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Environmental Document

for

MAH/TRU SIGN FY2026 (Systematic) PID 112198

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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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PID:	112198
Project Sponsor:	District 4-Maintenance
ODOT District:	4
Funding Source:	Non-Federal
Does this project require a Federal permit or approval?	No

Project Description:

The Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT) proposes systematic highway/roadway sign replacement along various U. S. and State Routes throughout Trumbull and Mahoning Counties.

Mapping that depicts the project locations on United States Geological Survey (USGS) 7.5-Minute Topographic Quadrangle Mapping is included in Project File/General/Project Information as *USGS Quadrangle Topographical Map.pdf*.

On highways/roadways with 3 or more lanes, a minimum of one ten-foot lane of traffic in each direction shall be maintained on the existing pavement during project construction. On roadways with 2 lanes, a minimum of one ten-foot bidirectional lane of traffic shall be maintained on the existing pavement during project construction. Road closures and detours are not proposed to construct the project. Lane restrictions/reductions shall not be permitted after normal working hours. All necessary signage will be posted within the project construction limits and all intersecting side roads prior to the start of project construction. Access shall be maintained to all adjacent properties, businesses and intersecting side roads during project construction. Substantial traffic disruptions are not expected during project construction.

The project will be constructed within the existing highway/roadway rights-of-way.

Existing utilities within the project study areas will not be impacted/relocated to construct the project.

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 has no Federal funding (100% State funded project) and does not involve a Federal action.

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. The search concluded that the proposed project is located within the following historic districts or adjacent to the following historic properties listed in the National Register of Historic Places (NRHP):

1. Mesopotamia Village Historic District, on State Route 534 and State Route 87 in Trumbull County (NRHP#74001635);
2. Gustavus Center Historic District on State Route 87 in Trumbull County (NRHP#75001542);
3. Greene Township Center on State Route 87 in Trumbull County (NRHP#78002198);
4. Raymond, Liberty G, Tavern and Barn on State Route 87 in Trumbull County (NRHP#75001543);
5. Mill Creek Park Historic District on State Route 625 and State Route 170 in Mahoning County (NRHP#05000178); and
6. South Main Street Historic District on State Route 170 in Mahoning County (NRHP#84000136).

The proposed work taking place is limited to systematic highway/roadway sign replacement along existing modern asphalt paved routes, therefore, the proposed project will not impact these historic districts or any other historic properties/districts.

The project is exempt from consultation with the Ohio State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO)/Ohio History Connection (OHC) under Ohio Revised Code (ORC) Section 149.53 and under stipulations found in Appendix A of the revised State Funded Project Letter Agreement (Agreement No. 17075), between Ohio's SHPO and ODOT, executed August 29, 2012. This undertaking occurs within the existing highway/roadway rights-of-way and the proposed work will not impact any historic properties or historic districts. The work is also an exempted project type and is limited to the installation or maintenance of signs as referenced in Appendix A under Item 6. See the cultural resources documentation for the project in the Project File/Cultural Resources/Project



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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 MAH TRU-SIGN-FY2026 Exempt ESR.pdf* for the project in the Project File/Ecological/Reports subsection.

The project is located within the 1,000-foot buffer of the State Scenic Pymatuning Creek. The project will not impact this state scenic river. Scenic river coordination was conducted, as appropriate, for the project in accordance with the Memorandum of Agreement Between the ODOT and the Ohio Department of Natural Resources (ODNR)/Division of Watercraft For Project Coordination On Ohio's State Wild, Scenic and Recreational Rivers (Agreement No. 11323). See the scenic river coordination documentation for the project in the Project File/Ecological/Coordination subsection as *Coordination with ODNR - Scenic River Field Review.pdf*.

The work proposed by the project is considered roadway maintenance that will not change the alignment, grade or hydraulic capacity of the stream(s) and, therefore, is exempt from the normal permit process required for work encroaching on a special flood hazard area (SFHA). Floodplain coordination is not required for the project. See the floodplains documentation for the project in the Project File/Permits/Floodplains subsection.

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

The environmental document and associated studies, as applicable, were approved using the Stage 3 Design plans for the project. A copy of the Stage 3 Design plans for the project is included in the Project File/General/Project Information subsection as *Stage 3 Design.pdf*.

The estimated total project cost specified in Ellis agrees with the total project cost specified in the ODOT State Fiscal Years 2026 - 2029 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
CO	112198: 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: ORC 149.53 Appendix A

Cultural Resources Coordination Date: 07/11/2025

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):

(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.**



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(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 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.)***

(31) Activities that do not utilize federal monies or require federal actions.

Environmental Commitments:

Yes



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- 1) The Project Designer shall incorporate the following note into the plans: The Contractor shall not discharge toxic or hazardous materials such as sealants, paint, solvents, cleaning agents, earthen materials, waste-water, fuels or debris of any kind to a scenic river, its tributaries, or drainage ways. If refueling of immobile equipment is necessary within the floodplain or near any tributary drainage ways, ditches, or stream, the contractor shall provide secondary containment with enough capacity to completely contain and collect all potential liquid wastes in the event of a spill.
- 2) The Project Designer shall incorporate the following note into the plans: Any and all construction debris, earthen debris, excess asphalt or concrete, wood debris from clearing, excess fill material, and trash shall be disposed in an approved upland site or land fill above FEMA 100-year flood elevations. Disposal of any such materials within 1000 feet of the State Scenic Pymatuning Creek is prohibited.
- 3) The Project Designer shall incorporate the following note into the plans: In accordance with ORC 3750.06, reportable spills must be reported to the local fire department (911), the local emergency coordinators Robin Lees, Mahoning County EMA Director (330-799-9721) and John Hickey, Trumbull County EMA Director (330-770-0222), and the Ohio Spill Line (1-800-282-9378).
- 4) The Project Designer shall incorporate the following note into the plans: The Contractor shall keep all idle equipment, fuels, lubricants, and any storage for/of potentially toxic or hazardous materials out of the FEMA designated special flood hazard area and not within 1000 feet of the State Scenic Pymatuning Creek.
- 5) The Project Designer shall incorporate the following note into the plans: The Contractor shall notify the Project Engineer 40 days prior to work within 1000 feet of the State Scenic Pymatuning Creek. The Project Engineer shall notify the District Environmental Coordinator 35 days prior to work within 1000 feet of the scenic river. The District Environmental Coordinator shall coordinate with ODNR Scenic Rivers a minimum of 15 days prior to any work within 1000 feet of State Scenic Pymatuning Creek.



Preparers and Approvals

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Appendix

General

USGS Quadrangle Topographical Map.pdf

Cultural Resources

Records Check.pdf

Ecological

ODNR Scenic River MOA Conditions

Permits

District Determination - No Floodplain Impacts.pdf