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## **Environmental Document**

for

## **STA SR 0172 14.85 PID 121911**

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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**

<b>PID:</b>	121911
<b>Project Sponsor:</b>	Canton, City of
<b>ODOT District:</b>	4
<b>Funding Source:</b>	Federal
<b>Project Description:</b>	



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The City of Canton in cooperation with the Ohio Department of Transportation proposes to construct pedestrian, bicyclist and streetscape enhancements on State Route (SR) 172 (Tuscarawas Street East) from east of Cherry Avenue to approximately Gibbs Avenue NE in the City of Canton, Stark County, Ohio. The project includes addition of bike lanes by restriping the existing pavement section, curb ramp and sidewalk replacement, installation of new decorative streetlights, and addition of decorative brick elements and trees in the existing lawn strip. Additional improvements proposed by this project include partial depth pavement repairs, traffic sign replacement and the application of edge/center/railroad/crosswalk/stop lines and other pavement markings applications within the project construction limits.

Project construction funding was received from Community Project Funding legislation passed by the U.S. House and Senate and signed by President Biden in March 2024, to improve the connectivity of important downtown resources to adjacent neighborhoods through improved multimodal transportation initiatives.

Mapping that depicts 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*.

A minimum of one 10-foot lane of traffic shall be maintained on the existing SR 172 pavement during project construction. Short duration/daily alley and side street closures may be required during project construction. Construction and lane restriction/reduction and short duration closure 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 for the duration of the project. Substantial traffic disruptions are not expected during project construction.

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 will be constructed within the existing street rights-of-way.

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

The undertaking is limited to street enhancements along Tuscarawas Street East (Lincoln Highway or SR 172) found less than a mile east of downtown Canton, Stark County, Ohio. Construction activities (*i.e.*, the area of potential effects -- APE) will only involve the existing street right-of-way. No new right-of-way will be acquired for construction. The project will not involve any buildings, and no relocations will be required for the project.

A cultural resource literature search concluded there are five inventoried buildings (OHI) in the immediate study area but no known archaeological sites (OAI). There are no National Register districts in the study area. However, the project will pass beside the First Reformed and First Lutheran Churches which are listed on the National Register (NR # 82003647). Sidewalk and curb removal near the churches is well within the existing right-of-way and no additional land will be taken from this historic property. A field review of the project was conducted by ODOT District 4 Environmental Section Staff. Sandstone curb remnants were identified along the roadway adjacent to the National Register listed churches. The sandstone curb remnants are not contributing features of the National Register property. In summary, the current modern walks and sandstone curb remnants are incidental to the National Register property and no contributing element of the resource will be involved in construction.

Roadway upgrades are exempt from further cultural resource consideration by the 6/29/23 Cultural Resource Programmatic Agreement (Agreement 38503), when they are beyond the boundary of a historic property and as long as no contributing component of the district will be removed or altered by construction. The project is not a part of a larger undertaking and is a type that has minimal potential to cause effects to historic properties 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 has determined that the proposed project is a type of undertaking that has 'minimal potential to cause effects' to historic properties, therefore, no further coordination is required for the project 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, 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 STA-SR 172-14.85.pdf* for the project in the Project File/Ecological/Reports subsection.

ODOT District 4 Environmental Section personnel reviewed the FEMA FIRM for the project study areas 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.

The environmental document and associated studies, as applicable, were approved using the Stage 2 Design plans for the project. A copy of the Stage 2 Design plans for the project is included in the Project File/General/Project Information subsection as *Stage 2 Design.pdf*.

The project is identified in the ODOT State Fiscal Years 2024 - 2027 Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP). Project fiscal constraint is at the Statewide Line Item (SLI) Group level.



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

Yes

Ellis STIP Details

Phase	Current STIP Reference
CO	121911: 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 B

Cultural Resources Coordination Date:

06/11/2024

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.*

(7) Landscaping. *Examples include: Herbicidal spraying; Mowing or brush removal/trimming projects; Beautification or facility improvement projects (i.e. landscaping, curb and gutter replacement, installation of park benches, decorative lighting, etc.).*

(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:

No



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### **Approvals & Electronic Signatures**

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## Appendix

### General

Aerial Map.pdf

County Map.pdf

USGS Quadrangle Topographical Map.pdf

### Cultural Resources

Minimal Potential to Cause Effect - Appendix B

Records Check.pdf

### Ecological

ODNR Scenic River MOA Conditions

### Public Involvement

Project Website Screenshot - Canton.pdf

Project Website Screenshot - ODOT.pdf

Property Owner Notification Mailing List.pdf

Property Owner Notification.pdf

Public Comments Received.pdf

Response to Public Comments.pdf

### Permits

FEMA FIRM.pdf