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Environmental Document for **WIL SR 191 5.74 Replacement PID 113097** **Environmental Document Level: C2**

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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	113097
Project Sponsor	District 2 Engineering
ODOT District	2
Funding Source	Federal

Project Description:

The Ohio Department of Transportation is currently proposing to replace the bridge that carries State Route 191 over the Tiffin River branch ditch in Williams County due to poor bridge conditions. Permanent right of way will be acquired from 2 residential and 1 agricultural parcel. Temporary right of way will be acquired from 1 agricultural parcel for grading. This project is located within a special flood hazard area. All National Flood Insurance Program requirements will be met and coordination with local floodplain administrators is on-going. This project does include impacts to Tiffin River Branch ditch, therefore a US Army Corps of Engineers permit is required. There will be no impact to any historically significant resources. All ecological impacts have been coordinated with the appropriate agencies. All general and project specific conditions of the Ecological MOA between ODOT, ODNR, and USFWS have been met (documented in project file). Construction is expected to begin in the spring of 2027 and last approximately 30 days. During construction, one lane of traffic will be maintained at all times with the exception of a 30 day detour required for the bridge work. All impacted property owners, public safety agencies, and schools have been notified of the closure.

This document was approved based on Stage 2 Plans

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

Ellis STIP Details

Phase	Current STIP Reference
ENV	113097: 26-29 STIP
RW	113097: 26-29 STIP
CO	113097: 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:

(28) Bridge rehabilitation, reconstruction, or replacement or the construction of grade separation to replace existing at-grade railroad crossings, if the actions meet the constraints in 23 CFR 771.117(e). **Examples include: Railroad projects that close or relocate at-grade crossings**

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



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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: Present; No Coast Guard, Individual 404, and/or Section 10 Permit required

Waterways Permit Type: Permit Determination and/or Permit Application Approval Pending

Isolated Wetland Permit No

Will any wetlands be impacted? No

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

Endangered Species Remarks:

Approximately 0.09 acres of SWH with roosting characteristics for federally listed bat species will be impacted by this project. All impacted SWH is located within 100 feet of edge-of-pavement. There were no records of any bat species within a mile of the project area and the project is not located within a USFWS bat buffer. All tree removal will occur between October 1 and March 31 to protect these species during their summer roosting period.

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

Scenic Rivers Remarks

This project is not located within 1000 feet of a scenic river.

Floodplains

100-Year Floodplain: Encroachment Within the SFHA is a Functionally Dependent Use

EO 11988 Compliance Met Yes

NFIP Coordination and Documentation Completed Yes

NFIP Local Floodplain Coordinator Notification Date: 02/09/2026

Floodplain Remarks



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All NFIP regulations will be met and all required coordination will be done prior to construction. The work being done on the proposed will have no impact on the floodplain.

Section 4(f)

Section 4(f):

Not present

Section 4(f) Remarks

No Section 4(f) properties are located within the project area. No coordination is required.

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
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**Cultural Resources Coordination - ODOT Approval/SHPO
Concurrence Date**

12/01/2025

Cultural Resources Remarks

The Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT), District 2, will replace a major corrugated steel pipe bridge that carries SR 191 over a branch of the Tiffin River in Brady Township, Williams County, Ohio. The project will install a precast concrete box culvert on the existing line and grade. The work will focus on the existing roadway. Additional right-of-way is needed to install a longer structure and add wingwalls to arrest stream erosion. Both 0.1 acre of temporary strip right-of-way and 0.1 acre of permanent strip right-of-way will be needed from two residential (east) and one agricultural parcel (west). The temporary right-of-way will be required to allow access to the eroded stream channel and permanent right-of-way is needed to protect the new longer structure after construction. The study area is a rural setting primarily composed of open space. A modern ranch house and a modern two-story house is found in the immediate study area. However, the project will not involve either building and no relocations will be required.

The literature search concluded there are no inventoried buildings (OHI), no known archaeological sites (OAI), and no listed or eligible historic properties found in the project area or in the area of potential effects (APE). This existing bridge (SFN 8602670) is a Type 319N Circular Steel Corrugated Metal Pipe Culvert built in 1959. TIMS mapping indicates the bridge is not historic and the structure is not considered eligible for the National Register based on the Ohio DOT Historic Bridge Inventory (accepted April 28, 2010). Non-historic bridge replacements requiring minor strip right-of-way is an activity which is exempt from further cultural resource consideration by the 6/29/23 Cultural Resource PA (Agreement 38503), if the project is not within the boundaries of any historic property or N. R. district.

Tribal Consultation Summary/Remarks:

No comments or objections were received within 30 days.

Environmental Resources Considered

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

Regulated Materials



Air Remarks

The project does not add capacity, a new interchange or a new road on new alignment. This project only slightly modifies an existing alignment. Hence this project will not result in any meaningful changes in traffic volume, vehicle mix, location of the existing facility, or any factor that would cause an increase in emissions impacts relative to the no-build alternative. The project is exempt under 40 CFR 93.126. No air quality analysis is required.

Noise Remarks

The project does not qualify as a Type I project for noise (i.e. not adding capacity to thru lanes, not moving thru travel lanes equal to or 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 Yes - Screening
513 Landfill Authorization:

Regulated Materials Review Screening:

No Further Regulated Materials Review

Regulated Materials Review Screening - DEC/OES Approval Date: 11/26/2025

Regulated Materials Review Remarks:

District 2 reviewed and approved the screening on November 26, 2026. No further regulated materials review is necessary. All coordination and review documents can be found in the RMR section of the project file.

Public Involvement

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

Public Involvement Remarks

Letters/emails were sent to impacted residents, schools, and emergency service departments notifying them of the project and possible road closure. There were no concerns brought up during the 30-day comment period that followed.

Environmental Commitments

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- 1) ODOT will adhere to all appropriate Waterway Permit Special Provisions throughout construction
- 2) Ensure impacts to the federally listed and protected Indiana bat and northern long-eared bat are avoided and minimized. Do not remove trees from April 1 through September 30. Perform all necessary tree removal from October 1 through March 31. Demarcate clearing limits in the field to avoid any unauthorized tree clearing. For the purposes of this note, a tree is defined as a live, dying, or dead woody plant, with a trunk three inches or greater in diameter at a height of 4.5 feet above the ground surface, and with a minimum height of 13 feet.



Preparers and Approvals

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Approved & Electronically Signed By:	Approval Date:
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Appendix

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Aerial Map.pdf

Correspondence with Emergency and Public Services.pdf

Stage 2 Design.pdf

USGS Quadrangle Topographical Map.pdf

RMR

Environmental Database Search Results.pdf

Cultural Resources

Minimal Potential to Cause Effect - Appendix B

Ecological

ODNR Scenic River MOA Conditions

USFWS/ODNR Ecological MOA Conditions

Public Involvement

Property Owner Notification Letter.pdf

Permits

Coordination with Local Floodplain Administrator.pdf

FEMA FIRM.pdf

Floodplain Impacts.pdf

Statement of Findings.pdf