Commercial - former gas station

RM-046: DC Auto Body, 752/764/768/770 North Main Street - Automotive repair shop

RM-051: Temple Square Park, 127/153 East Cuyahoga Falls Avenue/829 North Main Street -  
Park/recreation

RM-062: Lentines Music 856, 860, & 865 North Main Street, former gas station

RM-111: Summa Health Systems, 445 North Main Street, Vacant - former gas station



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## Appendix

### General

Aerial Map.pdf

County Map.pdf

USGS Quadrangle Topographical Map.pdf

### Air

Air Quality Flowchart - Exempt.pdf

### Noise

OES Approval - No Analysis Required.pdf

### RMR

OES Review - Screening.pdf

### Ecological

ODNR Scenic River MOA Conditions

USFWS/ODNR Ecological MOA Conditions

### Other Resources

Urbanized Area Map.pdf

Water Source Protection Area Map.pdf

Well Log Data.pdf

### Section 6(f)

LWCF Grant Listing.pdf

### Environmental Justice

Census Mapping.pdf

### Public Involvement

Comment Sheet 2-3-24 and 2-28-24.pdf

PI Summary.pdf

Press Release 1-16-24.pdf

Public Comments Received 2-3-24 PI Meeting.pdf

Public Hearing Notification 2-3-24 - multi-language flyers.pdf

Public Involvement Summary.docx

Public Meeting Exhibits 2-3-24 and 2-28-24.pdf



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Public Meeting Handouts 2-3-24.pdf

Public Meeting Notification 2-28-24 email and flyer.pdf

Public Meeting Notification Letter 2-3-24.pdf

Public Meeting Presentation Ward 2 2-28-24.pdf

Public Meeting Sign In Sheet 2-3-24.pdf

Public Notification Mailing List 2-3-24 PI Meeting.pdf

Response to Public Comments - Online 3-15-24.pdf

Response to Public Comments Written 3-15-24.pdf

**Permits**

FEMA FIRM.pdf