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Environmental Document

for

D04 SIGN FY2025 (Systematic) PID 109473

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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-MAINTENANCE
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 systematic highway/roadway sign replacement along various Interstate, U. S. and State Routes throughout Summit, Stark and Portage Counties.

Mapping that depicts the project locations 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*.

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. All lane restrictions/reductions shall not be permitted after normal working hours. 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 for the duration of the project. 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.

A Cultural Resources Records Check was performed using the SHPO GIS online database to determine if previously recorded cultural resources are located within the project Area of Potential Effects (APE), the footprint of the project. The search concluded that the proposed project is located within the following historic districts or adjacent to the following historic properties listed in the National Register of Historic Places (NRHP):

1. Massillon Downtown Historic District (NRHP#100002553);
2. Upper Downtown Canton Historic District (NRHP#06000202);
3. Canal Fulton Historic District (NRHP#82001488);
4. Glendale Cemetery (NRHP#01001063);
5. Levi J. Hartong House and Farm NRHP#07001089);
6. Louisville Historic District (NRHP#11000856);
7. Peninsula Village Historic District (NRHP#100000974);
8. Virginia Kendall State Park Historic District (NRHP#96001515);
9. Valley Railway Historic District (NRHP#85001123); and
10. Ohio and Erie Canal (NRHP#66000607).

The proposed work taking place is limited to systematic highway/roadway sign replacement along various existing modern asphalt paved routes.

The proposed activities will be state-funded, however, the project is federalized because the effort involves a limited-access interstate route. The highway changes will require a Federal Highways permit, however, construction efforts will focus on the existing limited access operational rights-of-way and no additional right-of-way acquisition is required to construct the project. No contributing components will be remove or altered, no buildings will be involved in construction and no relocations will be required by the project. The D04-SIGN-FY2025 (Systematic); PID 109473 project is not a part of a larger undertaking and is a project type



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that has minimal potential to cause effects to historic properties in accordance with Stipulation V(C)(1) and Appendix A of the Section 106 Programmatic Agreement executed on June 29, 2023 (Agreement No. 38503), therefore, no further coordination is required. 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 *Exempt D04-SIGN-FY2025 (Systematic).pdf* for the project in the Project File/Ecological/Reports subsection.

ODOT District 4 Environmental Section personnel reviewed the FEMA FIRM mapping for the project study areas and determined portions of the project are located within designated Special Flood Hazard Area (SFHA) Zone AE floodplains. However, 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 is less than 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	109473: 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: 06/25/2024

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.***

Environmental Commitments: No



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Appendix

General

USGS Quadrangle Topographical Map.pdf

Cultural Resources

Records Check.pdf

Ecological

ODNR Scenic River MOA Conditions

Permits

District Determination - No Floodplain Impacts.pdf