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Environmental Document

for

CUY South Park Shared Use Path PID 121603

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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:	121603
Project Sponsor:	Parma, City of
ODOT District:	12
Funding Source:	Federal

C2 Section

Project Description:

The City of Parma proposes to construct a ten (10) foot wide shared use path along the east side of South Park Boulevard from the intersection with Snow Road and South Park Boulevard, to the intersection of Wales Avenue and South Park Avenue, terminating at the existing trail south of South Park Boulevard.

This proposed project is to be constructed wholly within the existing right-of-way and traffic is to be maintained throughout the duration of construction. Construction work is expected to begin in Spring 2025 and continue for approximately 16 months. Utility owner coordination is ongoing as the project progresses and includes coordination with AT&T, Charter Communications, Columbia Gas of Ohio, Breezeline, Northeast Ohio Regional Sewer District, CEI First Energy, City of Cleveland Division of Water, Greater Cleveland Rapid Transit Authority, Cuyahoga County Department of Public Works, Everstream Solutions, and the City of Parma.

Approximately 2.634-acres of suitable wooded habitat (SWH) for bats is located within 100 feet from the edge of pavement in the study area. However, no SWH is located within the construction limits of the project. According to the USFWS, the project is not located within a known bat buffer area. A plan note will be included in the project plans to not clear trees between October 1 and March 31. There is no suitable habitat for other federally or state listed species within the project area. No regulated surface water features are located within the project area.

A Cultural Resources Records Check was performed by the consultant 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 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 06/07/24.

Regulated Materials Review Screening was conducted by Lawhon and Associates, Inc. on June 17, 2024. On July 3, 2024. OES issued a statement that no additional studies are required. The RMR Screening and the OES Decision Document are included in the Project File/RMR.

The project is not located within a regulated floodplain. Therefore, no further coordination is required.

No other environmental or Environmental Justice population impacts will result from this project. No other environmental, hazardous materials, Section 4(f)/6(f), or environmental justice impacts will result from this project.

Public Involvement for this project includes a Press Release that will be published by the City of Parma in February 2025. An Environmental Commitment has been added to this document that states public comments (if received) will be addressed and uploaded to EnviroNet once the comment period is complete.

Construction: \$770,000.00: 80% federal, 20% local match.

The project has been designed by the City of Parma.

The environmental document and associated studies are approved using Stage 1 design. A copy of the plans is included in the project file.



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

Yes

Ellis STIP Details

Phase	Current STIP Reference
CO	121603: 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.

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.



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Ecological

Waterways:

Not Present

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	08/22/2024
Northern Long-eared Bat	<i>Myotis septentrionalis</i>	Endangered	08/22/2024
Tricolored Bat	<i>Perimyotis subflavus</i>	Proposed Endangered	08/22/2024

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

Species Common Name	Species Scientific Name	Listing Status	Most Recent Coordination Date
Bald Eagle	<i>Haliaeetus leucocephalus</i>	Species of Concern	08/22/2024
Piping Plover	<i>Charadrius melodus</i>	Endangered	08/22/2024
Rufa Red Knot	<i>Calidris canutus rufa</i>	Threatened	08/22/2024

Endangered Species Remarks:

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Scenic Rivers

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

Scenic Rivers Remarks

No National Wild and Scenic Rivers are located within 1000 feet of the proposed project area. No coordination is required.

Floodplains

100-Year Floodplain:

No Encroachment Within a Special
 Flood Hazard Area (SFHA)

Floodplain Remarks

The project is not located withing a regulated floodplain; therefore, no further coordination is required.

Section 4(f)

Section 4(f):

Not present

Section 4(f) Remarks



No Section 4(f) resources are present 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 06/07/2024

Cultural Resources Remarks

A Cultural Resources Records Check was performed by the consultant 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 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 06/07/24.

Environmental Resources Considered

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

Regulated Materials

Air Remarks

The project type of 'construct a shared use path ' is considered insignificant from an air quality conformity perspective, as per 40 CFR 93.126. Therefore, the project is exempt from air quality coordination.

Noise Remarks

The project is a construct a shared use path project. The project will not increase the traffic or traffic noise. Therefore, no noise analysis is required. The No Noise Analysis Required District Determination can be found in the Project File Under Noise/Project Information. District approval date 01/13/25.

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

Hazardous Materials - OES Approval Date: 07/03/2024

Regulated Materials Review Remarks:

Regulated Materials Review Screening was conducted by Lawhon and Associates, Inc. on June 17, 2024. On July 3, 2024, which was conducted in accordance with the February 2023 Regulated Materials Review Manual. OES issued a statement that no additional studies are required. The RMR Screening and the OES Decision Document are included in the Project File/RMR.



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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
351775012	15	32

Environmental Justice Remarks

Based on mapping from TIMS, the minority populations is 15% and the population as designated as low income is 32% for the US Census Block Groups located within the project area.
 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 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, DOT Order 5610.2(a), and FHWA Order 6640.23A, no further analysis is required.
 Based on the above findings an Environmental Justice Analysis Report is not required.
 The Census mapping may be found in the project file under Environmental Justice.

Public Involvement

Public Involvement:

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

Public Involvement Remarks

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Environmental Commitments

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Yes



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- 1) The project designer shall incorporate the following plan note: Ensure impacts to the federally listed and protected Indiana bat and northern long-eared bat and the State listed and protected little brown bat and tricolored 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) Public comments (if received) will be addressed and uploaded to EnviroNet once the comment period is complete.
- 3) Tree Removal AMM 1: Modify all phases/aspects of the project (e.g., temporary work areas, alignments) to avoid tree removal in excess of what is required to implement the project safely.
- 4) Tree Removal AMM 3. Ensure tree removal is limited to that specified in project plans by clearly marking clearing limits. Ensure that contractors understand clearing limits and how they are marked in the field.



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Appendix

General

Aerial Map.pdf

County Map.pdf

USGS Quadrangle Topographical Map.pdf

Noise

District Determination No Noise Analysis Required.pdf

Cultural Resources

Records Check.pdf

Ecological

ODNR Scenic River MOA Conditions

USFWS/ODNR Ecological MOA Conditions

Other Resources

Census Bureau Urbanized Area Map.pdf

Water Source Protection Area Map.pdf

Well Log Data.pdf

Environmental Justice

Census Mapping.pdf

Permits

FEMA FIRM.pdf