



OHIO DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

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Environmental Document

for

WOO SR 18 6.67 Reconstruction PID 116951

Environmental Document Level: C2

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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

C2 Section

PIDs	116951
Project Sponsor	District 2 Engineering
ODOT District	2
Funding Source	Federal

Project Description:

The Ohio Department of Transportation is proposing a Major Rehab General funded project to reconstruct WOO-18 from SLM 6.67 to 10.18 including minor widening for additional shoulder width and along with necessary related scope items. Permanent right of way will be acquired from 9 agricultural, 1 railroad, 1 water and sewer, 1 industrial, and 1 residential property. Temporary right of way will be acquired from 2 agricultural, 1 railroad, 1 water and sewer, and 1 industrial property. This project is located within a special flood hazard area. All National Flood Insurance Program requirements will be met and coordination with local floodplain administrators is on-going. 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). There will be no impacts to any historically significant resources. Construction is expected to begin in the spring of 2027 and last approximately 210 days. During construction, one lane of traffic will be maintained at all times with the exception of periodic detours for culvert replacements. All impacted property owners, public safety agencies, and schools have been notified of the closure.

This document was approved on Stage 2 Plans.

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

Ellis STIP Details

Phase	Current STIP Reference
ENV	On Previous STIP
RW	116951: 26-29 STIP
CO	116951: 26-29 STIP
DD	

The current cost estimate is in line with existing federal procedures for Ohio STIP Amendments and Administration Modifications: No

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;**



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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 - a. Acquisition of more than a minor amount of ROW (exceeds strip takes) b. Residential or non-residential displacements c. A U.S. Coast Guard permit or an Individual Section 404 permit under the Clean Water Act d. A Section 106 finding of Adverse Effect e. Section 4(f) impacts greater than de minimis f. A finding of May Affect, Likely to Adversely Affect to Threatened and Endangered Species g. Construction of temporary access, or the closure of existing road, bridge, or ramps, that would result in major traffic disruptions h. Changes in access control 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) 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 k. No minor public or agency controversy on environmental grounds (no opposition from any organized groups or agencies and no unresolved environmental coordination) l. Substantial Community Impacts (if a Community Impact Assessment is required, contact OES for guidance). 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 identified Federally Listed Species for the project received an effect determination of No Effect.

Endangered Species Remarks:

No endangered species will be impacted by the project. No SWH for bat species is present within the project area and no other endangered species were observed in the project area.

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: 06/17/2025

Floodplain Remarks

All NFIP regulations will be met and all required coordination will be done prior to construction. The work being done on the proposed will have no impact on the floodplain.

Section 4(f)

Section 4(f): Not present

Section 4(f) Remarks

No Section 4(f) properties are located within the project area. No coordination is required.

Section 6(f)

Section 6(f): Not present

Cultural Resources

Cultural Resources: Present; No Finding of Adverse Effect

Cultural Resources Coordination: No Historic Properties Affected

Cultural Resources Coordination - ODOT Approval/SHPO Concurrence Date 04/21/2025

Cultural Resources Remarks

Based on the results of the literature review, the scope of the undertaking and the results of the cultural resource review, no further cultural resource investigations are warranted. In accordance with Stipulation V(C)(2) of the Section 106 Programmatic Agreement between FHWA, ODOT, Ohio SHPO, and ACHP executed June 29, 2023 (Agreement No. 38503), ODOT-OES has determined that "no historic properties affected" is the appropriate finding for the proposed WOO-18-6.67 roadway safety and reconstruction project. No further cultural resource investigation is required pending completion of a 15 day review and comment period at the Ohio SHPO and a 30 day review and comment period by federally recognized tribes. Questions may be addressed to Stanley Baker, Staff Archaeologist, at Stanley.Baker@dot.ohio.gov, or Susan Gasbarro, Staff Historian, at Susan.Gasbarro@dot.ohio.gov.

Tribal Consultation Summary/Remarks:

Two tribal consultation comments were received regarding the proposed project:

The Shawnee Tribal concurs with the Section 106 effect determination and recommends the project proceed as planned. The Shawnee Tribe wishes to consult further if artifacts are uncovered during the course of the project. See tribal response dated 6/9/2025 - Project File/Cultural Resources/Coordination/Tribal Response - Shawnee Tribe.pdf

The Match-E-Be-Nash-She-Wish Band of Pottawatomi Indians offers no objection to the proposed project. See tribal response dated 6/18/2025 - Project File/Cultural Resources/Coordination/Tribal Response - MBPI.pdf



Environmental Resources Considered

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

Regulated Materials

Air Remarks

The project does not add capacity, a new interchange or a new road on new alignment. This project only slightly modifies an existing alignment. Hence this project will not result in any meaningful changes in traffic volume, vehicle mix, location of the existing facility, or any factor that would cause an increase in emissions impacts relative to the no-build alternative. The project is exempt under 40 CFR 93.126. No air quality analysis is required.

Noise Remarks

The project does not qualify as a Type I project for noise (i.e. not adding capacity to thru lanes, not moving thru travel lanes equal to or greater than 50% closer to noise sensitive areas) and a noise analysis is not required for the project under 23 CFR 772.

**The project involves ROW acquisition, Deep Excavation, or OEPA
513 Landfill Authorization:** Yes - Screening

Regulated Materials Review Screening:

No Further Regulated Materials Review

Regulated Materials Review Screening - DEC/OES Approval Date: 05/20/2025

Regulated Materials Review Remarks:

A regulated materials review screening was submitted on May 19, 2025. District 2 reviewed and approved the screening on May 20, 2025. No further regulated materials review is necessary. All coordination and review documents can be found in the RMR section of the project file.

Public Involvement

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

Public Involvement Remarks

Letters/emails were sent to impacted residents, schools, and emergency service departments notifying them of the project and possible road closure. There were no concerns brought up during the 30-day comment period that followed.

Environmental Commitments

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- 1) Do not place any temporary or permanent fill below the OHWM of Rader Creek during construction of this project, including scaffolding or bracing. Do not place any equipment within the jurisdictional boundary of any waterway. If debris enters the waterway during construction, remove the debris immediately using equipment staged outside the jurisdictional boundary.
- 2) ODOT will adhere to all appropriate Waterway Permit Special Provisions throughout construction.



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Approvals & Electronic Signatures

Approved & Electronically Signed By:	Approval Date:
Allie Baker (ENV SPEC 2)	10/9/2025



Appendix

General

Aerial Map.pdf

Correspondence with Emergency and Public Services.pdf

USGS Quadrangle Topographical Map.pdf

RMR

District Approval - Screening.pdf

Environmental Database Search Results.pdf

Cultural Resources

Phase I Archaeology .docx

SHPO Comments

Transmittal 1 - Effect Determination

Tribal Consultation

Tribal Response - MBPI.pdf

Tribal Response - Shawnee Tribe.pdf

Ecological

ODNR Scenic River MOA Conditions

USFWS/ODNR Ecological MOA Conditions

Public Involvement

Property Owner Notification Letter.pdf

Public Notification Mailing List.pdf

Permits

District Determination - No Floodplain Impacts.pdf

FEMA FIRM.pdf

Statement of Findings.pdf