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Environmental Document

for

POR SR 82/VAR 10.64/VAR PID 112830

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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-Planning
ODOT District	4
Funding Source	Federal

Project Description:

The Ohio Department of Transportation proposes to perform pavement and bridge structure maintenance on State Route (SR) 82, SR 88 and SR 700 in Portage County as described below.

Pavement Maintenance

- SR 82 will be milled, repaired and resurfaced from approximately the POR-82-10.64 (SFN: 6703364) bridge spanning the State Scenic Upper Cuyahoga River in Mantua Township extending east through Hiram Township and the Village of Hiram, and east/southeast through the Village of Garrettsville.
- SR 88 will be milled, repaired and resurfaced from SR 305 at the Hiram/Nelson Township Line, south through the Village of Garrettsville ending at SR 303 in Freedom Township.

Additional roadway maintenance improvements proposed by this project include partial/full depth pavement repairs, linear shoulder grading, sidewalk and curb ramp reconstruction to meet Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) standards, curb and gutter replacement, monument/catch basin/conduit grade adjustments, traffic signal equipment modification/loop replacement, linear shoulder grading, rumble strips and raised pavement marker replacement and new lane/edge/center/channelizing/stop/crosswalk lines/other pavement markings applications and traffic control signage replacement within the project limits.

Bridge maintenance

All existing asphalt wearing surfaces will be removed from bridge deck and approach slabs, the exposed surfaces will be sealed, and new asphalt overlay will be applied at the following bridge locations:

- POR-SR-700-3.359 (SFN: 6704883) spanning Eagle Creek/ Hiram Township
- POR-SR-82-10.640 (SFN: 6703364) spanning State Scenic Upper Cuyahoga River/Mantua Township
- POR-SR-82-15.190 (SFN: 6703402) spanning Silver Creek/Hiram Township
- POR-SR-82-16.802 (SFN: 6703437) spanning Eagle Creek/Village of Garrettsville
- POR-SR-88-11.956 (SFN: 6703607) spanning Eagle Creek/Village of Garrettsville

The project will also replace the left/southbound lane fascia box beam, bridge railing and guardrail at the POR-SR-700 (SFN: 6704883) bridge, and existing sealed concrete surfaces of the POR-SR-82-16.802 (SFN: 6703437) bridge will be treated, cleaned and sealed with epoxy-urethane sealer.

Mapping that depicts the project location on United States Geological Survey (USGS) 7.5-Minute Topographic Quadrangle

Mapping is included in the Project File/General/Project Information subsection as *USGS Quadrangle Topographical Map.pdf*.

A minimum of one ten-foot lane will be maintained in each direction on State Route 82 and State Route 88 during pavement and bridge maintenance operations. Bridge maintenance on the State Route 700 bridge spanning Eagle Creek will require road closure for approximately 21 consecutive days. Through traffic will be detoured using State Route 44 and/or State Route 88. Access shall be maintained to all adjacent properties throughout the project construction duration. Substantial traffic disruptions are not expected during project construction.

The project will be constructed within the existing roadway rights-of-way.

Temporary relocation of existing utilities may be necessary at the POR-SR-700-3.359 bridge location. Needed utility relocations will occur within the existing roadway right-of-way. Utilities will not be permanently removed to construct the project. Coordination with utility companies affected by the proposed construction activities was conducted for the project during its preliminary engineering phase and will continue during detailed design and construction.

A Cultural Resources Records Check was performed using the Ohio State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) GIS database. No inventoried buildings (OHI), no known archaeological sites (OAI), and no listed or eligible historic properties found in the



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project area or in the area of potential effects (APE). The five bridges involved are not considered eligible based on the Ohio DOT Historic Bridge Inventory (accepted April 28, 2010). Non-historic bridge and roadway maintenance requiring only minor additional right-of-way are activities which are exempt from further cultural resource consideration by the 6/29/23 Cultural Resource PA (Agreement 38503), as long as the project is not within the boundaries of any historic property or National Register district. 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 and is not a part of a larger undertaking and therefore, no further coordination is required. See the cultural resources documentation for the project in the Project File/Cultural Resources/Project Information subfolder 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 POR-82 VAR-10.64 VAR.pdf* for the project in the Project File/Ecological/Reports subsection.

ODOT District 4 Environmental Section personnel review of flood plain mapping determined the project is located within a mapped Special Flood Hazard Areas. The project is considered roadway maintenance that will not change the alignment, grade or hydraulic capacity of the river or other streams and, therefore, is exempt from the normal permit process required for work encroaching on a special flood hazard area. A courtesy letter of floodplain compliance will be sent to each appropriate floodplain coordinator. See 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.

ODOT conducted various public involvement activities for the project including a press release and website posting and stakeholder notifications (public officials and emergency/public service providers). Comments were received from the Portage County Engineer's Office regarding project coordination with an ongoing Ohio Turnpike Commission SR 88 bridge replacement project. ODOT District 4 will continue to monitor the Turnpike's project to ensure there is no maintenance of traffic conflict during project construction. See the public involvement documentation, including the received comments and response 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 project construction cost specified in Ellis is 6% higher than the cost specified in the ODOT State Fiscal Years 2026 - 2029 Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP). However, fiscal constraint is at the Statewide Line Item (SLI) Group level. An individual project utilizing a SLI does not require a STIP/TIP amendment.

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

Ellis STIP Details

Phase	Current STIP Reference
ENV	112830: 26-29 STIP
CO	112830: 26-29 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: **07/25/2025**

Tribal Consultation Summary/Remarks:

Based on the Tribes' individual preferences documented in either EnviroNet or in previous communications, the Miami Tribe of Oklahoma was notified of the project. Tribal coordination was initiated on July 25, 2025. The Miami Tribe of Oklahoma offered no comment or objection within the 30-day review/comment period. See cultural resources and tribal coordination documentation for the project in the Project File/Cultural Resources/Project Information subsection, Cultural Resource Coordination Tab and Tribal Consultation Tab.



Supporting documentation has been uploaded to Project File:

Yes

Select the appropriate project type (more than one can be selected):

(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:

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1) This project will involve work within 1,000 feet of State Scenic River. The project designer shall incorporate the following notes into the plans:

STATE SCENIC CUYAHOGA RIVER AVOIDANCE - STATE ROUTE 82: THE PROJECT IS LOCATED WITHIN THE 1000-FOOT BUFFER ESTABLISHED FOR THE STATE SCENIC UPPER CUYAHOGA RIVER AT STATE ROUTE 82 IN PORTAGE COUNTY. THE CONTRACTOR SHALL NOT DISCHARGE TOXIC OR HAZARDOUS MATERIALS SUCH AS SEALANTS, PAINT, SOLVENTS, CLEANING AGENTS, EARTHEN MATERIALS, WASTE-WATER, FUELS OR DEBRIS OF ANY KIND TO THE STATE SCENIC UPPER CUYAHOGA RIVER, ITS TRIBUTARIES, OR DRAINAGE WAYS. IF REFUELING OF IMMOBILE EQUIPMENT IS NECESSARY WITHIN THE FLOODPLAIN OR NEAR ANY TRIBUTARY DRAINAGE WAYS, DITCHES, OR STREAM, THE CONTRACTOR SHALL PROVIDE SECONDARY CONTAINMENT WITH ENOUGH CAPACITY TO COMPLETELY CONTAIN AND COLLECT ALL POTENTIAL LIQUID WASTES IN THE EVENT OF A SPILL.

ANY AND ALL CONSTRUCTION DEBRIS, EARTHEN DEBRIS, EXCESS ASPHALT OR CONCRETE, WOOD DEBRIS FROM CLEARING, EXCESS FILL MATERIAL, AND TRASH SHOULD BE DISPOSED OF AT AN APPROVED UPLAND SITE OR LAND FILL ABOVE FEMA 100-YEAR FLOOD ELEVATIONS. DISPOSAL OF ANY SUCH MATERIALS WITHIN 1000 FEET OF THE STATE SCENIC UPPER CUYAHOGA RIVER IS PROHIBITED.

IN ACCORDANCE WITH ORC 3750.06, REPORTABLE SPILLS MUST BE REPORTED TO THE LOCAL FIRE DEPARTMENT (911), THE LOCAL EMERGENCY COORDINATOR (LEPC SPILLS LINE: (330) 296-0222 / AFTER HOUR: PCSO DISPATCH (330) 296-5100), AND THE OHIO SPILL LINE (1-800-282-9378).

THE CONTRACTOR SHALL KEEP ALL IDLE EQUIPMENT, FUELS, LUBRICANTS, AND ANY STORAGE FOR/OF POTENTIALLY TOXIC OR HAZARDOUS MATERIALS OUT OF THE FEMA DESIGNATED SPECIAL FLOOD HAZARD AREA AND NOT WITHIN 1000 FEET OF THE STATE SCENIC UPPER CUYAHOGA RIVER.

THE CONTRACTOR SHALL DEVELOP AND IMPLEMENT A SEDIMENT AND EROSION CONTROL PLAN BEFORE EARTHWORK COMMENCES. THE PLAN SHALL INCLUDE A LIST OF APPLICABLE BMPs, PER SS 832 THAT WILL BE USED THROUGHOUT THE PROJECT, SUCH AS PERIMETER CONTROLS AND/OR SEEDING AND MULCHING, AND MUST BE SUBMITTED TO THE ODOT PROJECT ENGINEER FOR REVIEW AND ACCEPTANCE. SEDIMENT AND EROSION CONTROLS SHALL BE PROPERLY INSTALLED AND MAINTAINED THROUGHOUT THE DURATION OF THE PROJECT. STRAW BALES SHALL NOT BE PERMITTED AS A FORM OF SEDIMENT CONTROL. ALL TEMPORARY SEDIMENT AND EROSION CONTROLS SHALL BE REMOVED UPON STABILIZATION OF THE PROJECT AREA. PARTICULAR ATTENTION SHALL BE GIVEN TO ANY DRAINAGE WAYS, UNPROTECTED SLOPES, DITCHES, AND STREAMS THAT COULD CONVEY SEDIMENT LADEN WATERS DIRECTLY TO THE STATE SCENIC UPPER CUYAHOGA RIVER.

IF ANY PAINTING, WELDING, SAND, AND/OR WATER BLASTING (CLEANING) AT OR OVER THE STATE SCENIC UPPER CUYAHOGA RIVER, THEN THE CONTRACTOR SHALL UTILIZE APPROPRIATE APRONS TO PROVIDE FOR COMPLETE CONTAINMENT OF ALL PAINT, WELDING SLAG AND/OR SEALANT OVER SPRAY AND OTHER DEBRIS. APRONS, APPROPRIATE FALSEWORK, OR OTHER BARRIERS SHALL BE UTILIZED ON ALL DECK REPLACEMENT PROJECTS TO PREVENT THE DISCHARGE OF CONCRETE, ASPHALT, OR OTHER DEBRIS TO A DESIGNATED SCENIC RIVER. ALL DEBRIS COLLECTED SHALL BE DISPOSED OF AT AN APPROVED UPLAND SITE OR LAND FILL ABOVE FEMA 100-YEAR FLOOD ELEVATIONS. DISPOSAL OF ANY SUCH MATERIALS WITHIN 1000 FEET OF THE STATE SCENIC UPPER CUYAHOGA RIVER IS PROHIBITED.

ODNR STATE SCENIC RIVER PROJECT NOTIFICATION - STATE ROUTE 82

THE PROJECT IS LOCATED WITHIN THE 1000-FOOT BUFFER ESTABLISHED FOR THE STATE SCENIC UPPER CUYAHOGA RIVER AT STATE ROUTE 82 IN PORTAGE COUNTY. THE CONTRACTOR SHALL NOTIFY THE PROJECT ENGINEER 40 DAYS PRIOR TO WORK WITHIN 1000 FEET OF THE STATE SCENIC UPPER CUYAHOGA RIVER. THE PROJECT ENGINEER SHALL NOTIFY THE DISTRICT ENVIRONMENTAL COORDINATOR 35 DAYS PRIOR TO WORK WITHIN 1000 FEET OF THE SCENIC RIVER. THE DISTRICT ENVIRONMENTAL COORDINATOR SHALL COORDINATE WITH ODNR SCENIC RIVERS A MINIMUM OF 30 DAYS PRIOR TO ANY WORK WITHIN 1000 FEET OF STATE SCENIC UPPER CUYAHOGA RIVER.



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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 Coordination - Scenic River Filed Review Form.pdf

ODNR Scenic River MOA Conditions

Other Resources

District Determination - No Drinking Water Resource Impacts.pdf

Public Involvement

Press Release.pdf

Property Owner Notification Mailer Notification List.pdf

Public Comments Received.pdf

Response to Public Comments.pdf

Stakeholder Notification.pdf

Website Snapshot.pdf

Permits

District Determination - No Floodplain Impacts.pdf

FEMA FIRM.pdf

SFHA Exemption LD 53 - Garrettsville.pdf

SFHA Exemption LD 53 - Portage County.pdf