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## **Environmental Document**

for

## **TRU Belmont Ave Sidewalks PID 116846**

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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:** 116846  
**Project Sponsor:** TRUMBULL COUNTY ENGINEER  
**ODOT District:** 4  
**Funding Source:** Federal

**Project Description:**

The Trumbull County Engineer (TCE), in cooperation with Liberty Township, proposes to install 5-foot-wide concrete sidewalk along the west side of Belmont Avenue (State Route 193) from Churchill Street (State Route 304) north to the Churchill Commons. The project consists of installing approximately 1,400 feet of new sidewalk, new curb ramps/truncated domes to meet Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) standards, replacement of guardrail with Type T MSG Guardrail and anchor end terminal assemblies, linear grading, traffic control sign replacements and the application of new crosswalk lines, as necessary throughout the project limits. The proposed project will link residential neighborhoods east of Belmont Avenue to the commercial corridor along Belmont Avenue.

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*.

During project construction, a minimum of one 10-foot lane of traffic shall be maintained along Belmont Avenue in each direction at all times utilizing barriers and flaggers. Road closures and detours are not proposed to construct the project. 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 roadway right-of-way.

Existing utilities within the project study area will not be relocated to construct the project, however, temporary utility pole supports may be needed during project construction.

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. 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 TRU-Belmont Avenue Sidewalks; PID 116846; project is not a part of a larger undertaking and is a type 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 for the project. 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 *Ecologically Exempt TRU-Belmont Ave Sidewalks.pdf* for the project in the Project File/Ecological/Reports subsection and the Ecological Tab.

ODOT District 4 Environmental Section personnel reviewed the FEMA FIRM for the project study area and determined the project is not located within a special flood hazard area. 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 area.



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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 Trumbull County Engineer's Office conducted various public involvement activities for the project including a press release and website posting and project notification letters. A newspaper article about the project was published in the Warren Tribune Chronicle. 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 2 Design plans for the project. A copy of the Stage 2 Design plans for the project is included in the Project File/General/Project Information subsection as *Stage 2 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	116846: 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:** 03/04/2025

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):**

(3) Construction of bicycle and pedestrian lanes, paths, and facilities. *Examples include: Walkways, sidewalks, shared-use paths, and facilities, small passenger shelters, (i.e. construction of a bike path on an existing railroad bed, designations of certain highways as bike routes, painting of existing paved shoulders as bike lanes, ADA ramps, etc.) provided that no new disturbance will occur.*

(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.*

(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



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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.

**WETLANDS AVOIDANCE:**

NO EXCAVATION, GRADING, OR FILLING OPERATIONS SHALL BE PERFORMED IN THE WETLANDS DELINEATED BEYOND THE PROJECT CONSTRUCTION LIMITS AND DEPICTED IN THE PROJECT PLANS. UNDER NO CIRCUMSTANCES SHALL THE CONTRACTOR STORE MECHANICAL EQUIPMENT (LIFT, BACKHOE, EARTH MOVING EQUIPMENT, ETC.) AND/OR MATERIALS IN ANY WETLANDS, ETC. ODOT CONSTRUCTION AND MATERIALS SPECIFICATIONS SECTION 107.10 (PROTECTION AND RESTORATION OF PROPERTY) PROHIBIT THE CONTRACTOR FROM CREATING STAGING AREAS NEAR STREAMS AND/OR WETLANDS.



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### **Preparers and Approvals**

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### **Approvals & Electronic Signatures**

<b>Approved &amp; Electronically Signed By:</b>	<b>Approval Date:</b>
Edward Deley (PROGRAM ADMIN 3)	4/1/2025



## **Appendix**

### **General**

USGS Quadrangle Topographical Map.pdf

### **Cultural Resources**

Records Check.pdf

### **Ecological**

ODNR Scenic River MOA Conditions

### **Public Involvement**

News Article - Warren Tribune Chronicle.pdf

Press Release.pdf

Public Comments Received - Massullo.pdf

Response to Public Comments - Massullo.pdf

Trumbull County Engineer's Website Posting.pdf

### **Permits**

FEMA FIRM.pdf