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Environmental Document for **SEN US 23 7.42 Bridge Repl PID 107691** **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 107691
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 US23 over Branch of Wolf Creek in Seneca County due to poor bridge conditions. Permanent right of way is required from 2 residential properties and temporary right of way is required from 1 agricultural property.

The bridge work will require a waterway permit from the USACE. There are no impacts to any listed species or their habitat. This project has minimal potential to cause adverse effects to any historically significant resources. Construction is expected to begin in the summer of 2027. During construction, a temporary road closure of 45 days will be required for the bridge work. All impacted public safety agencies and schools have been notified of the upcoming road closure.

This document was written and approved using Stage 2 plans.

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

Ellis STIP Details

Phase	Current STIP Reference
ENV	
RW	107691: 26-29 STIP
CO	107691: 26-29 STIP
DD	

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 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: Regional General Permit

Waterways Permit Approval Date 01/29/2026

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:

No endangered species will be impacted by the project. No SWH for bat species is present within the project area and no other endangered species were observed in the project area.

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: No Encroachment Within a Special Flood Hazard Area (SFHA)

Floodplain Remarks

This project is not located within a special flood hazard area. No coordination or additional documentation is required.

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
Appendix B

Cultural Resources Coordination - ODOT Approval/SHPO Concurrence Date

12/04/2025

Cultural Resources Remarks

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:

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 513 Landfill Authorization:

Yes - Screening

Regulated Materials Review Screening:

No Further Regulated Materials Review

Regulated Materials Review Screening - DEC/OES Approval Date:

03/26/2026

Regulated Materials Review Remarks:



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All properties where permanent ROW is being purchased from are exempt properties and no further studies are required. District Environmental Staff determined that no further studies were necessary on 3/26/26.

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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Yes



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- 1) ODOT will adhere to all appropriate Waterway Permit Special Provisions throughout construction



Preparers and Approvals

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Approvals & Electronic Signatures

Approved & Electronically Signed By:	Approval Date:
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Appendix

General

Aerial Map.pdf

Correspondence with Emergency and Public Services.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

Public Notification Mailing List.pdf

Permits

FEMA FIRM.pdf