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Environmental Document

for

SUM/WAY SR 21/585 0.00/VAR PID 94123

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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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PID:	94123
Project Sponsor:	DISTRICT 4-PLANNING
ODOT District:	4
Funding Source:	Federal
Private Funding:	No

Project Description:

The Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT) proposes various roadway improvements on State Route (SR) 585, SR 21 and Interstate Route (IR) 76 in the city of Norton, Summit County, and Chippewa Township, Wayne County. SR 585 and SR 21 are four-lane, high-speed interstate-like routes. Construction plans have been developed in two parts, as described below.

Part 1 - SUM/WAY-21/585-0.00/VAR

Part 1 - SUM/WAY-21/585-0.00/VAR proposes to resurface 5.14 miles of SR 21 from straight line mile (SLM) 0.00 to SLM 5.14 and 1.15 miles of SR 585 from SLM 0.13 to 1.28, including the entrance/exit ramps at the SR 21/SR 585 interchange. Other improvements include linear grading of the roadside shoulder, installation of raised pavement markers and guardrail repairs. Minor maintenance activities will additionally be performed on 16 bridges and culverts, as specified below.

One travel lane in each direction will be maintained on the existing pavement and completed pavement during the proposed SR 585/SR 21 resurfacing activities. Pavement resurfacing on the ramps will require ramp closures of one to three days with a detour, as specified below.

Existing utilities within the Part 1 project study area will not be impacted/relocated to construct the project.

Part 2 - SUM/WAY-585-0.00/18.47 (originally PID 107165)

Part 2 - SUM/WAY-585-0.00/18.47 proposes to convert the existing at-grade, unsignalized SR 585 (divided highway)/Eastern Road intersection to a Restricted Crossing U-Turn (RCUT) intersection. To construct the proposed RCUT intersection, the existing median will be closed to through motor vehicle traffic, dedicated U-turns lanes north and south of the intersection will be constructed and right turn lanes to Eastern Road will be added on SR 585. Two proposed five-foot wide asphalt bike lanes, one in each direction, will also be constructed for bicycle traffic to cross the median. The proposed bike lanes will be spaced approximately 40 feet apart to prohibit motor vehicle access.

Other proposed Part 2 construction activities include pavement repairs/resurfacing, fence replacement, existing overhead flashing lights removal, drainage improvements, intersection lighting installation, sign installation, raised pavement marker installation and pavement marking application.



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One travel lane in each direction will be maintained on the existing pavement and completed pavement of SR 585 during construction. Eastern Road will be closed for a period not to exceed 60 total days, including separate closures of up to 30 days each for two phases of construction that must occur between June 1, 2020, and August 25, 2020, with a detour as specified below.

Existing utilities within the Part 2 project study area will not be impacted/relocated to construct the project with the exception of eliminating the power service to the existing overhead flashing lights as part of their permanent removal.

Construction of Parts 1 and 2 will occur within existing highway/roadway rights-of-way.

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

STIP Reference #

Statewide Line Item (SLI) Numbers
15 and 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 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.)***

(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.***

(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



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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:	Present; No Coast Guard, Individual 404, and/or Section 10 Permit required
Waterways Permit Type:	Permit Determination and/or Permit Application Approval Pending
Isolated Wetland Permit	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	07/29/2016
Endangered Species - Critical Habitat Present/Impacted	
Indiana bat	
Northern long-eared bat	
Endangered Species - Other Critical Habitat Present/Impacted:	No
100-Year Floodplain:	Encroachment Within the SFHA is a Functionally Dependent Use
EO 11988/NFIP Coordination and Documentation Completed:	No
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	11/22/2019

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



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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:	11/22/2019
Phase I ESA Warranted Based on Coordination with OES:	No Further Studies Warranted
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



Environmental Commitments

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- 1) The Project Designer shall incorporate the following note into the plans: The project is located within the known habitat ranges of the federally listed and protected Indiana bat and Northern Long-eared bat. The contractor shall not remove trees 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.
- 2) ODOT District 4 shall obtain the floodplain permit, if applicable, prior to the start of project construction.



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Appendix

Ecological

Coordination with ODNR and USFWS.pdf

Coordination with ODNR and USFWS_Grouped Consultation.pdf

General

Project Description Continued.pdf

USGS Quadrangle Topographical Map.pdf

Public Involvement

Correspondence with Stakeholders.pdf

News Article - Akron.com West Side Leader.pdf

News Article - Barberton Herald-Facebook.pdf

News Article - Muck Rack.com.pdf

News Article - Ohio.com.pdf

News Article - PublicNow.com.pdf

Press Release.pdf

Public Comments Received.pdf

Public Meeting Exhibits.pdf

Public Meeting Handouts.pdf

Public Meeting Notification - Facebook.pdf

Public Meeting Notification - Norton Website.pdf

Public Meeting Notification - ODOT Website.pdf

Public Meeting Notification Flyer.pdf

Public Meeting Sign In Sheet.pdf

Public Notification Mailing List Map.pdf

Public Notification Mailing List.pdf

Response to Public Comments.pdf

Stakeholder Contact List.pdf

Stakeholder Meeting Minutes or Notes Presentation.pdf

Stakeholder Meeting Minutes or Notes Smuckers.pdf

Stakeholder Notification - Parts 1 and 2.pdf



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Stakeholder Notification.pdf