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Environmental Document

for

SUM Raber Road Sidewalks PID 99729

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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 Sponsor: Green, City of
ODOT District: 4
Funding Source: Federal
Private Funding: No

Project Description:

The city of Green proposes to construct a new 8-foot-wide, 0.75-mile long multipurpose concrete path and other improvements along the south side of Raber Road from Troon Drive to Mayfair Road in a suburban setting in the city of Green, Summit County. A 0.51-mile section of Raber Road, from Troon Drive to a location between Glen Eagles Boulevard and Mayfair Road, will also be realigned northward to the center of the existing Raber Road right-of-way to accommodate the proposed new path because the existing road alignment is not centered in the road right-of-way. Moving the road allows the proposed sidewalk to be constructed in the Raber Road right-of-way. Additional improvements proposed by this project include storm sewer construction, drainage improvements, reconstruction of various utilities, driveway apron reconstruction, curb ramp installations to comply with Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) standards and pavement markings applications.

Mapping that depicts the project location on a topographic map is included in the Project File/General/Project Information subsection as USGS Quadrangle Topographical Map.pdf.

Three phases are proposed to maintain traffic during project construction. Phase 1 will utilize flaggers to maintain two-way traffic during asphalt grinding operation for up to 21 days. Raber Road will be closed to traffic in Phase 2 between the middle of the two Glen Eagles Boulevard drives and the eastern construction limit at Mayfair Road. Phase 3 includes the closure of Raber Road between the middle of the two Glen Eagles Boulevard drives and the western construction limit at Troon Drive. The signed detour will utilize Mayfair Road, East Turkeyfoot Road and Massillon Road. Construction and road closures/detour information will be posted within the project construction limits prior to the start of project construction. 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.

Minor strip right of way is needed from two properties for trail construction. A total of 0.063 acre of temporary right-of-way is needed from one property for seeding and grading. A total of 0.02 acre of new permanent right-of-way is needed from one property for construction of the multipurpose path. See the right-of-way plan information for the project in the Project File/General/Project Information subsection as Final Right of Way Plans.pdf.

Minor relocation of existing overhead and underground facilities by the affected utility companies is required to construct the project. Two utility poles will be relocated that carry electric and cable television lines. Manholes and valve boxes for phone lines, sewer lines, gas lines and water lines will be adjusted. Two water hydrants will be removed and reset. The contractor will be required to coordinate their work with that of the affected utility owners and shall reflect this in their schedule, maintenance of traffic plans, and unit costs.

Based on the project scope of work and the proposed maintenance of traffic measures, emergency/public services contact activities were contacted during the public involvement activities for the project.

A Cultural Resources Scoping Request was submitted to OES-Cultural Resources along with Records Check from the SHPO GIS online database. The literature search concluded there are no inventoried buildings (OHI), no known archaeological sites (OAI), and no listed or eligible historic properties are found in the project area or in the area of potential effects (APE). Pedestrian and bikepath projects are exempt from further cultural resource consideration by the 11/8/17 Cultural Resource PA (Agreement 19319) as long as no new permanent right-of-way from a historic property will be acquired and when no contributing element of a historic property or N. R. district will be diminished by construction. In accordance with Stipulation V(C)(1) and Appendix B of the Section 106 Programmatic Agreement executed on November 8, 2017 (Agreement No. 19319), amended on July 11, 2019, ODOT-OES 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.



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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 ESR.pdf for the project in the Project File/Ecological/Reports subsection.

ODOT District 4 Environmental Section personnel reviewed the FEMA FIRM for the project study area and determined the project is located within an Area of Minimal Flood Hazard/Zone X. The project will not impact a special flood hazard area. See the floodplain mapping for the project in the Project File/Permits/Floodplains subsection.

The city of Green conducted various public involvement activities for the project, including an open house public involvement meeting. Efforts to inform the public about the project and the public meeting included a news release, social media and website postings, yard signs, and direct mailing to area property owners and residents. A presentation on the project was followed by an open house format with information on displays and staff available to answer questions. The open house public involvement meeting was attended by approximately 105 people. A total of 37 written comments were received with common topics involving concerns over project costs, design and need and privacy as well as support for the project. Comments from the public outreach effort were compiled, grouped by similarity and then responses were provided and posted on the project website as "frequently asked questions". Some comments were responded to directly by email, in person, or by phone. See the public involvement documentation, including the received comments and responses to comments, for the project in the Project File/Public Involvement/Project Information subsection.

The environmental document and associated studies, as applicable, were approved using the Final Plans for the project. A copy of the Final Plans for the project is included in the Project File/General/Project Information subsection as Final Plans.pdf.

The estimated total project cost specified in Ellis agrees with the total project cost specified in the ODOT State Fiscal Years 2021 - 2024 Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP).

STIP Reference #:

99729: 21-24 STIP \$1,325,000.00

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 (e) 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 -

1. a. Acquisition of more than a minor amount of right-of-way
2. b. Residential or non-residential displacements
3. c. A Coast Guard, Individual Section 404 and/or a Section 10 permit
4. d. A Section 106 finding of *Adverse Effect*
5. e. A Section 4(f) Programmatic or Individual Evaluation
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



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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. If an EJ Analysis Report is required, the project must be processed as a D-level CE or higher level document

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.

Waterways:	Not Present
Will any wetlands be impacted?	No
Endangered Species:	No Impacts to Protected Species and Critical Habitat
100-Year Floodplain:	No Encroachment Within a Special Flood Hazard Area (SFHA)
Section 4(f):	Not present
Section 6(f):	Not present
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	11/30/2022
Since no Tribe was interested in this project based on their customized preferences, no further Tribal consultation was conducted.	
Projects that meet C2 criteria are not anticipated to have impacts to the following environmental resources. If resources are present, documentation is only required if there is a potential for impacts.	
Air Quality:	Studies Not Required
Air Quality - Coordination with OES:	No
Noise:	Studies Not Required
Noise Coordination - OES Approval Date:	
Hazardous Materials - ESA Screening Conducted	Yes
Hazardous Materials - OES Approval Date:	12/13/2022
Phase I ESA Warranted Based on Coordination with OES:	No Further Studies Warranted



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Farmland:

Urbanized Area; No Impacts in Accordance With the Farmland MOU and 7 CFR 658

Scenic Rivers

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

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

Underserved Populations

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

Identified Underserved Populations

Census Block Group #	% Minority	% Low Income	% Older Adults	% Limited English Proficiency (LEP)
391535329991	3	4	17	0
391535329992	2	40	26	1

Underserved Populations Remarks

The proposed project does not include any relocations. Access will be improved by construction of the multipurpose trail and vehicular traffic will be maintained by detours during construction. Impacts to Underserved Populations were considered and no unanticipated impacts are expected.

The proposed project will have no disproportionately high and adverse effects to minority or low-income populations or disparate impacts to a Title VI population based upon the table above, the attached mapping, and the answers to the questions above. No concerns related to impacts on Environmental Justice or Title VI 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 and Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, no further analysis is required.

The proposed project will have no substantial impacts to Limited English Proficiency, Older Adults, and Individuals with Disabilities Populations based upon the table above, the attached mapping, and the answers to the questions above. No concerns related to impacts on these Underserved Populations were raised as a result of public involvement activities conducted as part of the proposed project. Therefore, in accordance with the protections of the Age Rehabilitation Act of 1973, Discrimination Act of 1975, Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, and Executive Order 13166, no further analysis is required.

Based on the above findings an UPIAR is not required.

Public Involvement:

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

Environmental Commitments

No



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Appendix

General

Aerial Map.pdf

County Map.pdf

USGS Quadrangle Topographical Map.pdf

ESA

Regulated Materials Review Form.pdf

Cultural Resources

Minimal Potential to Cause Effect - Appendix B

Ecological

ODNR Scenic River MOA Conditions

Underserved Populations

Census Mapping.pdf

Public Involvement

Project Facebook Posting and Comments.pdf

Project Website FAQs Responses to Comments.pdf

Project Website.pdf

Public Comments Received and Responses.pdf

Public Meeting Mailing List.pdf

Public Meeting Notification Letter and News Release.pdf

Public Meeting Notification Signs.pdf

Public Meeting Presentation.pdf

Public Meeting Sign In Sheet.pdf

Permits

FEMA FIRM.pdf