



# OHIO DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

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## **Environmental Document**

for

## **POR SR 0059 06.80 PID 102732**

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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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**PID:** 102732  
**Project Sponsor:** DISTRICT 4-PLANNING  
**ODOT District:** 4  
**Funding Source:** Federal

**Project Description:**

The Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT) proposes to mill/resurface pavement on State Route (SR) 59 within the city of Ravenna and perform maintenance on Bridge Number POR-59-0605 (Structure File Number 6701841) spanning the Norfolk-Southern Railroad tracks in Ravenna Township, Portage County, Ohio. Proposed pavement work will be from the city of Ravenna west corporation limit, west of Scranton Street, to the city of Ravenna east corporation limit, east of Bryn Mawr Street, a distance of 2.22 miles. The pavement milling/resurfacing footprint includes existing on-street parking stall areas in the city of Ravenna downtown area. Additional roadway improvements proposed by this project include full depth pavement repairs, monument assembly box/catch basin/manhole/gas valve box/valve box adjustments/reconstruction, curb ramp reconstruction to comply with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) standards and new lane line/center line/channelizing line/stop line/crosswalk line/transverse-diagonal line/parking lot stall marking/other pavement markings applications. The POR-59-0605 bridge spanning the Norfolk-Southern Railroad tracks is located west of the pavement limits. The project will replace the bridge seal strips, seal the wearing surface and approach slabs with a concrete sealing treatment, replace the bridge vandal protection fencing, remove above ground vegetation within 15-feet of the structure and remove trees from the existing SR 59 right-of-way abutting the POR-59-0605 bridge structure.

Mapping that depicts the project location on United States Geological Survey (USGS) 7.5-Minute Topographic Quadrangle Mapping is included in the Project File/General/Project Information subsection as *USGS Quadrangle Topographical Map.pdf*. A minimum of one 10-foot lane of traffic in each direction shall be maintained on the existing SR 59 pavement or completed pavement during project construction. Road closures and detours are not proposed to construct the project. Construction and lane restriction/reduction 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.

The project will be constructed within the existing roadway right-of-way.

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

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

The project will perform pavement repair/resurfacing and associated maintenance operations on travel lanes and existing on-street parking stall areas within downtown Ravenna and the East Main Street Historic District, listed in the National Register of Historic Places (NRHP) and perform maintenance on the POR-59-0605 bridge (SFN 6701841) spanning the Norfolk-Southern Railroad tracks, west of the pavement limits in Ravenna Township. The POR-59-0605 bridge (Type 402N) was constructed in 1998 and does not meet the minimum requirements for inclusion in the NRHP.

In addition to the East Main Street Historic District (NR# 85003123), the Section 106 Records Check identified properties listed in and determined eligible for listing in the NRHP adjacent to the proposed improvements: Riddle Block (NR #85001642) located within the East Main Street HD boundary; Etna House (NR #85001641) located within the East Main HD boundary; 120 East Main Street (Determined eligible for inclusion in the NRHP) located within the East Main Street HD boundary; and, 218 & 222 West Main Street (Determined eligible for inclusion in the NRHP) located within the East Main Street HD boundary). The East Main Street Historic District features modern curbs, sidewalks, bump-outs, pull-in parking, landscaping, asphalt paving, and historic-era lighting. No contributing features of the historic district or of the historic properties located within the historic district boundary will be altered or removed by the project. Based on the scope of the project, previous disturbance and results of the literature review, further cultural resource investigations are not warranted for the project. 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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No new permanent right-of-way will be acquired from a Historic Property for the project and no contributing elements of a Historic Property will be removed or altered by project construction. In accordance with 23 CFR Part 774, ODOT-OES determined the project will not result in the use of a Section 4(f) cultural resource. See the Cultural Resource Section 4(f) documentation for the project in the Project File/Section 4(f)/Coordination subsection as *OES Cultural Resources 4(f) Determination.pdf*.

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.

The project proposes to remove approximately 0.5 acre of suitable wooded habitat (SWH) for the federally-listed Indiana bat and Northern Long-eared bat, and state-listed little brown bat and tricolored bat species. Streams, wetlands or other ecological resources are not present within the project construction limits. See the ecological and threatened/endangered species documentation for the project in the Project File/Ecological/Reports subsection and the Ecological tab.

ODOT District 4 Environmental Section personnel reviewed the FEMA FIRM for the project study areas and determined the project is not located within a special flood hazard area. See the floodplains documentation for the project in the Project File/Permits/Floodplains subsection.

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

The environmental document and associated studies, as applicable, were approved using the Stage 3 Design plans plan information for the project. A copy of the Stage 3 Design plan information for the project is included in the Project File/General/Project Information subsection as *Stage 3 Design.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).

**The next phase of the proposed project is listed on the STIP:**

Yes

**Ellis STIP Details**

Phase	Current STIP Reference
PE Environmental	
Construction	102732: 21-24 STIP
PE Detailed Design	

**The current cost estimate is in line with existing federal procedures for Ohio STIP Amendments and Administration Modifications:**

Yes

**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.)***

(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 -**



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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
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:** Present; No finding of May Affect, Likely to Adversely Affect

**Endangered Species - Coordination** May Affect, Not Likely to Adversely Affect

**Endangered Species - Coordination Date** 01/09/2023

**Endangered Species - Critical Habitat Present/Impacted**

Other

Indiana bat

Northern long-eared bat

**Endangered Species - Other Critical Habitat Present/Impacted:** Yes

**Endangered Species - Other Description:**

Project to remove 0.50 acre of habitat for federal proposed endangered Tricolored Bat .

**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 B
<b>Cultural Resources Coordination - ODOT Approval/SHPO Concurrence Date</b>	01/31/2023
<b>Since no Tribe was interested in this project based on their customized preferences, no further Tribal consultation was conducted.</b>	
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>	01/25/2023
<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 EJ Guidance and activities conducted for Public Involvement are commensurate to the project's type and scope of work.	
<b>Environmental Justice Populations</b>	Present; No UPIAR Required, Does Not Exceed UP Guidance Criteria, and No 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 may result in removal of suitable wooded habitat for threatened and endangered bat species. 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 UNDER THIS PROJECT 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.



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### **Preparers and Approvals**

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### **Approvals & Electronic Signatures**

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## **Appendix**

### **Underserved Populations**

Census Mapping.pdf

### **General**

County Map.pdf

USGS Quadrangle Topographical Map.pdf

### **Cultural Resources**

Minimal Potential to Cause Effect - Appendix B

Records Check.pdf

### **Ecological**

ODNR Scenic River MOA Conditions

USFWS/ODNR Ecological MOA Conditions

### **Permits**

FEMA FIRM.pdf