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Environmental Document

for

STA CR 0228 08.32 Portage St PID 104739

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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 June 6, 2018, and executed by FHWA and ODOT.

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Project Sponsor:	STARK COUNTY ENGINEER
ODOT District:	4
Funding Source:	Federal
Private Funding:	No
Project Description:	

The Stark County Engineer (SCE) proposes to improve 0.95 mile of Portage Street NW/County Road 228 between Frank Avenue NW and Whipple Avenue NW in Jackson Township, Stark County, Ohio. The project proposes to:

- widen various sections of Portage Street NW at the Portage Street NW/Frank Avenue NW intersection to improve the lane alignment along the west approach, install a right turn only lane, dual left turn only lanes and a reflective lane divider median on the east approach, convert an existing combined through-right turn lane to a right turn only lane along the south approach of the Portage Street NW/Frank Avenue NW intersection;
- widen various sections of Portage Street NW at the Portage Street NW/Strip Avenue NW intersection to convert an existing right turn only lane to a through only lane, construct a new right turn only lane and establish a combined left turn/u-turn lane along the west approach and also align the proposed west approach through only lane conversion with an existing through lane along the east approach;
- widen a section of Strip Avenue NW at the Portage Street NW/Strip Avenue NW intersection to convert an existing combined through-left turn lane to establish dual left turn only lanes and a through only lane along the south approach;
- resurface the existing pavement between Frank Avenue NW and the southbound Interstate Route (IR) 77 ramps;
- construct a raised concrete median along Portage Street NW between Robin Hill Avenue NW and Strip Avenue NW and between Strip Avenue NW and the southbound IR 77 exit/entrance ramps;
- install new concrete sidewalk on the south side of Portage Street NW between Strip Avenue NW and the IR 77 northbound exit-ramp;
- construct access management measures (i.e. driveway removal, driveway/roadway conversion to right-in/right-out only);
- install new curb ramps in compliance with Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) standards;



- replace/upgrade existing traffic signals;
- construct drainage improvements;
- install new signage; and
- apply new pavement markings.

The project study area is divided by IR 77 and is located in a hilly suburban setting with a mix of retail and commercial land uses. Sidewalks are present on the north and south sides of Portage Street NW east of the IR 77 northbound ramps. Mapping depicting the project location on United States Geological Survey (USGS) 7.5-Minute Topographic Quadrangle Maps is included in the Project File/General/Project Information subsection as USGS Quadrangle Topographical Map.pdf.

The project will require the acquisition of permanent and temporary strip rights-of-way. Approximately 0.146 acre of new permanent right-of-way will be acquired from five (5) parcel and approximately 0.421 acre of temporary right-of-way will be acquired from eight (8) parcels to construct the project. Total takes and/or relocations are not proposed to construct the project. See the right-of way plan information for the project in the Project File/General/Project Information subsection as Preliminary Right of Way Plan Sheets.pdf.

Minor relocations of existing utilities within the project study area may be necessary to construct the project. Existing utilities within the project study area include electric (AEP), cable (Time Warner/Spectrum), storm sewers (Stark County Sewer Department) and water lines (Aqua Ohio and North Canton Water). Any necessary utility relocations will be relocated within the existing/proposed roadway right-of-way. Utilities will not be permanently removed to construct the project. Coordination with the utility companies potentially affected by the proposed construction activities was conducted for the project during its preliminary engineering phase and will continue during its detailed design phase.

Two lanes of traffic in each direction will be maintained throughout project construction. The project will be built using part-width construction methods with one lane closed in each direction to allow for construction operations. The Portage Street NW/Frank Avenue NW and Portage Street NW/Strip Avenue NW intersections will remain open during construction by means of separate maintenance of traffic (MOT) and construction phases. Moreover, phasing will occur to minimize impacts to businesses within the project limits. Sidewalks and curb ramps will be closed intermittently. Construction, lane restriction/closure information will be posted along the Portage Street NW project area prior to the start of project construction. Access shall be maintained to all adjacent properties, businesses and intersecting side streets for the project duration. Substantial traffic disruptions are not expected with the project.

See continuation of the project description in the Project File/General/Project Information subsection as Project Description Continued.pdf.

STIP Reference #

2018stipID0257FDDD/2018stipID0257FDRW/2018stipID0257FDCO and is fiscally constrained.



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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.)*

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:	Encroachment Within the SFHA is a Functionally Dependent Use
EO 11988/NFIP Coordination and Documentation Completed:	Yes
NFIP Local Floodplain Coordinator Notification Date:	12/30/2019
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 B
Cultural Resources Coordination - ODOT Approval/SHPO Concurrence Date	12/11/2019

Since no Tribe was interested in this project based on their customized preferences, no further Tribal consultation was conducted.



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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:	11/19/2019
Hazardous Materials - ESA Screening Conducted	Yes
Hazardous Materials - OES Approval Date:	09/17/2019
Phase I ESA Warranted Based on Coordination with OES:	No Further Studies Warranted
Farmland:	Urbanized Area; No Impacts in Accordance With the Farmland MOU and 7 CFR 658
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 Project Designer shall incorporate a Petroleum Contaminated Soil Plan Note into the plans for RM-022, Parcel #1628040, The Strip Shopping Center, 6787-6795 Strip Avenue NW, North Canton, Ohio 44720.



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Appendix

General

Aerial Map.pdf

County Map.pdf

Cultural Resources

Minimal Potential to Cause Effect - Appendix B

ESA

OES Recommendations - Screening.pdf

General

Project Description Continued.pdf

Air

Project Related ODOT Decision - Air.pdf

Noise

Project Related ODOT Decision - Noise.pdf

Cultural Resources

Records Check.pdf

ESA

Regulated Materials Review Form Revised.pdf

General

USGS Quadrangle Topographical Map.pdf

Underserved Populations

Census Mapping.pdf

Permits

Coordination with Local Floodplain Administrator.pdf

FEMA FIRM.pdf

Public Involvement

News Article.pdf

Press Release.pdf

Property Owner Notification Comment Form Attachment.pdf

Property Owner Notification Letter - Mailing List.pdf



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Property Owner Notification Letter Exhibit Attachment.pdf

Property Owner Notification Letter FAQ Attachment.pdf

Property Owner Notification Letter Template.pdf

Property Owner Notification Letter to Occupants.pdf

Public Comments Received.pdf

Response to Public Comments.pdf

Right of Entry Letter and Mailing List 2018-10-11.pdf

SCEO Website Capture Snapshot.pdf

Underserved Populations

Underserved Populations Documentation Form.pdf