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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 maintenance on four (4) bridge structures on various interstate and U.S. routes in the city's of Girard and Youngstown and Palmyra Township in Mahoning, Trumbull and Portage Counties.

The proposed bridge maintenance activities involve the following bridges:

1. MAH-422-4.955/Structure File Number (SFN) 5005493
2. TRU-80-2.439/SFN 7803516
3. POR-76-20.081L/SFN 6703097
4. POR-76-20.084R/SFN 6703127

The proposed bridge maintenance activities on these 4 bridges are specified in the Project File/General/Project Information subsection as *Project Description Bridge Maintenance Activities.pdf*.

Mapping that depicts the bridge locations 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*.

During project construction, a minimum of one 10-foot lane of traffic shall be maintained in each direction on IR 76 and IR 80. At the USR 422 bridge site, one westbound lane of traffic will need to be closed during construction to install vandal protection fence. To replace the vandal protection fence on the pedestrian bridge spanning IR 80, it will be necessary to close the pedestrian bridge for a maximum of seven (7) consecutive calendar days. The official pedestrian detour route for this closure will utilize Maple Avenue, USR 422 and Morris Avenue. Construction, lane restriction/reduction and pedestrian detour 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 construction project. Substantial traffic disruptions are not expected during project construction.

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

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

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 Areas of Potential Effects (APE), the footprint of the project. 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. TIMS mapping indicates that the bridges are not historic nor considered eligible for the National Register based on the Ohio DOT Historic Bridge Inventory (accepted April 28, 2010).

The rehabilitation of non-historic and non-contributing bridges, even those within a NR historic district where no new right-of-way is required, are construction activities which are exempt from further cultural resource consideration by the 6/29/23 Cultural Resource PA (Agreement 38503). The undertaking is a type which has minimal potential to cause effects to historic properties in accordance with Appendix A of the Section 106 Programmatic Agreement and therefore, no further coordination is required. See the cultural resources documentation for the project in the Project File/Cultural Resources/Project Information subsection and 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.



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Additionally, this project is considered ecologically exempt under the Ecological MOA (Agreement 19394). See the *Ecologically Exempt D04-BH-FY2026.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 the proposed maintenance activities at the MAH-422-4.955/SFN 5005493 location will be performed within a designated Special Flood Hazard Area (SFHA) Zone A floodplain. However, the work being performed within the Special Flood Hazard Area is considered maintenance that will not change the alignment, grade or hydraulic capacity of the stream(s), floodway or structure and, therefore, is exempt from the normal permit process required for work encroaching on a SFHA. Floodplain coordination is not required for the project, however, a letter was sent to the local floodplain administrator as a courtesy notification of the project and proposed maintenance activities within the designated SFHA. 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.

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) associated with the pedestrian bridge closure at TRU-80-2.439/SFN 7803516. Newspaper articles about the project were published online at WKBN, WFMJ and Mahoning Matters. Comments were requested by all public involvement activities conducted for the project. Written comments were received from one (1) individual as a result of the public involvement activities conducted for the project. 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 total project cost specified in Ellis is 1.8% 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. 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	121533: 24-27 STIP
CO	121533: 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: 03/24/2025

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-



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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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Appendix

General

Aerial Map 1.pdf

Aerial Map 2.pdf

Aerial Map 3.pdf

County Map.pdf

Project Description Bridge Maintenance Activities.pdf

USGS Quadrangle Topographical Map 1.pdf

USGS Quadrangle Topographical Map 2.pdf

USGS Quadrangle Topographical Map 3.pdf

Cultural Resources

Records Check.pdf

TIMS Historic Bridge Inventory Maps.pdf

Ecological

ODNR Scenic River MOA Conditions

Public Involvement

News Article - Mahoning Matters.pdf

News Article - WFMJ.pdf

News Article - WKBN.pdf

ODOT Website Posting.pdf

Press Release.pdf

Public Comments Received - Anton.pdf

Response to Public Comments - Anton.pdf

Stakeholder Contact List.pdf

Stakeholder Notification.pdf

Permits

District Determination - No Floodplain Impacts.pdf

FEMA FIRM 1.pdf

FEMA FIRM 2.pdf

FEMA FIRM 3.pdf



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