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Environmental Document

for

ATB SR 0007 14.95/18.44 PID 100956

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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: 100956
Project Sponsor: DISTRICT 4-PLANNING
ODOT District: 4
Funding Source: Federal

Project Description:

The Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT) proposes maintenance activities along 11.37 miles of State Route (SR) 7 in a rural area of Pierpont and Monroe Townships in Ashtabula County. The project limits on SR 7 are from North Richmond Road to SR 167 and from Caine Road to 0.66 mile north of Hatches Corners Road. The proposed improvements include pavement planing, repairs and resurfacing, aggregate/paved shoulder maintenance, pavement markings applications, monument box adjustments to grade and raised pavement marker replacements.

Mapping that depicts the project location on a topographic, aerial and county map are included in the Project File/General/Project Information subsection.

A minimum of one 10-foot lane of traffic in each direction will be maintained on the existing pavement or completed pavement during project construction. Construction and lane restrictions/reductions will be posted within the project construction limits prior to the start of and during project construction. Lane restrictions/reductions shall not be permitted after normal working hours.

Access shall be maintained to all adjacent properties, businesses and intersecting side streets during project construction. Substantial traffic disruptions are not expected during project construction.

Based on the project scope of work, its Path 1 designation and the proposed maintenance of traffic measures, emergency/public services were not notified regarding the project impacts.

The project will be constructed within the existing roadway 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 by ODOT district environmental staff using the SHPO GIS online database. 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 undertaking is a type that has minimal potential to cause effects to historic properties. No further coordination is required in accordance with the Section 106 Programmatic Agreement. In accordance with Stipulation V(C)(1) and Appendix A of the Section 106 Programmatic Agreement executed on June 29, 2023 (Agreement No. 38503), ODOT determined the project is a type of undertaking that has 'minimal potential to cause effects' to historic properties 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.

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.

The project is located within 1,000 feet of Conneaut Creek, a State Wild and Scenic River and the East Branch of the Ashtabula River is a State Scenic River within the project limits. Plan notes for wild/scenic river protections will be added to the plans. ODOT District 4 will coordinate the final plans with Ohio Department of Natural Resources staff.

This project is considered ecologically exempt under the Ecological MOA (Agreement 19394). See the ecological documentation for the project in the Project File/Ecological/Reports subsection and the Ecological tab.

ODOT District 4 Environmental Section personnel reviewed the FEMA FIRM mapping for the project study area and found the proposed construction activities are not located within a designated Special Flood Hazard Area (SFHA) floodplain. Floodplain coordination is not required for the project. See the floodplain mapping and 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 Plans for the project. A copy of the Stage 3 Plans for the project is included in the Project File/General/Project Information subsection as Stage 3 Plans.pdf.

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



Ellis STIP Details

Phase	Current STIP Reference
CO	100956: 24-27 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: 02/10/2025

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):

(8) Installation of fencing, signs, pavement markings, small passenger shelters, traffic signals, and railroad warning devices where no substantial land acquisition or traffic disruption will occur. *Examples include: The installation or maintenance of signs, pavement markings/raised pavement markers/sensors, traffic calming activities, and/or new or replacement fencing (right-of-way, vandal, etc.); General pavement marking or "line painting" projects.*

(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 Project Designer shall incorporate the following note into the plans:

THE CONTRACTOR SHALL NOT PLACE TEMPORARY OR PERMANENT FILL IN WETLANDS OR BELOW THE ORDINARY HIGH WATER MARK OF ANY WATERWAY DURING CONSTRUCTION OF THIS PROJECT. THE CONTRACTOR SHALL NOT PLACE EQUIPMENT BELOW THE ORDINARY HIGH WATER MARK. IF DEBRIS ENTERS THE WATERWAY DURING CONSTRUCTION, THE CONTRACTOR SHALL REMOVE THE DEBRIS IMMEDIATELY UTILIZING EQUIPMENT STAGED ABOVE THE ORDINARY HIGH WATER MARK.

2) The Project Designer shall incorporate the following note into the plans:

THE PROJECT IS LOCATED WITHIN 1000 FEET OF CONNEAUT CREEK, A STATE WILD AND SCENIC RIVER, AND THE EAST BRANCH OF THE ASHTABULA RIVER IS A STATE SCENIC RIVER WITHIN THE PROJECT LIMITS. THE CONTRACTOR SHALL NOT DISCHARGE TOXIC OR HAZARDOUS MATERIALS SUCH AS SEALANTS, PAINT, SOLVENTS, CLEANING AGENTS, EARTHEN MATERIALS, WASTE-WATER, FUELS OR DEBRIS OF ANY KIND TO A SCENIC RIVER, ITS TRIBUTARIES, OR DRAINAGE WAYS. IF REFUELING OF IMMOBILE EQUIPMENT IS NECESSARY WITHIN THE FLOODPLAIN OR NEAR ANY TRIBUTARY DRAINAGE WAYS, DITCHES, OR STREAM, THE CONTRACTOR SHALL PROVIDE SECONDARY CONTAINMENT WITH ENOUGH CAPACITY TO COMPLETELY CONTAIN AND COLLECT ALL POTENTIAL LIQUID WASTES IN THE EVENT OF A SPILL. ANY AND ALL CONSTRUCTION DEBRIS, EARTHEN DEBRIS, EXCESS ASPHALT OR CONCRETE, WOOD DEBRIS FROM CLEARING, EXCESS FILL MATERIAL, AND TRASH SHOULD BE DISPOSED OF AT AN APPROVED UPLAND SITE OR LAND FILL ABOVE FEMA 100-YEAR FLOOD ELEVATIONS. DISPOSAL OF ANY SUCH MATERIALS WITHIN 1000 FEET OF CONNEAUT CREEK AND THE EAST BRANCH OF THE ASHTABULA RIVER IS PROHIBITED. IN ACCORDANCE WITH ORC 3750.06, REPORTABLE SPILLS MUST BE REPORTED TO THE LOCAL FIRE DEPARTMENT (911), THE LOCAL EMERGENCY COORDINATOR (440-576-3500), AND THE OHIO SPILL LINE (800-282-9378).

THE CONTRACTOR SHALL KEEP ALL IDLE EQUIPMENT, FUELS, LUBRICANTS, AND ANY STORAGE FOR/OF POTENTIALLY TOXIC OR HAZARDOUS MATERIALS OUT OF THE FEMA DESIGNATED SPECIAL FLOOD HAZARD AREA AND NOT WITHIN 1000 FEET OF THE CONNEAUT CREEK AND THE EAST BRANCH OF THE ASHTABULA RIVER.

THE CONTRACTOR SHALL NOTIFY THE PROJECT ENGINEER 40 DAYS PRIOR TO WORK WITHIN 1000 FEET OF CONNEAUT CREEK AND THE EAST BRANCH OF THE ASHTABULA RIVER. THE PROJECT ENGINEER SHALL NOTIFY THE DISTRICT ENVIRONMENTAL COORDINATOR 35 DAYS PRIOR TO WORK WITHIN 1000 FEET OF THE SCENIC RIVERS. THE DISTRICT ENVIRONMENTAL COORDINATOR SHALL COORDINATE WITH ODNR SCENIC RIVERS A MINIMUM OF 30 DAYS PRIOR TO ANY WORK WITHIN 1000 FEET OF CONNEAUT CREEK AND THE EAST BRANCH OF THE ASHTABULA RIVER.

THE CONTRACTOR SHALL DEVELOP AND IMPLEMENT A SEDIMENT AND EROSION CONTROL PLAN BEFORE EARTHWORK COMMENCES. THE PLAN SHALL INCLUDE A LIST OF APPLICABLE BMPs, PER SS 832 THAT WILL BE USED THROUGHOUT THE PROJECT, SUCH AS PERIMETER CONTROLS AND/OR SEEDING AND MULCHING, AND MUST BE SUBMITTED TO THE PROJECT ENGINEER FOR REVIEW AND ACCEPTANCE. SEDIMENT AND EROSION CONTROLS SHALL BE PROPERLY INSTALLED AND MAINTAINED THROUGHOUT THE DURATION OF THE PROJECT. STRAW BALES SHALL NOT BE PERMITTED AS A FORM OF SEDIMENT CONTROL. ALL TEMPORARY SEDIMENT AND EROSION CONTROLS SHALL BE REMOVED UPON STABILIZATION OF THE PROJECT AREA. PARTICULAR ATTENTION SHALL BE GIVEN TO ANY DRAINAGE WAYS, UNPROTECTED SLOPES, DITCHES, AND STREAMS THAT COULD CONVEY SEDIMENT LADEN WATERS DIRECTLY TO THE CONNEAUT CREEK AND THE EAST BRANCH OF THE ASHTABULA RIVER.



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Regulated Materials Review Form.pdf

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ODNR Scenic River MOA Conditions

Permits

FEMA FIRM.pdf