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Environmental Document

for

SUM Kent St Bridge (Akron) PID 120480

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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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PID:	120480
Project Sponsor:	Akron, City of
ODOT District:	4
Funding Source:	Federal
Project Description:	



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The city of Akron proposes bridge maintenance activities on the Kent Street bridge over the Little Cuyahoga River in a highly urbanized area of Akron in Summit County. The proposed improvements include replacing the bridge superstructure and minimal roadway maintenance activities. The existing sidewalk will be widened on each side of the bridge and extended to match the adjacent sidewalks on North Case Avenue. Curb ramps will be constructed where missing and those in poor condition or not ADA compliant will be replaced.

Mapping that depicts the project location on a topographic, aerial and county map are included in the Project File/General/Project Information subsection.

The bridge will be closed to traffic for most of construction, which is scheduled to start July 1, 2025 and end November 30, 2025. The bridges on East Market Street and Bank Street over the Little Cuyahoga River are less than 850 feet from the Kent Street bridge and will serve as close and minor detour routes for vehicles and pedestrians. The bridge closure will be posted within the project construction limits prior to the start of and during project construction. Northbound vehicles on Kent Street will be rerouted down North Case Avenue, to East Market Street, and vice versa for southbound vehicles. Temporary walkways around the work area will be provided for pedestrians, if needed. All access to properties will be maintained throughout construction. Substantial traffic disruptions are not expected during project construction.

Based on the project scope of work, its Path 2 designation, the proposed maintenance of traffic measures with its minor detour, emergency/public services were not notified regarding the project impacts.

The project will be constructed within the existing highway right-of-way.

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

A Cultural Resources Records Check was performed by ODOT district environmental staff 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 that has minimal potential to cause effects to historic properties. No further coordination is required in accordance with the Section 106 Programmatic Agreement. In accordance with Stipulation V(C)(1) and Appendix A of the Section 106 Programmatic Agreement executed on June 29, 2023 (Agreement No. 38503), ODOT determined the 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. 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.

This project is considered ecologically exempt under the Ecological MOA (Agreement 19394). See the ecological documentation for the project in the Project File/Ecological/Reports subsection and the Ecological tab. A plan note will be added to avoid any impact to the Little Cuyahoga River.

ODOT District 4 Environmental Section personnel reviewed the FEMA FIRM for the project study area and determined the project is located within a special flood hazard area. The proposed construction activities do not change the alignment, grade or hydraulic capacity of the existing structure. Consequently, the project is exempt from the normal permit process required for work encroaching on a SFHA. A courtesy correspondence about the project was sent to the local floodplain administrator. See the floodplain mapping in the Project File/Permits/Floodplains subsection.

The project will not impact any environmentally sensitive resources within the project study area.

Akron issued a news release regarding the project and posted project information on the city website requesting public comments on the project. No comments were received.

The environmental document and associated studies, as applicable, were approved using the Stage 3 Plans for the project. A copy of the Stage 3 Plans for the project is included in the Project File/General/Project Information subsection as Stage 3 Plans.pdf.

The estimated total project cost specified in Ellis is 2.00% greater than the total project cost specified in the ODOT State Fiscal Years 2024 - 2027 Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP). However, fiscal constraint is at the Statewide Line Item (SLI) Group level. Therefore, 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
CO	120480: 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:

02/04/2025

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):

(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:

Yes



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1) The Project Designer shall incorporate the following note into the plans: The Contractor shall not place temporary or permanent fill below the ordinary high water mark of any waterway of the Little Cuyahoga River during construction of this project. The contractor shall not place equipment below the ordinary high water mark of the Little Cuyahoga River. If debris enters the Little Cuyahoga River during construction, the Contractor shall remove the debris immediately utilizing equipment staged above the ordinary high water mark.



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Appendix

General

Aerial Map.pdf

County Map.pdf

USGS Quadrangle Topographical Map.pdf

RMR

Regulated Materials Review Form.pdf

Cultural Resources

Records Check.pdf

Ecological

ODNR Scenic River MOA Conditions

Public Involvement

Akron Website Posting.pdf

Press Release.pdf

Permits

FEMA FIRM.pdf