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Environmental Document

for

POR Ravenna Rd (Parking Lot) PID 124326

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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	124326
Project Sponsor	Portage County Park District
ODOT District	4
Funding Source	Non-Federal
Does this project require a Federal permit or approval?	No
Project Description:	



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The Portage County Park District, in cooperation with the Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT), proposes to construct a new car parking area on the west side of Ravenna Road to serve both the PORTAGE Hike and Bike Trail and Towner's Woods Park, in Franklin Township, Portage County, Ohio. Additional project improvements include construction of a kiosk and ornamental plantings, seeding and mulching applications, application of pavement markings, and installation of fencing and signage within the project construction limits. The project will be constructed to meet Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) standards.

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*.

Road restrictions/closures/detours are not proposed to construct the project.

The PORTAGE Hike and Bike Trail section between Lake Rockwell Road and Ravenna Road NW will be closed for a minimum of seven (7) consecutive days with possible additional daily closures to ensure the safety of trail users. Access to the remainder of the PORTAGE Hike and Bike Trail will remain open during project construction. Substantial traffic disruptions are not expected 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.

All work will be performed within existing Portage County Park District right-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. The literature search concluded that there are no inventoried buildings (OHI), no known archaeological sites (OAI), and no listed or eligible historic properties found in the project APE. The project will be constructed on former railroad properties disturbed by Erie Lackawanna (double line), Norfolk and Southern Railroad (single line), New York Central Railroad (double line), the Cleveland and Pittsburgh Division of the Pennsylvania Railroad (double line), and the nearby A. and R. Electric Interurban railroad lines. The proposed parking lot site was once crossed by a gravel railroad access drive, and the area was formerly used as a site for manually operated "signal and switching tower" used to govern rail traffic at multiple crossings. The work will not involve any buildings, and no relocations will be required. Construction of shared use path facilities along disturbed railbeds is a project type exempt from further cultural resource consideration by the 8/29/2012 State-Funded Project Agreement Cultural Resource PA (Agreement 17075), when the project is not within the boundaries of any known historic property or National Register of Historic Places district. See the cultural resources documentation for the project in the Project File/Cultural Resources/Project Information subfolder 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 POR-Ravenna Rd Parking Lot.pdf* for the project in the Project File/Ecological/Reports subsection.

ODOT District 4 Environmental Section personnel reviewed the FEMA FIRM for the project study area and determined the project is not located within a mapped special flood hazard area. 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 area.

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 project construction cost specified in final design estimate is approximately lower than the project construction cost specified in the ODOT State Fiscal Years 2026 - 2029 Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP). Fiscal constraint is at the Statewide Line Item (SLI) Group level. An individual project utilizing a SLI does not require a STIP/TIP amendment.

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

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Phase	Current STIP Reference
CO	124326: 26-29 STIP

The current cost estimate is in line with existing federal procedures for Ohio STIP Amendments and Administration Modifications: No

Cultural Resources Coordination: ORC 149.53 Appendix B



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Cultural Resources Coordination Date:

12/09/2025

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.*

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

Environmental Commitments:

No



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Appendix

General

Aerial Map.pdf

County Map.pdf

USGS Quadrangle Topographical Map.pdf

Cultural Resources

ORC 149.53 Appendix B

Records Check.pdf

Ecological

ODNR Scenic River MOA Conditions

Project Related OES Decision - Ecological.pdf

Section 6(f)

LWCF Grant Listing and Map.pdf

Public Involvement

News Article.pdf

Newsletter.pdf

Press Release.pdf

Project Related Decision - No Public Comments Received.pdf

Website Posting.pdf

Website Snapshot - Updated Press Release.pdf

Website Snapshot.pdf

Permits

FEMA FIRM.pdf