



# OHIO DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

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## **Environmental Document**

for

## **CUY St. Clair Ave. Target Speed PID 123428**

**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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**C2**

**Project Information**

**C2 Section**

<b>PIDs</b>	123428
<b>Project Sponsor</b>	Cleveland, City of
<b>ODOT District</b>	12
<b>Funding Source</b>	Federal

**Project Description:**

The City of Cleveland and ODOT District 12 propose to implement target speed and safety countermeasures on St. Clair Avenue from 101<sup>st</sup> Street to 157<sup>th</sup> Street in the City of Cleveland, Ohio. The project will include a road diet/ lane reduction, buffered on-street bike lanes, enhanced crosswalks (9), signal modifications (4), raised medians (8), floating bus stops (40) in an effort to lower travel speeds and increase vehicular and pedestrian safety. The project is proposed to take place entirely within the existing right-of-way. Traffic will be maintained during construction using part-width construction. Utility work is limited to one fire hydrant relocation and castings adjustments. No service disruptions are anticipated and no poles are anticipated to be relocated. Construction is expected to begin in June 2027 and last for approximately 5 months. The estimated construction cost is \$4,536,000 (90% Federal/10% Local Funding).

The project will not impact any streams, wetlands, Federally listed threatened/endangered species or their habitats, regulated material sites, Section 4(f) sites, Section 6(f) sites or cultural resource sites.

The City has engaged property owners and businesses within the project area during the NEPA process to solicit comments or concerns. No concerns have been expressed to the City regarding the environmental resources or impacts of the project. Public involvement activities included a web posting. All public involvement materials and documentation have been uploaded to the Project File tab under Public Involvement. No comments were received during the public involvement period.

The environmental document and associated studies are being prepared using Stage 1 design. A copy of the Stage 1 plans are included in the Project File under General/Project Information.

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

**Ellis STIP Details**

Phase	Current STIP Reference
ENV	On Previous STIP
RW	
CO	123428: 26-29 STIP
DD	123428: 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:

(26) Modernization of a highway by resurfacing, restoration, rehabilitation, reconstruction, adding shoulders, or adding auxiliary lanes (including parking, weaving, turning, and climbing lanes), if the action meets the constraints in paragraph I of this section. **Examples include: Joint or limited use of right-of-way where the proposed use would have minimal or no adverse social (including highway safety), economic or environmental impacts; Installation of new noise walls and other new noise mitigation projects; Construction of highway safety and truck escape ramps; Construction of bicycle lanes and pedestrian walkways, sidewalks, shared-use paths, or facilities and trailhead parking that do not otherwise qualify for a C1 designation; Beautification or facility improvement projects (i.e. landscaping, curb and gutter installation and replacement, ADA ramps/curb ramps, installation of park benches, decorative lighting, etc.); Construction of alternative energy facilities (fuel tank farms, wind turbines, etc.)**

(27) Highway safety or traffic operations improvement projects, including the installation of ramp metering control devices and lighting, if the project meets the constraints in paragraph (e) of this section. **Examples include: Lane reduction ("road diet") changes provided traffic analysis is completed; Railroad projects that close at-grade crossings to improve safety or traffic operations.**

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: Not Present

Will any wetlands be impacted? No

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

Endangered Species Remarks:



Impacts to the following federally listed species were considered: Indiana Bat (*Myotis sodalis*), Northern Long-eared Bat (*Myotis septentrionalis*), Bald Eagle (*Haliaeetus leucocephalus*), Piping Plover (*Charadrius melodus*), Rufa Red Knot (*Calidris canutus rufa*) and the Tricolored Bat (*Perimyotis subflavus*). The project does not have the potential to impact streams, wetlands, or federally listed species. This project is considered Ecologically Exempt under the Ecological MOA (Agreement 19394). An ecological exempt project form is included in the project file under the Ecological/Reports/Ecologically Exempt.

#### **Scenic Rivers**

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

#### **Scenic Rivers Remarks**

There are no National Wild and Scenic Rivers within 1,000 feet of the proposed project area. Impacts are not anticipated.

#### **Floodplains**

##### **100-Year Floodplain:**

No Encroachment Within a Special  
Flood Hazard Area (SFHA)

#### **Floodplain Remarks**

There are no floodplains mapped in the project area. Impacts to floodplains are not anticipated. A copy of the FEME Floodplain map is included in the project file under Permits/Floodplains.

#### **Section 4(f)**

##### **Section 4(f):**

Not present

##### **Section 4(f) Remarks**

There are no Section 4(f) properties (publicly owned park and recreation areas that are open to the general public, publicly owned wildlife and waterfowl refuges, and public or privately owned historic sites) located in the project area. Impacts to Section 4(f) properties are not anticipated.

#### **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 A



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

01/09/2026

**Cultural Resources Remarks**

A Cultural Resources Records Check was performed by ASC Group, using the online OSHPO ArcMap Resource Map using the Ohio State Preservation Office GIS Data website. No Cultural Resources listed on or determined eligible for listing on the National Register of Historic Places were identified within the proposed project area. The undertaking is a type which has minimal potential to cause effects to historic properties in accordance with Minimal Potential to Cause Effect - Appendix A of the Section 106 Programmatic Agreement. No further coordination is required. The Records Check can be found in the Project File Under Cultural Resources/Project Information.

**Environmental Resources Considered**

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

Air Quality

Noise

Regulated Materials

**Air Quality:**

Studies Not Required

**Air Quality - Coordination with OES:**

No

**Air Remarks**

This project has been determined to generate minimal air quality impacts for Clean Air Act criteria pollutants and has not been linked with any special mobile source air toxic (MSAT) concerns. As such, this project will not result in changes in traffic volumes, vehicle mix, basic project location, or any other factor that would cause a meaningful increase in MSAT impacts of the project from that of the no-build alternative.

**Noise:**

Studies Not Required

**Noise - Coordination with OES**

No

**Noise Remarks**

The referenced project meets the criteria for a Type III project established in 23 CFR 772. Therefore, the project requires no analysis for highway traffic noise impacts. Type III projects do not involve added capacity, construction of new through lanes or auxiliary lanes, changes in the horizontal or vertical alignment of the roadway or exposure of noise sensitive land uses to a new or existing highway noise source. ODOT acknowledges that a noise analysis is required if changes to the proposed project result in reclassification to a Type I project.

**The project involves ROW acquisition, Deep Excavation, or OEPA 513 Landfill  
Authorization:**

No



**Hazardous Materials - OES Approval Date:**

09/09/2025

**Regulated Materials Review Remarks:**

No involvement with regulated materials is anticipated based on the information from the ODOT approved RMR screening report. See the RMR documentation in the Project File/RMR Section for additional information.

**Public Involvement**

**Public Involvement:**

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

**Public Involvement Remarks**

The City of Cleveland engaged property owners and businesses within the project area during the NEPA environmental process to solicit comments and/or concerns for the project. Comments/concerns were not expressed to the City of Cleveland regarding the environmental resources or impacts of the project. Public involvement activities included a press release. The press release requesting public comments was posted to the City of Cleveland website for at least a 30-day comment period. Comments were not received during the public comment period. See the public involvement documentation for the project in the Project File/Public Involvement/Project Information subsection.

**Environmental Commitments**

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No



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## **Appendix**

### **Ecological**

ODNR Scenic River MOA Conditions

### **Section 6(f)**

LWCF Grant Listing.pdf