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## **Environmental Document**

for

## **TRU Niles Intermediate SRTS PID 120305**

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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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**C1**

<b>PID:</b>	120305
<b>Project Sponsor:</b>	Niles, City of
<b>ODOT District:</b>	4
<b>Funding Source:</b>	Federal
<b>Project Description:</b>	



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The city of Niles proposes to remove and replace existing deteriorated stone and concrete sidewalk along the east and west sides of John Street from East Federal Street north to the Niles Intermediate School.

Additional improvements proposed by this project include existing curb ramp reconstruction and new curb ramp installations to comply with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) standards, pedestrian signage and the application of new pavement markings, as necessary, throughout the project limits.

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*.

Traffic will be maintained in each direction on all city streets during project construction using flaggers. No road closures/detours are proposed to construct the project. Maintenance of traffic information will be posted within the project construction limits prior to the start of construction. Except for the time needed to allow for the concrete sidewalks to cure, access shall be maintained to all properties, businesses and intersecting side streets within and adjacent to the project construction limits. Substantial traffic disruptions are not expected during project construction.

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 project will be constructed within the existing street rights-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 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-Niles Intermediate SRTS; PID 120305; 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-Niles Intermediate SRTS.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.

City of Niles Board of Education property is located adjacent to the project and may be subject to the requirements of Section 4(f) of the Department of Transportation (DOT) Act of 1966, which affords protection to publicly owned parks, recreation areas, and wildlife and waterfowl refuges. However, the proposed project will not restrict pedestrian or vehicle access to this land and/or permanently incorporate land into the transportation facility or temporarily occupy this land. Therefore, no impacts will occur to the potential Section 4(f) resource.

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

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 agrees with 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
ENV	120305: 24-27 STIP
CO	120305: 24-27 STIP
DD	120305: 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:

04/30/2025

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.*

Environmental Commitments:

Yes



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1) The project designer shall incorporate the following note into the plans: NILES BOARD OF EDUCATION PROPERTY: STAGING AND/OR STORAGE OF CONSTRUCTION EQUIPMENT AND/OR MATERIALS OUTSIDE THE RIGHT-OF-WAY WITHIN THE NILES BOARD OF EDUCATION PROPERTY IS PROHIBITED. USE OF THIS PROPERTY FOR ANY REASON IS ALSO PROHIBITED. THE CONTRACTOR SHALL MAINTAIN ACCESS TO THIS PROPERTY AT ALL TIMES DURING PROJECT CONSTRUCTION.



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### **Preparers and Approvals**

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Brian Peck (ENV SPEC 3)	5/14/2025



## **Appendix**

### **General**

USGS Quadrangle Topographical Map.pdf

### **Cultural Resources**

Records Check.pdf

### **Ecological**

ODNR Scenic River MOA Conditions

### **Permits**

FEMA FIRM.pdf