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Environmental Document

for

POR SR 0059 02.03 (EV Stations) PID 124232

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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	124232
Project Sponsor	Kent, City of
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Funding Source	Federal
Project Description:	



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In 2023, the City of Kent received a Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity (RAISE) grant to reconstruct East Main Street (State Route 59) in Downtown Kent, Portage County, Ohio. The reconstruction of East Main Street was programmed as ODOT Project No. POR-SR 59-02.14 (E Main St) (PID: 112026) and is currently under construction. The 2023 RAISE grant also included funding for installation of new Electric Vehicle (EV) charging stations in the City of Kent. The proposed installation of new EV stations was programmed and designed as a separate, independent transportation improvement project (POR-SR 59-02.03 (EV Stations); PID: 124232).

The POR-SR 59-02.03 (EV Stations) project proposes to install 34 new EV charging stations on the north side of Kent State University Main Campus, adjacent to East Main Street. The project encompasses six (6) proposed locations within existing parking lots at the University of Kent College of Architecture and Environmental Design (2 locations), Verder Hall, the Center for Performing Arts (2 locations), and the Kent State Administrative Services building.

Mapping that depicts 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*.

Road closures and detours are not proposed to construct the project. Access shall be maintained to all adjacent properties and intersecting side streets for the duration of the project. Substantial traffic disruptions are not expected during project construction.

The project does not require new right-of-way and 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.

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. A portion of the proposed project is located within the National Register Listed Kent State Shooting Site Historic District (NRHP# 1000046). No land or contributing elements will be taken from the proposed historic boundary of this, or any other, National Register listed or eligible district or property. On October 27, 2025, in accordance with the Section 106 Programmatic Agreement (*Agreement No. 38503*) executed June 29, 2023, ODOT-OES determined the project is of a type with 'Minimal Potential to Cause Effects' and is not a part of a larger undertaking. See the cultural resources documentation for the project in the Project File/Cultural Resources/Project Information subsection and the Cultural Resources Tab.

Moreover, in accordance with 23 CFR Part 774, the POR SR 0059 02.03 (EV Stations) undertaking will not result in the use of a Section 4(f) cultural resource. No land from or contributing elements of a historic property or district will be removed or altered by the undertaking. See the cultural resources Section 4(f) determination documentation for the project in the Project File/Section 4(f)/Coordination subsection.

The project will not impact any recreational Section 4(f) resources.

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-SR 59-2.03.pdf* for the project in the Project File/Ecological/Reports subsection.

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

ODOT District 4 Environmental Section personnel reviewed FEMA FIRM information for the project study areas and determined the project is not located within a special flood hazard area. See floodplains documentation for the project in the *Project File/Permits/Floodplains subsection*.

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



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Phase	Current STIP Reference
CO	124232: 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: 10/27/2025

Tribal Consultation Summary/Remarks:

The Miami Tribe of Oklahoma was notified of the proposed project on October 27, 2025. No comment or objection was received from the Miami Tribe of Oklahoma as a result of the project notification. Tribal coordination information can be found in the Cultural Resources tab.

Supporting documentation has been uploaded to Project File: Yes

Select the appropriate project type (more than one can be selected):

(32) The installation, modification, operation, and removal of electric vehicle charging stations, using commercially available technology, within a previously disturbed or developed area. Covered actions are limited to areas where access and parking are in accordance with applicable requirements (such as local land use and zoning requirements) in the proposed project area and would incorporate appropriate control technologies and best management practices (in accordance with the Department of Energy's NEPA procedures [[CE B5.23 of 10 CFR part 1021, subpart D, appendix B](#)] and as adopted by the USDOT [88 FR 64972, September 20, 2023]).

Environmental Commitments: No



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Environmental Commitments



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Appendix

General

Aerial Map.pdf

County Map.pdf

USGS Quadrangle Topographical Map.pdf

Cultural Resources

Minimal Potential to Cause Effect - Appendix B

Records Check.pdf

Ecological

ODNR Scenic River MOA Conditions

Project Related Decision - Ecological.pdf

Section 4(f)

OES Cultural Resources 4(f) Determination.pdf

Project Related Decision - Section 4(f).pdf

Permits

FEMA FIRM.pdf