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Environmental Document

for

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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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Project Sponsor	District 4-Planning
ODOT District	4
Funding Source	Federal

Project Description:

The Ohio Department of Transportation proposes to perform pavement maintenance on State Route (SR) 261 in the City of Kent and Brimfield and Franklin Townships in Portage County, Ohio. The proposed project will repair and resurface pavement on SR 261 from approximately the Franklin/Brimfield Township Line north to SR 59. Additional roadway maintenance improvements proposed by this project include partial/full depth pavement repairs, curb and gutter repair/replacement, monument/catch basin/conduit grade adjustments, traffic signal equipment modification/loop replacement, linear shoulder grading, new lane/edge/center/channelizing/stop/other pavement markings applications and traffic control signage replacement within the project limits.

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 261 pavement or completed pavement during project construction. Road closures and detours are not proposed to construct the project. Construction and lane restriction information will be posted within the project construction limits prior to the start of project construction. Access shall be maintained to all intersecting side streets during project construction. Substantial traffic disruptions are not expected during project construction.

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 be constructed within the existing road rights-of-way.

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

A Cultural Resources Records Check was performed by ODOT District 4 Environmental Section staff using the Ohio State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) GIS database. The project undertaking will be constructed within existing operational rights-of-way, no buildings or other structures will be involved in construction, and no relocations will be required. Moreover, the undertaking is not located within a historic district. The undertaking is a type which has minimal potential to cause effects to historic properties in accordance with Appendix A of the Section 106 Programmatic Agreement and therefore, no further coordination is required. See the cultural resources documentation for the project in the Project File/Cultural Resources/Project Information subsection and the Cultural Resources Tab.

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.

Additionally, this project is considered ecologically exempt under the Ecological MOA (Agreement 19394). See the *Ecologically Exempt POR-261-3.51.pdf* for the project in the Project File/Ecological/Reports subsection.

A review of flood plain mapping determined the project is located in close proximity of a mapped Special Flood Hazard Area (SFHA). The project is considered roadway maintenance that will not change the alignment, grade or hydraulic capacity of any river or other streams and, therefore, is exempt from the normal permit process required for work encroaching on 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 environmentally sensitive resources within the project study area.

The environmental document and associated studies, as applicable, were approved using the Stage 3 design plans for the project. A copy of the Stage 3 design plans 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 is 0.7% lower than the total project cost specified in the ODOT State Fiscal Years 2024 - 2027 Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP). Fiscal constraint is at the Statewide Line Item (SLI) Group level. An individual project utilizing a SLI does not require a STIP/TIP amendment.



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

Yes

Ellis STIP Details

Phase	Current STIP Reference
CO	105237: 26-29 STIP

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

Yes

Cultural Resources Coordination:

Minimal Potential to Cause Effect
Appendix A

Cultural Resources Coordination Date:

10/27/2025

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

Supporting documentation has been uploaded to Project File:

Yes

Select the appropriate project type (more than one can be selected):

(22) Projects, as defined in 23 U.S.C. 101 that would take place entirely within the existing operational right-of-way. Existing operational right-of-way refers to right-of-way that has been disturbed for an existing transportation facility or is maintained for a transportation purpose. This area includes the features associated with the physical footprint of the transportation facility (including the roadway, bridges, interchanges, culverts, drainage, fixed guideways, mitigation areas, etc.) and other areas maintained for transportation purposes such as clear zone, traffic control signage, landscaping, any rest areas with direct access to a controlled access highway, areas maintained for safety and security of a transportation facility, parking facilities with direct access to an existing transportation facility, transit power substations, transit venting structures, and transit maintenance facilities. Portions of the right-of-way that have not been disturbed or that are not maintained for transportation purposes are not in the existing operational right-of-way. **Examples include: Tower lighting within the existing operational right-of-way; Guardrail installation and replacement (including median cable barriers) where roadway ditches and backslopes will not be relocated; Improvements to existing ODOT/County maintenance facilities; Construction of new ODOT/County maintenance facilities within existing operational right-of-way; Environmental mitigation activities within existing operational right-of-way; Work on pedestrian and vehicle transfer structures and associated utilities, buildings, and terminals within existing operational right-of-way; Construction of alternative energy facilities (fuel tank farms, wind turbines, etc.)**

Environmental Commitments:

No



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General

Aerial Map.pdf

County Map.pdf

USGS Quadrangle Topographical Map.pdf

Cultural Resources

Records Check.pdf

Ecological

ODNR Scenic River MOA Conditions

Permits

District Determination - No Floodplain Impacts.pdf

FEMA FIRM.pdf