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Environmental Document

for

CUY East 66th Street TLCI PID 122389

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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	122389
Project Sponsor	Cleveland, City of
ODOT District	12
Funding Source	Federal
Project Description:	



The project includes the rehabilitation of approximately 0.83 miles of East 66th Street from Chester Avenue to Superior Avenue in the City of Cleveland as part of the Transportation for Living Communities Initiative (TLCI). This project includes the removal and replacement of the existing pavement, curbs, sidewalk, and drive aprons. A new permeable asphalt shared use path will be constructed on the west side of the street (walks, curbs and driveways, if needed). New Americans with Disabilities Act compliant ramps and landings will be installed. Streetscaping and landscaping will be added and lighting will be installed. Pavement markings, signage, and traffic signals will be upgraded. Utility castings will be adjusted and/or replaced. Existing catch basins will be replaced and new catch basins will be added as required.

All improvements will occur within public right-of-way. During construction, a minimum of one lane of traffic in each direction shall be maintained at all times, except for a temporary period when southbound traffic will utilize the existing lane on East 66th Street and northbound traffic will be detoured onto East 65th Street. Utility impacts are expected throughout construction. Coordination with the utility companies in proximity to the proposed construction activities was conducted during the preliminary engineering phase and will continue as design progresses.

An Ecologically Exempt report was prepared and approved by ODOT on 12/4/2025. See the Ecological Exempt form documentation for the project in the Project File/Ecological/Reports subsection.

An RMR Screening was completed and according to the ODOT Decision Document from 11/18/2025, no further RMR work is necessary for this project. PCS Plan Notes for Properties RM001, RM012, RM022, RM024, and RM039. An Environmental Commitment has been included in this Environmental Document to include PCN Plan Notes in the Final Plans.

The project received a temporary no use Section 4(f) exemption for temporary access restrictions to Cleveland's Historic League Park and Baseball Heritage Museum. No other cultural resource or Section (4)f/6(f) impacts will result from the project. Construction is expected to begin in the summer of 2026 and will last approximately 18 months.

The environmental document and associated studies are being approved using Stage 2 Design. A copy of the plans is included in the project file.

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

Ellis STIP Details

Phase	Current STIP Reference
CO	122389: 26-29 STIP

The current cost estimate is in line with existing federal procedures for Ohio STIP Amendments and Administration Modifications: Yes

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;**



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: Not Present

Will any wetlands be impacted? No

The identified Federally Listed Species for the project received an effect determination of No Effect.

Endangered Species Remarks:

The project was determined to be ecologically exempt by ODOT D12 on 12/4/2025.

Scenic Rivers No National Wild and Scenic River
Within 1000 Feet of the Proposed
Project Area

Scenic Rivers Remarks

There are no Scenic Rivers within 1000-feet of the project. No Scenic River coordination is required.

Floodplains

100-Year Floodplain: No Encroachment Within a Special
Flood Hazard Area (SFHA)

Floodplain Remarks

The project is not located within a Special Flood Hazard Zone. No Floodplain Coordination is required.

Section 4(f)



Section 4(f):

Present; No Programmatic
Evaluation or Individual Evaluation
Required

Section 4(f) Determination:

Temporary No Use Exception - 774.13(d)

Section 4(f) Determination Date - 774.13(d)

10/01/2025

Section 4(f) Remarks

The two west entrances to the Cleveland's Historic League Park and the Baseball Heritage Museum will be closed for a portion of the construction of the project on the roadway and sidewalk adjacent to the property along East 66th Street. Access to the park and museum will be maintained through the southern entrance which also service parking lots utilized by the Fannie Mae Lewis Park. No other impacts are anticipated. Based on coordination with the Official with Jurisdiction and in accordance with 23 CFR 774.13(d), ODOT-OES Policy Staff determined on October 1, 2025 that the proposed project will receive a temporary no use exception. The 4(f) determination coordination is included in Project File.

A Decision Document for Section 4(f) Cultural Resources on 9/25/2025 confirming the undertaking CUY-East 66th Street TLCI (PID 122389) will not require land from within the historic boundary of a Section 4(f) Cultural Resource. The proposed project is located in the City of Cleveland, Cuyahoga County, OH. The project provides for the removal and replacement of the existing pavement, curbs, sidewalk, and drive aprons on East 66th Street from Chester Avenue to Superior Avenue. A new permeable asphalt shared use path will be constructed on the west side of the street. New ramps and landings compliant with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) will be installed. Overhead utilities will be moved underground. Streetscaping and landscaping will be added, and lighting will be installed. Pavement markings, signage, and traffic signals will be upgraded. No new permanent right-of-way will be required for the project. One NRHP-listed resource is located on the project corridor: the League Park, NRHP #79001808, now known as the Historic League Park and Baseball Heritage Museum.

The project will not acquire new permanent right-of-way from within the historic boundary of an eligible resource, and no contributing features associated with an NRHP-listed or eligible resource will be altered by the project. Pursuant to the Section 106 Programmatic Agreement between FHWA, ODOT, Ohio SHPO, and ACHP executed June 29, 2023 (Agreement No. 38503) and 36 CFR 800.3 (a)(2), ODOT's Office of Environmental Services determined a finding of "minimal potential to cause effects" is applicable to the undertaking on September 11, 2025. Because the finding was determined to be of a type that has minimal potential to affect any historic resource, no further review was required for the project. In accordance with 23 CFR Part 774, the undertaking CUY-East 66th Street TLCI (PID 122389) will not result in the use of a Section 4(f) Cultural Resource.

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Section 6(f)

Section 6(f):

Not present

Cultural Resources

Cultural Resources:

Present; No Finding of Adverse
Effect

Cultural Resources Coordination:

Minimum Potential to Cause Effect
Appendix B



Cultural Resources Coordination - ODOT Approval/SHPO
Concurrence Date

09/11/2025

Cultural Resources Remarks

A records check was conducted to determine the location of previously recorded cultural resources within the project area. The records check included a review of information from Ohio's State Historic Preservation Office (OSHP) inventory database. These records identify properties listed on or eligible for the National Register of Historic Places (NRHP), Ohio Historic Inventory (OHI) buildings and structures, Ohio Archaeological Inventory (OAI) sites, as well as properties that have previously received a Determination of Eligibility (DOE) for the NRHP. There is one resource adjacent to the project corridor listed on the NRHP: the League Park (NRHP #79001808), now known as the Historic League Park and Baseball Heritage Museum. Three OHI resources were previously extant on the project corridor, but have been previously removed. Two additional OHI resources CUY0018805, St. Georges Roman Catholic Rectory, and CUY0026005 St. Georges roman Catholic Church, both at 6527 Superior Avenue, are itemized in the records check, but are outside of the APE for the project.

The project involves the removal and replacement of pavement, curbs, aprons and sidewalk with new facilities, and improving the corridor with accessible features, a new shared use path, and aesthetic improvements. The work will not alter or diminish any characteristic of a historic resource or district, nor will new permanent right-of-way be acquired from within the boundary of a historic resource or district. No historic features of the League Park are within the project limits, and only modern sidewalk and curb will be replaced within the historic boundary as part of the project. Archaeological resources have not previously been identified within the APE, and no new right-of-way will be acquired in the disturbed urban corridor. The scope of work is limited to activities that present a minimal potential to cause effects to historic properties.

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.

Tribal Consultation Summary/Remarks:

Tribal coordination was conducted on 9/11/2025 with the Miami Tribe of Oklahoma. No comment or objection was received from the Tribe as a result of the coordination.

Environmental Resources Considered

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

Regulated Materials

Air Remarks

This project is an Exempt Project per 40-CFR 93.126 (Exempt Project: Bicycle and pedestrian facilities). No air quality analysis is required.

Noise Remarks

The project will not cause traffic noise impacts. The project does not qualify as a Type I project for noise (i.e., not adding capacity, not moving thru travel lanes equal to 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:

Plan Note Required

Regulated Materials Review Screening - DEC/OES Approval Date:

11/18/2025



Regulated Materials Review Remarks:

OES Published a decision document on November 18, 2025, stating that no further RMR work is necessary for this project. PCS Plan Notes for Properties RM001, RM012, RM022, RM024, and RM039. An Environmental Commitment has been included in this Environmental Document to include PCN Plan Notes in the Final Plans.

Public Involvement

Public Involvement:

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

Public Involvement Remarks

The City of Cleveland held a community update open house on June 16, 2025, regarding the project. The purpose of the open house was to update the community on the current status of the project, including the securing of funding, changes to the scope, and get community's feedback on details that will be included as the project as it is moving through the Final Engineering Phase towards construction.

A notification letter and stakeholder email was also sent on September 2, 2025, notifying the public and local stakeholders of the project and potential impacts. The project was also posted on the City of Cleveland's website for public comment. The comment period lasted until October 3, 2025. Two comments were received, and responses are being sent by the City. All public involvement materials have been uploaded to the project file.

Environmental Commitments

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Yes



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- 1) Access to Cleveland's Historic League Park and Baseball Heritage Museum shall be maintained at all times, except for the time needed to temporarily occupy the property, which shall be less than the time needed for construction of the project.
- 2) Temporary construction fencing shall be installed along proposed construction limits prior to the start of construction activities to protect the Section 4(f) property and the public.
- 3) Appropriate signage shall be installed to alert users of Cleveland's Historic League Park and Baseball Heritage Museum of construction activities, access restrictions or closures, and to direct users to secondary access points.
- 4) The contractor shall be required to closely coordinate the construction schedule with ODOT, The City of Cleveland, and the Baseball Heritage Museum Director prior to the start of construction activities.
- 5) A PCS Plan Note will be placed in the Final Plans to properly manage PCS that may be encountered during excavation or construction activities for the properties located at 6602 Superior Ave. (Sprintheblock/Dwone Hill), 6600 Lexington Ave. (Fatima Family Center/Catholic Charities), 1945 East 66th St. & Euclid Ave. (Neighborhood Connections/Cleveland Foundation), 1966 E. 66th St. & E. 66th St. (The Cleveland Foundation), E. 66th Street (Frontline Development Group, LLC.).



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Appendix

General

Aerial Map.pdf

County Map.pdf

USGS Quadrangle Topographical Map.pdf

RMR

OES Review - Screening.pdf

Cultural Resources

Minimal Potential to Cause Effect - Appendix B

Ecological

ODNR Scenic River MOA Conditions

Other Resources

Census Bureau Urbanized Area Map.pdf

Well Log Data and Map.pdf

Section 4(f)

OES Recreational 4(f) Determination.pdf

Section 6(f)

LWCF Grant Listing and Map.pdf

Public Involvement

Community Meeting Flyer.pdf

Community Update Meeting Summary .pdf

Property Owner Notification Letter.pdf

Public Comments Received.pdf

Public Notification Mailing List.pdf

Response to Public Comments.pdf

Stakeholder Contact List.pdf

Stakeholder Notification.pdf

Permits

FEMA FIRM.pdf