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## **Environmental Document** for **SUM Akron SRTS 2016 PID 103747**

**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>	103747
<b>Project Sponsor:</b>	Akron, City of
<b>ODOT District:</b>	4
<b>Funding Source:</b>	Federal
<b>Private Funding:</b>	No

### **Project Description:**

The city of Akron proposes to install pedestrian crosswalk striping and associated signage at intersections surrounding several public education facilities throughout Akron. Improvements are proposed at the following facilities: Findley Community Learning Center (CLC), Leggett CLC, Helen E. Arnold CLC, Barber CLC, David Hill CLC, Glover CLC, Innes CLC, East CLC, Mason CLC, McEbright CLC, Robinson CLC and Seiberling CLC. Continental style pedestrian crosswalk striping will be used in proximity to school intersections and transverse line crosswalks will be used elsewhere. Also included as part of this project are two proposed road diets: E. Exchange Street between Fountain Street and S. Arlington Street, a distance of approximately 0.68 mile, and E. Wilbeth Road between Interstate Route 77 and S. Arlington Street, a distance of approximately 0.70 mile. The proposed road diets will remove the existing four lane striping that currently establishes two (2) shared through/turn lanes in each direction and restripe the existing pavement to accommodate one (1) 11-foot shared through/right turn lane in each direction, a 10-foot center two-way left turn lane and a 5-foot bike lane in each direction. Proposed striping on E. Exchange Street will also include a parking lane. The project additionally proposes new sign installation, existing sign replacement/adjustment, new pavement markings, new school zone flashers with radar for speed control, relocation of an existing overhead radar school zone flasher and new bus stops with new curb ramps meeting Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) requirements.

As stated in the road diet justifications correspondence, dated June 7, 2018, from the project manager in the Akron Engineering Bureau, the proposed road diets are warranted on the basis of elevated vehicular crash rates and limited average daily traffic within the corridors. The proposed road diets will not negatively impact the existing street capacities because of the existing low traffic volumes. The road diet justifications is located in the Project File/Purpose and Need/Project Information subsection as Road Diet Justification.pdf.

Adjacent residents and businesses were informed of the proposed road diets by direct mail and a news release was released by the city of Akron to the local media as an outreach effort. In addition, the councilpersons were notified by email correspondence concerning the project. Comments were not received as a result of these public involvement activities conducted for the project. One comment from a resident was received as a result of the news release and an appropriate response was sent to that resident. The community will again be notified of the project prior to and during project construction in advance of any lane restrictions.

The project will be constructed within the existing street/road rights-of-way and no deep excavation is proposed to construct the project.

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



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Based on the proposed scope of work, the project has minimal potential to cause effects on historic properties.

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

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.

The environmental document and associated studies, as applicable, were approved using the final plans. 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 is 12% greater than the total project cost specified in the Akron Metropolitan Area Transportation Study (AMATS) Fiscal Year (FY) 2018 - FY 2021 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). However, based on the estimated total project cost being less than \$2,999,999 and the additional project cost not exceeding 50% of the project cost in the TIP, a TIP amendment is not necessary for the project.

**STIP Reference #**

Statewide Line Item (SLI) Number 15  
and is fiscally constrained.

**Select the appropriate project type:**

(27) Highway safety or traffic operations improvement projects, including the installation of ramp metering control devices and lighting, if the project meets the constraints in paragraph (e) of this section. ***Examples include: Lane reduction ("road diet") changes provided traffic analysis is completed; Railroad projects that close at-grade crossings to improve safety or traffic operations.***

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.

**Waterways:**

Not Present

**Endangered Species:**

No Impacts to Protected Species  
and Critical Habitat

**100-Year Floodplain:**

No Encroachment Within a Special  
Flood Hazard Area (SFHA)



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<b>Section 4(f):</b>	Present; No Impacts and/or Access Restrictions
<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 Date:</b>	08/16/2018
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>	08/17/2018
<b>Hazardous Materials - ESA Screening Conducted</b>	Studies Not Required
<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>	No



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## **Environmental Commitments**



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Edward Deley (PROGRAM ADMIN 3)	8/27/2018



## Appendix

### General

Project Study Area Map - Leggett CLC.pdf  
Project Study Area Map - Innes Middle School.pdf  
Project Study Area Map - Robinson CLC.pdf  
Project Study Area Map - McEbright CLC.pdf  
Project Study Area Map - Helen Arnold CLC.pdf  
Project Study Area Map - David Hill CLC.pdf  
Project Study Area Map - E. Exchange Street .pdf  
Project Study Area Map - Glover CLC.pdf  
Project Study Area Map - Barber CLC.pdf  
Project Study Area Map - Findley CLC.pdf  
Project Study Area Map - E. Wilbeth Rd.pdf  
Project Study Area Map - Seiberling CLC.pdf

### Purpose and Need

Project Related District Decision - Road Diet Approval.pdf

### Cultural Resources

Records Check.pdf

### Underserved Populations

Underserved Populations Documentation Form.pdf  
Census Mapping Helen Arnold.pdf  
Census Mapping Innes.pdf  
Census Mapping Leggett.pdf  
Census Mapping Exchange Street.pdf  
Census Mapping Findley CLC.pdf  
Census Mapping Glover CLC.pdf  
Census Mapping Wilbeth Rd.pdf  
Census Mapping Barber.pdf  
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Census Mapping Robinson.pdf

Census Mapping Seiberling.pdf

**Public Involvement**

Press Release.pdf

Property Owner Notification Letter.pdf

Property Owner Notification Letter Wilbeth Road Diet.pdf

Public Notification Mailing List - Wilbeth Rd.pdf

Public Notification Mailing List - Exchange Street.pdf

Response to Public Comments.pdf

Public Comments Received - Stadler.pdf