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Environmental Document

for

MAH Sheridan Rd (Poland) PID 116836

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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Project Information

C2 Section

PIDs	116836
Project Sponsor	Poland, Village of
ODOT District	4
Funding Source	Federal

Project Description:

The village of Poland, in cooperation with the Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT), proposes to install an 11-foot wide, off-road, asphalt-paved multi-use path along the east side of Sheridan Road from an existing multi-use path near Delaware Avenue to the Poland Community baseball fields at Johnston Place, a total distance of 1,414 feet (0.26 mile). The proposed project will extend the existing trail and link the residential neighborhood to the Poland Community baseball fields. Additional improvements include reconstruction of driveway aprons, storm water drainage improvements, water valve box adjustments, new curb ramps/truncated domes to meet Americans with Disabilities act (ADA) standards, and the application of new crosswalk lines, as necessary throughout the project limits.

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*.

During project construction, a minimum of one lane of traffic in each direction shall be maintained at all times on Sheridan Road utilizing flaggers. Road closures and detours are not proposed to construct the project. All necessary signage will be posted within the project construction limits and all intersecting side roads. Access shall be maintained to all adjacent residential properties except when short-duration driveway closures will be required for the construction of the multi-use path. The duration of driveway closures shall be minimized as much as possible and will be coordinated with the affected residents. Substantial traffic disruptions are not expected during project construction.

The project will be constructed within the existing roadway right-of-way.

No utilities within the project study area will be impacted/relocated to construct the project.

ODOT District 4 Environmental Section personnel reviewed the Ohio EPA, Division of Drinking and Ground Waters GIS online mapping system and determined the project is not located in a Drinking Water Source Protection Area. See the drinking water maps for the project in the Project File/Other Resources/Drinking Water subsection.



The project is located in an urbanized area, therefore, the project is not subject to the Farmland Protection Policy Act. See the Census Bureau Urbanized Area Map in the Project File/Other Resources/Farmlands subsection.

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

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 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 is 3.73% greater than the total project cost specified in the ODOT State Fiscal Years 2026-2029 Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP). However, based on the estimated total project cost being less than \$3,000,000 and the additional project cost not exceeding \$1,500,000, a STIP amendment is not necessary for the project.

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

Ellis STIP Details

Phase	Current STIP Reference
CO	116836: 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.)**

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 following Federally Listed Species received an effect determination of May Affect, Not Likely to Adversely Affect:

Species Common Name	Species Scientific Name	Listing Status	Most Recent Coordination Date
Indiana Bat	<i>Myotis sodalis</i>	Endangered	11/06/2025
Northern Long-eared Bat	<i>Myotis septentrionalis</i>	Endangered	11/06/2025
Tricolored Bat	<i>Perimyotis subflavus</i>	Proposed Endangered	11/06/2025

The following Federally Listed Species received an effect determination of No Effect:

Species Common Name	Species Scientific Name	Listing Status	Most Recent Coordination Date
Bald Eagle	<i>Haliaeetus leucocephalus</i>	Species of Concern	11/06/2025
Eastern Massasauga	<i>Sistrurus catenatus</i>	Threatened	11/06/2025

Endangered Species Remarks:

The project will impact approximately 0.01 acre of SWH for the Federally listed Indiana bat, Northern Long-eared bat and Tricolored bat species. See the threatened/endangered species documentation for the project in the Leve 1 Ecological Survey Reports provided in the Project File/Ecological/Reports subsection and the Ecological tab.

Scenic Rivers

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

Scenic Rivers Remarks

National or State Wild and Scenic Rivers are not located within 1,000 feet of the project study area. The project will not impact any National or State Wild and Scenic Rivers.

Floodplains



100-Year Floodplain:

No Encroachment Within a Special
Flood Hazard Area (SFHA)

Floodplain Remarks

ODOT District 4 Environmental Section personnel reviewed the FEMA FIRM mapping for the project study area and determined the project is not located within a designated Special Flood Hazard Area (SFHA) floodplain. See the floodplain mapping for the project in the Project File/Permits/Floodplains subsection.

Section 4(f)

Section 4(f):

Present; No Programmatic
Evaluation or Individual Evaluation
Required

Section 4(f) Determination:

Transportation Enhancement Exception - 774.13(g)

Section 4(f) Determination Date - 774.13(g)

11/07/2025

Section 4(f) Remarks

The existing Sheridan Road multi-use path begins near Cover Drive and ends near Delaware Avenue. The Sheridan Road trail is recognized as a recreational property and as such is afforded protection from adverse impacts. Temporary closure of the existing Sheridan Road trail near Delaware Avenue will be required for a maximum duration of 14 calendar days to connect the new trail to the existing trail.

A Section 4(f)/6(f) Determination Request Form for Recreational Properties (DRF) was submitted to ODOT-OES Policy Staff on November 6, 2025. Based upon review of the DRF it was determined the proposed project can be processed as an exception to the requirement for Section 4(f) approval. In accordance with 23 CFR 774.13(g), the proposed project will preserve and/or enhance the existing Sheridan Road trail and will not adversely affect the protected recreational activities, features, or attributes. The determination was made based on the proposed scope of work and concurrence received from the Official with Jurisdiction (OWJ) regarding the assessment of impacts that are included in the DRF. No further Section 4(f) coordination is required at this time.

All Section 4(f) documentation can be found in the Project File/Section 4(f)/Coordination, Project Information, and Reports subsections.

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

12/15/2025

Cultural Resources Remarks



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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 the project is located within a previously surveyed area, however, no Cultural Resources listed on or determined eligible for listing on the National Register of Historic Places were identified within and/or immediately adjacent to the proposed project area.

The project is not a part of a larger undertaking and is a type that has minimal potential to cause effects to historic properties in accordance with Stipulation V(C)(1) and Appendix A of the Section 106 Programmatic Agreement executed on June 29, 2023 (Agreement No. 38503). Therefore, no further cultural resource coordination is required for the project. See the cultural resources documentation for the project in the Project File/Cultural Resources/Project Information subsection and the Cultural Resources Tab.

Environmental Resources Considered

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

Regulated Materials

Air Remarks

Air quality studies or coordination are not required for this project. The project is an exempt project per 40 CFR 93.126 [Exempt projects, Air Quality: Bicycle and pedestrian facilities]. See the Air Quality documentation for the project in the Project File/Air/Project Information subsection.

Noise Remarks

The project does not qualify as a Type I project for noise (i.e., not adding capacity, not moving thru travel lanes equal to or greater than 50% closer to noise sensitive areas) and a noise analysis is not required for the project under 23 CFR 772.

The project involves ROW acquisition, Deep Excavation, or OEPA 513 Landfill Authorization: Yes - Screening

Regulated Materials Review Screening:

No Further Regulated Materials Review

Regulated Materials Review Screening - DEC/OES Approval Date: 11/18/2025

Regulated Materials Review Remarks:

Based on the information in the Regulated Materials Review (RMR) Screening 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/RMR/Reports subsection.

Public Involvement

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

Public Involvement Remarks



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The Village of Poland conducted various public involvement activities for the project including a press release, website posting, and notifications to property owners. News articles detailing the project were published online by WKBN and WFMJ media outlets. Comments were requested by all public involvement activities conducted for the project. Written comments were received from seven (7) different individuals as a result of the public involvement activities performed for the project. The Village of Poland responded to all comments individually via email, the manner they were received, however, a summary of comments received and responses to those comments was also posted to the Village of Poland's website for public viewing. See the public involvement documentation for the project in the Project File/Public Involvement/Project Information subsection.

Environmental Commitments

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Yes



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1) The Project Designer shall incorporate the following commitment as a note in the plans: ENDANGERED BAT HABITAT: THE PROJECT SITE IS LOCATED WITHIN THE KNOWN HABITAT RANGES OF THE FEDERALLY LISTED AND PROTECTED INDIANA BAT, NORTHERN LONG-EARED BAT AND TRI-COLORED BAT. NO TREES SHALL BE REMOVED TO CONSTRUCT THE PROJECT FROM APRIL 1 THROUGH SEPTEMBER 30. ALL NECESSARY TREE REMOVAL SHALL OCCUR FROM OCTOBER 1 THROUGH MARCH 31. THIS REQUIREMENT IS NECESSARY TO AVOID AND MINIMIZE IMPACTS TO THESE SPECIES AS REQUIRED BY THE ENDANGERED SPECIES ACT. FOR THE PURPOSES OF THIS NOTE, A TREE IS DEFINED AS A LIVE, DYING, OR DEAD WOODY PLANT, WITH A TRUNK THREE INCHES OR GREATER IN DIAMETER AT A HEIGHT OF 4.5 FEET ABOVE THE GROUND SURFACE, AND WITH A MINIMUM HEIGHT OF 13 FEET.

2) The Project Designer shall incorporate the following commitment as a note in the plans: SHERIDAN TRAIL - STA 100+25.00 TO STA 100+97.31:
Access to the existing Sheridan Road trail will be maintained at all times, except for the time needed to temporarily close or restrict access to connect to the existing trail. The closure duration shall be less than the time needed for construction of the project and will be limited to 14 calendar days.

Temporary construction fencing will be installed along the proposed construction limits prior to the start of construction activities to protect the 4(f) property and the public.

Appropriate signage will be installed to alert users of the Sheridan Road trail of construction activities, temporary access restrictions or closures, and direct users to secondary access points.

The contractor shall be required to closely coordinate the construction schedule with ODOT and the Village of Poland prior to the beginning of construction activities.



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Appendix

General

Aerial Map.pdf

County Map.pdf

USGS Quadrangle Topographical Map.pdf

Air

District Determination - No Air Analysis Required.pdf

RMR

District Review - Screening .pdf

Cultural Resources

Records Check.pdf

Ecological

ODNR Scenic River MOA Conditions

USFWS/ODNR Ecological MOA Conditions

Other Resources

Urbanized Area Map.pdf

Water Source Protection Area Map.pdf

Section 4(f)

OES Recreational 4(f) Determination.pdf

Section 6(f)

LWCF Grant Listing.pdf

Public Involvement

News Article - WFMJ.pdf

News Article - WKBN.pdf

Poland Website Posting - Public Comments Response Table.pdf

Press Release.pdf

Property Owner Notification Letter.pdf

Public Comments Received.pdf

Public Notification Mailing List.pdf

Response to Public Comments - Email Verification.pdf



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Village of Poland Website Posting.pdf

Permits

FEMA FIRM.pdf