



# OHIO DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

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## **Environmental Document**

for

### **TRU Girard Jr/High Sch Sidewalks PID 107213**

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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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## C2

<b>PID:</b>	107213
<b>Project Sponsor:</b>	Girard, City of
<b>ODOT District:</b>	4
<b>Funding Source:</b>	Federal
<b>Private Funding:</b>	No

### **Project Description:**

The city of Girard proposes to install new sidewalks in proximity to the Girard Junior High/Senior High School complex in the city of Girard, Trumbull County. This project proposes the construction of new 4-foot wide and 5-foot wide concrete sidewalks along Stull Avenue from Ward Avenue east to Highland Avenue, Gary Avenue from a point 200 feet south of Stull Avenue north to school property and Highland Avenue from Stull Avenue north to school property. Additional improvements include new curb ramps to meet Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) standards/traffic signs/school fence gates/catch basins/storm sewer section installations, driveway approach reconstruction and new pavement marking applications.

During project construction, two-way traffic shall be maintained in each direction at all times utilizing flaggers. Access shall be maintained to all adjacent properties and intersecting side streets for the duration of the project. Maintenance of traffic information will be posted within the project limits prior to the start of construction. Substantial traffic disruptions are not expected during project construction.

A total of 0.033 acre of temporary right-of-way will be acquired from five (5) properties to construct the project. See the final right of way plans for the project in the Project File/General/Project Information subsection.

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.

No inventoried history/architecture resources (i.e. OHI resources), no archaeological resources (i.e. OAI), and no listed or eligible Historic Properties have been reported in the area of potential effects (APE). Roadway modernization and upgrades to pedestrian facilities are exempt from further cultural resource consideration by the November 8, 2017, Cultural Resource PA (Agreement 19319), if the project is not within the boundaries of any Historic Property or N. R. District. Therefore, in accordance with Stipulation V(C)(1) and Appendix B of the Section 106 Programmatic Agreement between The Federal Highway Administration, Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT), Ohio's State Historic Preservation Office, and The Advisory Council on Historic Preservation executed on November 8, 2017 (Agreement No. 19319), amended on July 11, 2019, ODOT Office of Environmental Services (OES) determined the project is a type of undertaking that has 'minimal



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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.

Based on the information in the Regulated Materials Review (RMR) Form completed for the project, further RMR activities or special materials management is 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 Ecological Review Form - Ecologically Exempt Project.pdf for the project in the Project File/Ecological/Reports subsection.

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.

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

Girard conducted various public involvement activities for the project, including a news release, website posting and property owner/public service/public official notifications for the project. One (1) written comment was received as a result of the public involvement activities conducted for the project. Girard responded to the received written comment from this individual. See the public involvement documentation, including the received written comment and response to comment, for the project in the Project File/Public Involvement/Project Information subsection.

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 3.59% greater than the total project cost specified in the Eastgate Regional Council of Governments Fiscal Year (FY) 2021 - FY 2024 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). However, based on the estimated total project cost being less than \$2,999,999 and the additional project cost not exceeding 50% of the total project cost in the TIP, a TIP amendment is not necessary for the project.

**STIP Reference #**

2018AM11ID0335FDCO 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***



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*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.

<b>Waterways:</b>	Not Present
<b>Endangered Species:</b>	No Impacts to Protected Species and Critical Habitat
<b>100-Year Floodplain:</b>	No Encroachment Within a Special Flood Hazard Area (SFHA)
<b>Section 4(f):</b>	Not present
<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>	09/25/2019

**Tribal Consultation Summary/Remarks:**

Based on the customized preferences configured by the tribe, the ODOT EnviroNet System notified the Miami Tribe of Oklahoma about the project on 9/25/2019. No comment or objection was received from the Miami Tribe of Oklahoma concerning this project within 30 days of the project notification date.

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>	06/09/2020



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<b>Hazardous Materials - ESA Screening Conducted</b>	Yes
<b>Hazardous Materials - OES Approval Date:</b>	09/13/2019
<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 UP Guidance and activities conducted for Public Involvement are commensurate to the project's type and scope of work.	
<b>Underserved Populations</b>	Does Not Exceed UP Guidance Criteria; No UP Analysis Report Required and No UP 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>	No



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### **Approvals & Electronic Signatures**

<b>Approved &amp; Electronically Signed By:</b>	<b>Approval Date:</b>
Edward Deley (PROGRAM ADMIN 3)	6/15/2020



## **Appendix**

### **Ecological**

Ecological Review Form - Ecologically Exempt Project.pdf

### **General**

Final Right of Way Plans.pdf

### **Cultural Resources**

Minimal Potential to Cause Effect - Appendix B

### **Other Resources**

Urbanized Area Map.pdf

### **General**

USGS Quadrangle Topographical Map.pdf

### **Underserved Populations**

Census Mapping.pdf

### **Public Involvement**

City of Girard Website Posting.pdf

### **Permits**

FEMA FIRM.pdf

### **Public Involvement**

News Article - Warren Tribune.pdf

Press Release.pdf

Property Owner Notification Letter.pdf

Public Comments Received.pdf

Public Notification Mailing List.pdf

Response to Public Comments.pdf

### **Underserved Populations**

Underserved Populations Documentation Form.pdf