



OHIO DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

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Environmental Document

for

SEN US 224 0.13/0.65/6.94/8.48 PID 97425

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

PID: 97425
Project Sponsor: DISTRICT 2 ENGINEERING
ODOT District: 2
Funding Source: Federal

Project Description:

The Ohio Department of Transportation is currently proposing to replace existing culverts on SEN-224 at four locations due to poor conditions. Permanent right of way will be acquired from seven agricultural properties and one residential property. This project is not located within a floodplain, so no floodplain permit is required. A permit from the USACE is required for the work in a stream. There will be no impacts to any ecological or historically significant resources. Construction is expected to begin in the spring of 2025 and last approximately 150 days. During construction, one lane of traffic will be maintained at all times with the exception of 3 separate detours required for the bridge work. All impacted property owners, public safety agencies, and schools have been notified of the closure.

This document was approved based on Stage 2 plans.

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	97425: 24-27 STIP
CO	97425: 24-27 STIP
DD	On Previous 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:

(28) Bridge rehabilitation, reconstruction, or replacement or the construction of grade separation to replace existing at-grade railroad crossings, if the actions meet the constraints in 23 CFR 771.117(e). **Examples include: Railroad projects that close or relocate at-grade crossings**

In accordance with 23 CFR 771.117(e), the proposed project cannot be processed as a C2 CE, if it involves -

1. **a.** Acquisition of more than a minor amount of ROW (exceeds strip takes)
2. **b.** Residential or non-residential displacements
3. **c.** A U.S. Coast Guard permit or an Individual Section 404 permit under the Clean Water Act
4. **d.** A Section 106 finding of *Adverse Effect*



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5. **e.** Section 4(f) impacts greater than de minimis
6. **f.** A finding of *May Affect, Likely to Adversely Affect* to Threatened and Endangered Species
7. **g.** Construction of temporary access, or the closure of existing road, bridge, or ramps, that would result in major traffic disruptions
8. **h.** Changes in access control
9. **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)
10. **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
11. **k.** No minor public or agency controversy on environmental grounds (no opposition from any organized groups or agencies and no unresolved environmental coordination)
12. **l.** A full Environmental Justice Analysis Report (EJAR) is required (the project must be processed as a D-level CE or higher-level document). If a memo-to-file/letter/IOC-format EJAR Short Report is determined to be the appropriate level of documentation, contact OES regarding NEPA document level.

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:	Present; No Coast Guard, Individual 404, and/or Section 10 Permit required
Waterways Permit Type:	Permit Determination and/or Permit Application Approval Pending
Isolated Wetland Permit	No
Will any wetlands be impacted?	No
Endangered Species:	No Impacts to Protected Species and Critical Habitat
Scenic Rivers	No National Wild and Scenic River Within 1000 Feet of the Proposed Project Area

Scenic Rivers Remarks

This project is not within 1,000 feet of any scenic river.

Floodplains

100-Year Floodplain:	No Encroachment Within a Special Flood Hazard Area (SFHA)
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Floodplain Remarks

There are no floodplains within the project limits.



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Section 4(f)

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Not present

Section 4(f) Remarks

There are no recreational properties within the project limits.

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 B

Cultural Resources Coordination - ODOT Approval/SHPO
Concurrence Date

10/06/2023

Cultural Resources Remarks

OES determined that there will be no historic properties affected by this project on 10/6/23. SHPO provided no comments or objections.

Tribal Consultation Summary/Remarks:

There were no comments or objections received from the tribes within 30 days.

Environmental Resources Considered

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

Regulated Materials

Air Remarks

No air analyses are required for this project.

Noise Remarks

No noise analyses are required for this project.

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:

12/28/2023

Regulated Materials Review Remarks:



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all new ROW will be purchased from exempt properties. District staff determined that no further studies are needed.

Environmental Justice

Projects that meet C2 criteria must be in accordance with ODOT's EJ Guidance and activities conducted for Public Involvement are commensurate to the project's type and scope of work.

Environmental Justice Populations

Present; No EJAR Required, Does Not Exceed EJ Guidance Criteria, and No Issues Raised During Public Involvement

Identified Environmental Justice Populations

Census Block Group #	% Minority	% Low Income
391479631003	4	25
391479631001	5	20
391479631002	2	30
391479632003	0	43

Environmental Justice Remarks

The proposed project will have no disproportionately high and adverse effects to minority or low-income populations based upon the table above, the attached mapping, and the answers to the questions above. No concerns related to impacts on Environmental Justice populations were raised as a result of public involvement activities conducted as part of the proposed project. Therefore, in accordance with the protections of Executive Order 12898, FHWA Order 6640.23A, no further analysis is required.

Public Involvement

Public Involvement:

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

Public Involvement Remarks

Letters/emails were sent to impacted residents, schools, and emergency service departments notifying them of the project and road closure. There were no concerns brought up during the 30-day comment period that followed.

Environmental Commitments

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Yes



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1) ODOT will obtain all appropriate waterway permits prior to any work within the jurisdictional boundary of any waterway, including wetlands, and all Waterway Permit Special Provisions will be noted under Special Provisions in the plans and adhered to during construction.



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Approvals & Electronic Signatures

Approved & Electronically Signed By:	Approval Date:
Allie Baker (ENV SPEC 2)	1/4/2024



Appendix

General

Aerial Map.pdf

Correspondence with Emergency and Public Services.pdf

County Map.pdf

USGS Quadrangle Topographical Map.pdf

ESA

Environmental Database Search Results.pdf

Cultural Resources

Minimal Potential to Cause Effect - Appendix B

Tribal Comments - Miami Tribe.pdf

Ecological

ODNR Scenic River MOA Conditions

USFWS/ODNR Ecological MOA Conditions

Environmental Justice

Census Mapping.pdf

Public Involvement

Property Owner Notification Letter.pdf

Permits

FEMA FIRM.pdf