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Environmental Document

for

POR IR 0076 16.58/21.18 PID 102858

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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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Project Sponsor: DISTRICT 4 PRODUCTION
ODOT District: 4
Funding Source: Federal
Private Funding: No

Project Description:

The Ohio Department of Transportation proposes to rehabilitate the John Thomas Road Bridge; Structure No. POR-76-16.58; Structure File Number (SFN) 6702880; over Interstate Route (IR) 76 in Palmyra Township, Portage County, and rehabilitate the Milton-Newton Road Bridge; Structure No. POR-76-21.18; SFN 6703216; over IR 76 in Palmyra and Milton Townships at the Portage County/Mahoning County Line. The project will replace the existing bridge approach slabs, decks and superstructures, associated impacted bridge abutment slopes/roadway embankment, subsurface storm water drainage/pavement underdrains, approach pavement and guardrail.

Mapping that depicts the project locations on United States Geological Survey (USGS) 7.5-Minute Topographic Quadrangle Maps is included in Project File/General/Project Information as USGS Quadrangle Topographic Map.pdf.

A minimum of one (1) lane of traffic in each direction will be maintained on the John Thomas Road bridge and the Mahoning-Portage County Line Road bridge except for a period not to exceed 120 consecutive calendar days each. Traffic on John Thomas Road will be detoured on Tallmadge Road (CR 18), Alliance Road (CR 125) and Cable Line Road (CR 120). Traffic on Milton-Newton Road will be detoured on Tallmadge Road (CR 18), McClintocksburg Road (CR 135) and Cable Line Road (CR 120). Moreover, the contractor will close the IR 76 eastbound and westbound right (outside) shoulders at both bridge locations to construct the project. However, the project will maintain two (2) lanes of traffic in each direction on IR 76 except for short duration lane closures needed to perform overhead work. Construction, bridge closure and lane restriction information will be posted prior to the start of construction. Access shall be maintained to adjacent properties at all times during project construction. Substantial traffic disruptions are not expected with the project.

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

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

ODOT determined the project is a type of undertaking with "minimal potential to cause effects" and is not a part of a larger undertaking. See the cultural resources documentation for the project in the Project File/Cultural Resources section and the Cultural Resources Tab.



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Regulated Materials Review (RMR) forms were completed for the project. Based on the information provided in the RMR forms, the project is exempted from further evaluation and no further environmental site assessment or special material management is warranted for the project. See the RMR documentation for the project in the Project File/ESA section.

The project proposes to impact approximately 0.42-acre of suitable wooded habitat (SWH) within the project study areas. See the ecological information for the project in the Project File/Ecological/Reports and Coordination subsections.

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

Project, maintenance of traffic (MOT) and plan information were submitted by letter, dated February 22, 2019, to abutting property owners at the John Thomas Road Bridge (POR-76-16.58) and the Milton-Newton Road (POR-76-21.18) locations. On February 26, 2019, a news release about the project was issued and project maintenance-of-traffic information was provided to local emergency and public services. The news release information was also made available to the public by its posting on the ODOT District 4 website. Project comments were not received as a result of the public involvement activities conducted for the project. See the public involvement documentation for the project in the Project File/Public Involvement/Project Information subsection.

The environmental document and associated studies, as applicable, were approved using the Stage 2 Design plans for the project. A copy of the Stage 2 Design plans for the project is included in the Project File/General/Project Information subsection as Stage 2 Design.pdf.

The estimated total project cost specified in Ellis agrees with the total project cost specified in the ODOT Fiscal Year (FY) 2018 - FY 2021 State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) Statewide Line Item (SLI) Grouped Project Report as of 05/01/2019.

STIP Reference #

Statewide Line Item (SLI) Number 32
and is fiscally constrained.

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 -
a. Acquisition of more than a minor amount of right-of-way b. Residential or non-residential displacements c. A Coast Guard, Individual Section 404 and/or a Section 10 permit d. A Section 106 finding of Adverse Effect e. A Section 4(f) Programmatic or Individual Evaluation f. A finding of May Affect, Likely to Adversely Affect to Threatened and Endangered Species g. Construction of temporary access, or the closure of existing road, bridge, or ramps, that would result in major traffic disruptions h. Changes in access control 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) 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 k. No minor public or agency controversy on environmental grounds (no opposition from any organized groups or agencies and no unresolved environmental coordination) l. If an EJ Analysis Report is



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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.

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| Waterways: | Not Present |
| Endangered Species: | Present; No finding of May Affect, Likely to Adversely Affect |
| Endangered Species - Coordination | May Affect, Not Likely to Adversely Affect |
| Endangered Species - Coordination Date | 02/27/2019 |
| Endangered Species - Critical Habitat Present/Impacted | |
| Indiana bat | |
| Northern long-eared bat | |
| Endangered Species - Other Critical Habitat Present/Impacted: | No |
| 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 A |
| Cultural Resources Coordination - ODOT Approval/SHPO Concurrence Date | 01/09/2019 |
| 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: | 01/09/2019 |
| Phase I ESA Warranted Based on Coordination with OES: | No Further Studies Warranted |



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Farmland:

Non-Urbanized Area; No Impacts in
Accordance With the Farmland
MOU, 7 CFR 658, and ORC 929.05

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

Does Not Exceed UP Guidance
Criteria; No UP Analysis Report
Required and No UP Issues Raised
During Public Involvement

Public Involvement:

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

Environmental Commitments

Yes



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1) The designer shall include the following information in the project construction plan: Bridge Structure No. POR-76-16.58 (SFN 6702880) and POR-76-21.18 (SFN 6703216) to be rehabilitated by the project are located within the known habitat ranges of the federally listed and protected Indiana Bat and Northern Long-eared Bat. The designer shall incorporate a plan note prohibiting tree removal at these bridge locations from April 1 through September 30. All necessary tree removal at the specified bridge locations shall occur from October 1 through March 31. This requirement is necessary to avoid and minimize impact to these species as required by the Endangered Species Act. For the purposes of this note, a tree is defined as a live, dying, or dead woody plant, with a trunk three inches or greater in diameter at a height of 4.5 feet above the ground surface, and with a minimum height of 13 feet.



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| Edward Deley (PROGRAM ADMIN 3) | 5/16/2019 |



Appendix

Cultural Resources

Buckeye Assets Mapping.pdf

Ecological

Coordination with ODNR and USFWS.pdf

ODOT Disposition of Agency Comments.pdf

ESA

Project Related ODOT Decision - ESA.pdf

Cultural Resources

Records Check.pdf

Ecological

USFWS Comments Consult Form POR-76-16.58 PID 102858.pdf

USFWS Comments Consult Form POR-76-21.18 PID 102858.pdf

Public Involvement

District Website Posting Screen Shot.pdf

Permits

FEMA FIRM.pdf

Public Involvement

Local Public and Emergency Services Contact List.pdf

Press Release.pdf

Project Notification - Local Public and Emergency Services.pdf

Project Posting - ODOT Website.pdf

Property Owner Notification Mailing Addresses.pdf

Property Owner Notification.pdf

Underserved Populations

Underserved Populations Documentation Form.pdf