



# OHIO DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

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## **Environmental Document**

for

## **SUM SR 0059 00.07R PID 91071**

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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 11, 2015, and executed by FHWA and ODOT.*

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## C1

<b>PID:</b>	91071
<b>Project Sponsor:</b>	DISTRICT 4-PLANNING
<b>ODOT District:</b>	4
<b>Funding Source:</b>	Non-Federal
<b>Private Funding:</b>	No
<b>Project Description:</b>	

The Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT) proposes maintenance activities on the SUM-59-0.07R bridge that spans West Bowery Street, the Ohio Canal, Lake Shore Boulevard, Interstate Routes 77/76, Russell Avenue and the Towpath/Buckeye Trail in the city of Akron, Summit County. Proposed maintenance activities include patching of the concrete deck, approach slabs and substructure, sealing of concrete surfaces, repairing steel beams and cross frames, repairing concrete slope protection and painting structural steel.

A minimum of one eleven-foot lane shall be maintained on the existing pavement and completed pavement during project construction.

The Ohio Canal beneath the bridge will be avoided during project construction. Impacts on the Towpath/Buckeye Trail will be minimized by the project. The Towpath/Buckeye Trail under the bridge is located on city of Akron property. ODOT coordinated the project with Akron, the Section 4(f) Official with Jurisdiction (OWJ), and the Buckeye Trail. The contractor is expected to use a man-lift or similar equipment to obtain access and perform various maintenance activities to the bridge underside. The contractor would need to momentarily traverse the trail with the lift equipment and then position it on the side of the trail. One lane of the trail, however, may be temporarily closed or restricted to accommodate the contractor's equipment. The one-way trail traffic will be maintained with trail user warning signs while performing the proposed bridge maintenance activities. On January 5, 2018, the ODOT Office of Environmental Services stated the project can be processed as an exception to the requirement for Section 4(f) approval. Therefore, in accordance with 23 CFR 774.13(d), the temporary occupancy of land associated with The Towpath Trail will not constitute a use upon 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) in regards to the assessment of impacts. See project file for Section 4(f) documentation.

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

The project will be constructed within the existing highway/roadway rights-of-way.



Existing utilities within the project study area will not be impacted/relocated to construct the project.

Based on the project scope of work, its Path 1 Preliminary Development Process (PDP) Classification and the proposed maintenance of traffic measures, emergency/public services contact activities were not conducted for the project.

Stage 3 plans were utilized to evaluate environmental impacts by and obtain NEPA approval for the project. The Stage 3 plans are available in the Project File/General/Project Information subsection as Stage 3 Design.pdf.

**STIP Reference #** 2018stipID0136FDCO and is fiscally constrained.

**Cultural Resources Coordination:** Minimal Potential to Cause Effect - Appendix A

**Cultural Resources Coordination Date:** 10/30/2017

**Supporting documentation has been uploaded to Project File:** No

**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



## Environmental Commitments

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- 1) The Project Designer will incorporate a plan note to ensure stream impacts are avoided during the bridge maintenance activities to be performed as part of this project.
- 2) The Section 4(f) measures to minimize harm will be incorporated into the plans as plan notes: - Access to the Towpath/Buckeye Trail will be maintained at all times, except for the time needed to temporarily occupy the Towpath/Buckeye Trail related to closure or access restrictions and/or work needed to facilitate construction activities. - Appropriate signage will be installed to alert users of construction activities and temporary access restrictions and/or closures to direct users to secondary access points. - Except as necessary to facilitate construction activities, the staging and/or storage of construction equipment will not take place outside proposed construction limits that are within the defined boundaries of the Towpath/Buckeye Trail. - The contractor will closely coordinate the construction schedule with ODOT and Akron, as appropriate.



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## **Appendix**

### **Section 4(f)**

OES Recreational 4(f) Determination.pdf

### **General**

County Map.pdf

USGS Quadrangle Topographical Map.pdf

Project Study Area Map.pdf