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Environmental Document

for

SUM SR 261 0.00/VAR PID 113037

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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 Sponsor ODOT Sponsoring Agency
ODOT District 4
Funding Source Federal

Project Description:

ODOT District 4 proposes improvements to approximately 6 miles of State Route 261 by milling the existing asphalt surface, performing the necessary base and subgrade repairs, applying a new asphalt surface, applying pavement markings, shoulder grading and casting adjustments as well as minor maintenance to six bridges in the cities of Norton and Akron in Summit County. SR 261 currently has two travel lanes in each direction and this project will restripe the lanes to one travel lane in each direction with a center two-way left turn lane and bike lanes.

Due to the proposed travel lane reduction, Akron issued a news release with project details and public commenting information. Eight public comments were received with most involving concerns about traffic flow with the lane reduction and lack of use of existing bike lanes. Akron responded to all comments. See public involvement materials in Project File/Public Involvement/Project Information subsection

The Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT) certifies that this action meets 23 CFR 771.117(c) and will not result in significant impacts to the environment. This project will not exceed any of the thresholds listed for Certified CEs in the ODOT NEPA Assignment CE Guidance.

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

Ellis STIP Details

Phase	Current STIP Reference
CO	113037: 26-29 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: 11/06/2025

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):

(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 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



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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:

No



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Preparers and Approvals

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Appendix

General

Akron Road Diet Justification.pdf

ODOT Road Diet Approval.pdf

Ecological

ODNR Scenic River MOA Conditions

Public Involvement

Press Release.pdf

Response to Public Comments.pdf