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Environmental Document for **WIL SR 576 16.55 Resrf/Brg PID 99575** **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 June 6, 2018, and executed by FHWA and ODOT.

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PID: 99575
Project Sponsor: DISTRICT 2 ENGINEERING
ODOT District: 2
Funding Source: Federal
Private Funding: No

Project Description:

The Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT) District 2 is proposing to perform roadway improvements to approximately 4 miles of State Route (SR) 576, extending from U.S. Route 20 to the Ohio/Michigan state line, in Williams County. The project will resurface the SR 576 roadway and replace an existing deficient culvert located at Mile Marker 19.68 (culvert file number 1870543). The culvert to be replaced is located on SR 576, approximately 3.12 miles north of U.S. Route 20 (between County Road S and County Road R). The project also will repair the slope failure at this culvert location. Based on preliminary right-of-way (ROW) plans, the project will require 0.405 acre of permanent ROW and 0.138 acre of temporary ROW. Utility coordination will be completed by the District Utility Coordinator prior to construction.

The project is located along SR 576, which represents the easternmost boundary of the Lake La Su An Wildlife Area, owned by ODNR. As such, Section 4(f) coordination was conducted. ODOT Office of Environmental Services (OES) Policy Staff determined that a Section 4(f) *de minimis* finding is applicable. The Determination Request Form, including the signed Official with Jurisdiction (OWJ) concurrence and copies of the public notice documents, has been uploaded to the Project File in the Section 4(f)/Reports section.

Based on a review of the National Park Service (NPS) State Listing of Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF) properties, Lake La Su An Wildlife Area received LWCF funding (Grant ID #39-859). Per correspondence with ODNR, LWCF funds were used for the initial land acquisition for the Lake La Su An Wildlife area. Section 6(f) does not apply to the entire Lake La Su An Wildlife Area as it currently exists, including the location of the culvert replacement. As such, ODOT-OES determined that there is no Section 6(f) impact. A copy of the correspondence between ODOT-OES and ODNR is in the Project File under Section 6(f)/Coordination.

Permanent impacts will occur to 130 linear feet of Stream 1 and 0.33 acre of Wetland A for the culvert replacement. The ODOT Waterway Permits Unit determined that project activity is covered by the non-notifying Regional General Permit B (Maintenance). A copy of the Special Provisions dated 12/30/2019 is in the Project File/Permits section. All impacts to the surface water features have been coordinated with the Ohio Department of Natural Resources (ODNR) and the United States Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS). Agency recommendations to minimize impacts to state and federally listed species have been included as Environmental Commitments.



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The culvert replacement will require work within a designated FEMA Special Flood Hazard Area (SFHA). A Statement of Findings was published on the ODOT District 2 website and a Letter of Notification (LD-52) was provided to the local floodplain coordinator.

Per ODOT-OES Cultural resources staff, the project is a type of undertaking with "minimal potential to cause effects" to any historic properties.

The project includes 80% federal funding and 20% state funding. Construction is expected to begin in the spring of 2021. During construction, the roadway will be closed at the location of the culvert replacement for no more than 30 consecutive days. All impacted residents, emergency services, and schools have been notified of the closure. Construction and lane restriction information will be posted prior to the start of construction activities. Access shall be maintained to all adjacent properties at all times during project construction. Substantial traffic disruptions are not expected with the project.

This document was written and approved based on Stage 2 plans.

STIP Reference

SLI 32

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.



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Waterways:	Present; No Coast Guard, Individual 404, and/or Section 10 Permit required
Waterways Permit Type:	Regional General Permit
Waterways Permit Approval Date	12/30/2019
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	06/18/2018
Endangered Species - Critical Habitat Present/Impacted	
Copperbelly water snake	
Other	
Indiana bat	
Northern long-eared bat	
Endangered Species - Other Critical Habitat Present/Impacted:	Yes
Endangered Species - Other Description:	Blanding's turtle; Spotted turtle
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:	05/04/2020
Section 4(f):	Present; No Programmatic Evaluation or Individual Evaluation Required
Section 4(f) Determination:	
de minimis	
Section 4(f) Determination Date - de minimis	06/23/2020
Section 6(f):	Present; No Impacts and/or Access Restrictions
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

06/05/2020

Tribal Consultation Summary/Remarks:

No comments or objections were received within 30 days.

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: 04/21/2020

Hazardous Materials - ESA Screening Conducted Studies Not Required

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



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- 1) ODOT will adhere to all appropriate waterway permits and all Special Provisions for waterway permits throughout construction.
- 2) The Project Designer shall incorporate the following note into the plans: Due to the potential for copperbelly watersnakes to occur in the project area, the Contractor shall not harm or kill the snakes. If this species is encountered within the construction limits during construction operations, all construction operations will cease within the vicinity of the snake, and the Project Engineer shall immediately contact the DEC, who will immediately contact the Office of Environmental Services, who will contact the USFWS Columbus Field Office. Construction activities shall not continue until this additional coordination/consultation with USFWS is concluded.
- 3) The Project Designer shall incorporate the following note into the plans: Due to the potential for Blanding's turtles and spotted turtles to occur in the project area, the Contractor shall not harm or kill the turtles. If this species is encountered within the construction limits during construction operations, all construction operations will cease within the vicinity of the turtles, and the Project Engineer shall immediately contact the DEC, who will immediately contact the Office of Environmental Services, who will contact the ODNR. Construction activities shall not continue until this additional coordination/consultation with ODNR is concluded.
- 4) 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. The Contractor shall demarcate clearing limits in the field to avoid any unauthorized tree clearing. 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.
- 5) The Project Designer shall incorporate the following note into the plans: Access to the Lake La Su An Wildlife Area shall be maintained at all times during construction activities via flagging operations and/or an appropriate detour.
- 6) The Project Designer shall incorporate the following note into the plans: The contractor shall coordinate the construction schedule with ODOT and ODNR prior to the start of construction activities.
- 7) Due to the possible disruption of the reflexed bladder sedge, a survey of the proposed project area will be conducted prior to construction. ODOT-Office of Environmental Services will contact Mike Pettegrew (ODNR ODOT Program Manager, 614-265-6387) for pre-construction survey coordination assistance.



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Appendix

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Aerial Map.pdf

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Coordination with ODNR and USFWS.pdf

Coordination with OEPA.pdf

Coordination with USACE.pdf

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Correspondence with Emergency and Public Services.pdf

County Map.pdf

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Minimal Potential to Cause Effect - Appendix B

Minimal Potential to Cause Effects - A or B.pdf

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ODNR Comments.pdf

Noise

OES Approval - No Analysis Required.pdf

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USFWS Comments Consult Form .pdf

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USGS Quadrangle Topographical Map.pdf

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Wetland Finding.pdf

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Census Mapping.pdf

Permits

FEMA FIRM.pdf

Section 6(f)

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Section 4(f)



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OES Recreational 4(f) Determination.pdf

OWJ Concurrence-ODNR.pdf

Project Related Decision – OWJ Verification to Remove MTMH .pdf

Public Involvement

Property Owner Notification Letter.pdf

Public Notification Mailing List.pdf

Permits

Statement of Findings.pdf

Underserved Populations

Underserved Populations Documentation Form.pdf