



# OHIO DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

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**Environmental Document**  
for  
**STA US 62T/225 1.37/0.59 PID 102870**  
**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 11, 2015, and executed by FHWA and ODOT.*

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## C2

<b>PID:</b>	102870
<b>Project Sponsor:</b>	DISTRICT 4-PLANNING
<b>ODOT District:</b>	4
<b>Funding Source:</b>	Federal
<b>Private Funding:</b>	No

### **Project Description:**

The Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT) proposes to replace the existing bridge decks on the STA-62-1.37/1.38/Structure File Numbers (SFN) 7602456/7602448 left/right bridges over Freshley Avenue in Lexington Township and the city of Alliance, Stark County. This project also proposes to remove the existing STA-225-0.59/SFN 7605927 bridge over the vacant US 62T alignment and replace it with an earthen fill and State Route (SR) 225 pavement construction to match the existing SR 225 lane configuration and elevation at the existing SR 225/US 62T interchange in Lexington Township. Additional improvements proposed by the project include existing SR 225 concrete median removal/replacement with full depth pavement, new culvert/headwalls installation, existing drainage feature removal, new drainage features/tied concrete block mat/ditch protection/guardrail/concrete barrier installation, existing ramp pavement removal, existing cantilever sign support removal, embankment benching, lighting removal/replacement, sign removal/replacement and pavement markings applications.

The project will be constructed in multiple phases and use temporary pavement to minimize disruption to the traveling public. During the proposed bridge deck replacements, a minimum of one (1) lane of traffic will be maintained in each direction on US 62T, using crossovers, and on Freshley Avenue with possible short duration closures on Freshley Avenue to perform overhead structure work. These possible short duration Freshley Avenue closures will be performed during non-peak travel times.

Removal of the STA-225-0.59 bridge and replacement with earthen fill and pavement construction will require closure of SR 225 for approximately 120 consecutive days. SR 225 access to/from US 62T will be maintained during construction. Northbound SR 225 through traffic will be maintained with temporary pavement constructed in the interchange infield to bypass the construction area. Southbound SR 225 through traffic will be detoured to westbound US 62T to the US 62T/Beeson Street interchange to enter eastbound US 62T to SR 225.

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

Minor relocations of existing utilities within the project study area will be necessary to construct the project. These minor utility relocations will occur within the existing highway/roadway rights-of-way. Utilities will not be permanently removed to construct the project. Coordination with the utility companies affected by the proposed construction activities was conducted for the project during its preliminary engineering phase and will continue during its detailed design phase.



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Based on the information in the RMR Form completed for the project, further environmental site assessment or special materials management is not 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) in the project study areas. Although multiple wetlands and a potential jurisdictional ditch exist in proximity to the proposed improvements, the project will not impact these existing wetlands/potential jurisdictional ditch. See the ecological information for the project in the Project File/Ecological section.

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

Conceptual maintenance-of-traffic (MOT) for the project was coordinated with the city of Alliance in June 2018. Stakeholder comments and questions about the project were addressed by ODOT. MOT and plan information was submitted by e-mail correspondence, dated April 2 and 15, 2019, to local emergency and public services. On April 15, 2019, a news release with MOT information about the project was issued to local media outlets. Moreover, the news release with MOT information was posted to the ODOT District 4 webpage. 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 is 32.9% greater than the total project cost specified in the Stark County Area Transportation Study (SCATS) Fiscal Year (FY) 2018 - FY 2021 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). However, based on this project being listed in the SLI Grouped Project Report, fiscal constraint is maintained by fiscal year per SLI Group and not on the individual projects utilizing the SLI Group. Therefore, an individual project utilizing a Statewide Line Item does not require a STIP/TIP amendment.

**STIP Reference #**

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

**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***



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*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.)*

(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 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.

<b>Waterways:</b>	Not Present
<b>Endangered Species:</b>	Present; No finding of May Affect, Likely to Adversely Affect
<b>Endangered Species - Coordination</b>	May Affect, Not Likely to Adversely Affect
<b>Endangered Species - Coordination Date</b>	05/31/2018
<b>Endangered Species - Critical Habitat Present/Impacted</b>	
Indiana bat	
Northern long-eared bat	
<b>Endangered Species - Other Critical Habitat Present/Impacted:</b>	No
<b>100-Year Floodplain:</b>	No Encroachment Within a Special Flood Hazard Area (SFHA)
<b>Section 4(f):</b>	Not present
<b>Section 6(f):</b>	Not present
<b>Cultural Resources:</b>	Present; No Finding of Adverse Effect
<b>Cultural Resources Coordination:</b>	Minimum Potential to Cause Effect Appendix A
<b>Cultural Resources Coordination - ODOT Approval/SHPO Concurrence Date</b>	04/03/2019



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**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.

<b>Air Quality:</b>	Studies Not Required
<b>Air Quality - Coordination with OES:</b>	No
<b>Noise:</b>	Studies Not Required
<b>Noise Coordination - OES Approval Date:</b>	
<b>Hazardous Materials - ESA Screening Conducted</b>	Yes
<b>Hazardous Materials - OES Approval Date:</b>	04/03/2019
<b>Phase I ESA Warranted Based on Coordination with OES:</b>	No Further Studies Warranted
<b>Farmland:</b>	Urbanized Area; No Impacts in Accordance With the Farmland MOU and 7 CFR 658
<b>Scenic Rivers</b>	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.	
<b>Underserved Populations</b>	Does Not Exceed UP Guidance Criteria; No UP Analysis Report Required and No UP Issues Raised During Public Involvement
<b>Public Involvement:</b>	Minimum PI Requirements Met; No Minor Public or Agency Controversy on Environmental Grounds
<b>Environmental Commitments</b>	Yes



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1) The project designer shall incorporate the following note into the plans: ENDANGERED SPECIES HABITAT-INDIANA BAT/NORTHERN LONG-EARED BAT: THE PROJECT IS LOCATED WITHIN THE KNOWN HABITAT RANGES OF THE FEDERALLY LISTED AND PROTECTED INDIANA BAT AND NORTHERN LONG-EARED BAT. NO TREES SHALL BE REMOVED AT THESE LOCATIONS FROM APRIL 1 THROUGH SEPTEMBER 30. ALL NECESSARY TREE REMOVAL SHALL OCCUR FROM OCTOBER 1 THROUGH MARCH 31. THIS REQUIREMENT IS NECESSARY TO AVOID AND MINIMIZE IMPACTS 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.

2) The project designer shall incorporate wetlands location information at the STA-225-0.59/SFN 7605927 bridge and the State Route 225/US 62T Interchange area and the following note into the plans: WETLANDS AVOIDANCE - STA-225-0.59 BRIDGE AND INTERCHANGE AREA - WETLAND A AND WETLAND F ARE PRESENT IN PROXIMITY TO THE PROJECT CONSTRUCTION LIMITS AND WETLAND D IS LOCATED WITHIN THE CONSTRUCTION LIMITS. NO EXCAVATION, GRADING OR FILLING OPERATIONS SHALL BE PERFORMED IN ANY WETLANDS AS INDICATED ON THE PLAN. UNDER NO CIRCUMSTANCES SHALL THE CONTRACTOR STAGE OR STORE EQUIPMENT AND/OR MATERIALS WITHIN THE IDENTIFIED WETLANDS AREAS AS INDICATED ON THE PLAN. ODOT CONSTRUCTION AND MATERIALS SPECIFICATIONS SECTION 107.10 (PROTECTION AND RESTORATION OF PROPERTY) PROHIBIT THE CONTRACTOR FROM CREATING STAGING AREAS NEAR STREAMS AND/OR WETLANDS. TO PROTECT AND DELINEATE THE WETLAND AREAS, A QUANTITY OF ITEM 832 PERIMETER FILTER FABRIC FENCE AND A QUANTITY OF ITEM 832 CONSTRUCTION FENCE (ORANGE) HAVE BEEN INCLUDED IN THE GENERAL SUMMARY. THE PERIMETER FILTER FABRIC FENCE AND ORANGE CONSTRUCTION FENCE SHALL BE INSTALLED BY THE CONTRACTOR ALONG THE PROPOSED CONSTRUCTION LIMITS AT IDENTIFIED WETLAND AREAS PRIOR TO THE START OF ANY CONSTRUCTION ACTIVITIES WITHIN THE LIMITS AND ADJACENT AREA, INCLUDING ANY NECESSARY CLEARING AND GRUBBING ACTIVITIES. USE OF ORANGE SILT FENCE AS A SUBSTITUTE FOR ORANGE CONSTRUCTION FENCE FOR WETLANDS DEMARCATION/PROTECTION IS NOT PERMITTED. THE PERIMETER FILTER FABRIC FENCE AND CONSTRUCTION FENCE SHALL BE MAINTAINED BY THE CONTRACTOR THROUGHOUT PROJECT CONSTRUCTION AND SHALL BE REMOVED BY THE CONTRACTOR UPON PROJECT COMPLETION.



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### **Approvals & Electronic Signatures**

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Edward Deley (PROGRAM ADMIN 3)	6/6/2019



## Appendix

### Ecological

Coordination with ODNR and USFWS.pdf

ODOT Disposition of Agency Comments.pdf

### ESA

Project Related ODOT District 4 Decision - ESA.pdf

Regulated Materials Review Form.pdf

### Ecological

USFWS Comments Consult Form STA-225-0.59 PID 102870.pdf

USFWS Comments Consult Form STA-62T-1.37 PID 102870.pdf

### Underserved Populations

Census Mapping.pdf

### Public Involvement

Correspondence with Stakeholders - City of Alliance.pdf

Correspondence with Stakeholders - MOT 4-26-2019.pdf

Correspondence with Stakeholders - MOT 5-16-2018.pdf

Local Emergency and Public Services Contact List.pdf

Press Release.pdf

Project Notification Local Emerg and Public Services Update.pdf

Project Notification Local Emergency and Public Services.pdf

Project Outreach to Lexington Township .pdf

Stakeholder Meeting Minutes or Notes 5-4-2018.pdf

### Underserved Populations

Underserved Populations Documentation Form.pdf

### Public Involvement

Website Screen Shot Press Release Posting.pdf