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Environmental Document

for

CUY SR 021 00.82 PID 118560

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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 the Memorandum of Understanding dated May 8, 2026 and executed by FHWA and ODOT and the Memorandum of Understanding dated December 3, 2024, and executed by FRA and ODOT.

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PID	118560
Project Sponsor	Brecksville, City of
ODOT District	12
Funding Source	Federal

Project Description:

The City of Brecksville (City) proposes a project to resurface Brecksville Road (State Route {SR} 21) repair curbs, and upgrade pedestrian facilities from the Miller Road intersection in the south to Royalton Road (SR 82) intersection in the north in the City of Brecksville, Cuyahoga County, Ohio (Project).

All work is within existing right of way with no temporary or permanent right of way needed. There will be no impacts to any utilities; however, utility companies have been notified of the project with the coordination in the Project File > General > Right of Way and Utility Involvement.

Construction is expected to begin in the spring of 2027 and last approximately 6 months. No roadway closure or detours are expected, with traffic to be reduced to one lane in each direction or maintained using flaggers.
A Cultural Resources Records Check was performed by TRC and reviewed by ODOT District 12. 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. District approval date 8/17/2026.
The RMR Screening was approved by Megan Romanchok, District Environmental Specialist on 9/21/2026. No deep excavation or ROW required.
There is no work within any waters of the U.S. and the Project is not located in a special flood hazard; therefore, no permits are required. No work in streams, wetlands, or pollinator initiative sites. No tree removal. There will be no impacts to any state or federally listed species or their habitat. The Ecological Exempt Report was approved by ODOT 8/17/2026.
Cleveland Metropark's Brecksville Reservation, Sleepy Hollow Golf Course, and Valley Bridle Trail (aka Buckeye Trail & Brecksville Trail) are recognized Section 4(f) recreational property. The project was processed as an exception to the requriement for Section 4(f) approval by the Office of Environmental Services on August 26, 2026. In accordance with 23 CFR 774.13(d), the temporary occupancy of land and/or access will not consitute a use upon the protected recreational activities, features, or attributes associated with Brecksville Reservation, Sleepy Hollow Golf Course, and Valley Bridle Trail. The 4(f) determination can be found in Project File > Section 4(f) > Coordination. Valley Bridle Trail aka Buckeye Trail east of Brecksville Road is part of the Brecksville Trail which has received The Land and Water Conservation Fund grant #39-010004 to construct a 4.8 mile 8 foot wide asphalt surface multi-purpose trail in 1984. The National Parks Service (NPS) and the Ohio Department of Natural Resources (ODNR) concurred that the Brecksville Road (SR 21) paving project will be considered 6(f) maintenance and, therefore, no further coordination with NPS nor ODNR is required. The 6(f) determination can be found in the Project File > Section 6(f) > Coordination.
Letters were sent to adjacent property owners requesting public engagement on the project. One comment from a property was received at the time of writing this document requesting a turn lane be added to Brecksville Road. The City responded that the project only included resurfacing but that the information will be sent on for consideration on a future project. Public involvement documents can be found in the Project File > Public Involvement > Project Information.
Construction: $4,644,000.00: 48% state & federal and 52% local.
This document was written and approved based on Stage 2 plans.

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	118560: 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: 08/17/2026

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):

(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.)***

Environmental Commitments: Yes

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1) The following note shall be added to the plan set by the engineering team for the contractor to follow during construction: THIS PROJECT IS LOCATED WITHIN THE KNOWN HABITAT RANGES OF THE FEDERALLY LISTED AND PROTECTED INDIANA BAT, AND NORTHERN LONG-EARED BAT. NO TREES SHALL BE REMOVED UNDER THIS PROJECT. THIS REQUIREMENT IS NECESSARY TO AVOID AND MINIMIZE IMPACTS TO THESE SPECIES AS REQUIRED BY THE ENDANGERED SPECIES ACT (ESA). FOR THE PURPOSES OF THIS NOTE, A TREE IS DEFINED AS: A LIVE, DYING, OR DEAD WOODY PLANT, WITH A TRUNK 3 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 following note shall be added to the plan set for the contractor to follow during construction: The contractor shall closely coordinate the construction schedule with ODOT, the City of Brecksville, and Cleveland Metroparks (Marc Pucky: mjp@clevelandmetroparks.com and Jeremy Peppeard: jap@clevelandmetroparks.com) prior to the start of construction activities.

3) The following note shall be added to the plan set for the contractor to follow during construction: Access to one (1) entrance of Brecksville Reservation, one (1) entrance of Sleepy Hollow Golf Course, and one (1) side of Valley Parkway Bridle Trail shall be maintained at all times during construction activities. Closures lasting 15 minutes or less of each entrance and road crossing are expected while pavement is removed and then replaced directly in front of each 4(f) resource (Brecksville Reservation, Sleepy Hollow Golf Course, and Valley Parkway Bridle Trail). These closures will be very short and shall not last longer than 15 minutes each while the construction passes each location.

4) The following note shall be added to the plan set for the contractor to follow during construction: Appropriate signage shall be installed to alert users of Brecksville Reservation, Sleepy Hollow Golf Course, and Valley Parkway Bridle Trail of construction activities, especially while traffic along Brecksville Road is reduced to one lane in each direction or maintained using flaggers.

5) The following note shall be added to the plan set for the contractor to follow during construction: No land associated with the Brecksville Reservation, Sleepy Hollow Golf Course, nor Valley Parkway Bridle Trail Center shall be disturbed by construction. Should disturbance occur, the land will be fully restored and returned to a condition which is at least as good as that which existed prior to the project.

Preparers and Approvals

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Appendix

General

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County Map.pdf

STIP Listing.pdf

USGS Quadrangle Topographical Map.pdf

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ODNR Scenic River MOA Conditions

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Section 6(f)

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