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Environmental Document

for

STA US 0062 04.60 Slide PID 107869

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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 11, 2015, and executed by FHWA and ODOT.

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Project Sponsor:	DISTRICT 4 PRODUCTION
ODOT District:	4
Funding Source:	Non-Federal
Does this project require a Federal permit or approval?	Yes
Private Funding:	No

Project Description:

The Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT) proposes to repair an embankment slip area along the northwest shoulder of the westbound U. S. Route 62T (US 62T) entrance ramp from State Route (SR) 225 in Lexington Township, Stark County. The project proposes to excavate the embankment slip area, install 70 30-foot (typical) drilled shafts with an H-beam steel reinforcing pile centered in each drilled shaft between Station 2017+00 to Station 2019+75, approximately 275 linear feet, install new underdrain, reconstruct the embankment, shoulder and partial ramp lane, remove/replace guardrail and install a new inclinometer.

Mapping depicting the project location on United States Geological Survey (USGS) 7.5-Minute Topographic Quadrangle Map is included in Project File/General/Project Information as USGS Quadrangle Topographic Map.pdf.

Based on overlapping maintenance-of-traffic (MOT) measures, the STA-62-4.60 Slide project will be constructed with the STA 62T/225-1.37/1.38/0.59; PID 102870; project that proposes separate, independent improvements at the US 62T/SR 225 interchange area and bridge rehabilitation along US 62T west of the STA-62-4.60 Slide project. These projects will be constructed in multiple phases and temporary pavements will be utilized to minimize disruption to the traveling public. One twelve-foot lane shall be maintained along the westbound US 62T entrance ramp at all times during project construction.

The project will be constructed within the existing entrance ramp right-of-way.

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

In accordance with Stipulation V(C)(1) and Appendix A of the Section 106 Programmatic Agreement executed on November 8, 2017 (Agreement No. 19319), ODOT determined the project is a type of undertaking that has 'minimal potential to cause effects' to historic properties. 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 contained in the RMR Form completed for the project, further environmental site assessment or special materials management is not warranted for the project. See the RMR documentation for the project in the Project File/ESA section.



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The project proposes to impact approximately 0.04 acre of suitable wooded habitat (SWH) within the project study area. Although wetlands exist in proximity to the proposed improvements, the project will be constructed along the top of the existing ramp embankment and will not impact the existing wetlands. See the ecological information for the project in the Project File/Ecological section.

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

Project MOT information was submitted by email, dated April 15, 2019, to local emergency and public services. On April 15, 2019, a news release with MOT information about the project was issued to the local media outlets and posted to the ODOT District 4 webpage. Comments were not received as a result of the public involvement activities conducted for the project. See the public involvement documentation 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 2 Design plans for the project. A copy of the Stage 2 Design plans for the project is included in the Project File/General/Project Information subsection as Stage 2 Design.pdf

The estimated total project cost specified in Ellis agrees with the total project cost specified in the Stark County Area Transportation Study (SCATS) Fiscal Year (FY) 2018 - FY 2021 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP).

STIP Reference #

Statewide Line Item (SLI) Number 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.)***

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



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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:	Present; No finding of May Affect, Likely to Adversely Affect
Endangered Species - Coordination	May Affect, Not Likely to Adversely Affect
Endangered Species - Coordination Date	06/29/2018
Endangered Species - Critical Habitat Present/Impacted	
Indiana bat	
Northern long-eared bat	
Endangered Species - Other Critical Habitat Present/Impacted:	No
100-Year Floodplain:	No Encroachment Within a Special Flood Hazard Area (SFHA)
Section 4(f):	Present; No Impacts and/or Access Restrictions
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	04/16/2019
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
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:	04/16/2019
Phase I ESA Warranted Based on Coordination with OES:	No Further Studies Warranted



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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) The project designer shall incorporate the following note into the plans: ENDANGERED SPECIES HABITAT-INDIANA BAT/NORTHERN LONG-EARED BAT: THE PROJECT IS LOCATED WITHIN THE KNOWN HABITAT RANGES OF THE FEDERALLY LISTED AND PROTECTED INDIANA BAT AND NORTHERN LONG-EARED BAT. NO TREES SHALL BE REMOVED AT THIS LOCATION 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) The project designer shall incorporate wetlands location information and the following note into the plans. WETLAND A AVOIDANCE - WETLAND A IS PRESENT IN PROXIMITY TO THE PROJECT CONSTRUCTION LIMITS AS INDICATED IN THE PLAN. NO EXCAVATION, GRADING OR FILLING OPERATIONS SHALL BE PERFORMED IN WETLAND A AS INDICATED ON THE PLAN. UNDER NO CIRCUMSTANCES SHALL THE CONTRACTOR STAGE OR STORE EQUIPMENT AND/OR MATERIALS WITHIN THE IDENTIFIED WETLANDS AREAS. ODOT CONSTRUCTION AND MATERIALS SPECIFICATIONS SECTION 107.10 (PROTECTION AND RESTORATION OF PROPERTY) PROHIBIT THE CONTRACTOR FROM CREATING STAGING AREAS NEAR STREAMS AND/OR WETLANDS. TO PROTECT AND DELINEATE THE WETLAND AREA, A QUANTITY OF ITEM 832 PERIMETER FILTER FABRIC FENCE AND A QUANTITY OF ITEM 832 CONSTRUCTION FENCE (ORANGE) HAVE BEEN INCLUDED IN THE GENERAL SUMMARY. THE PERIMETER FILTER FABRIC FENCE AND ORANGE CONSTRUCTION FENCE SHALL BE INSTALLED BY THE CONTRACTOR ALONG THE PROPOSED CONSTRUCTION LIMITS AT THE SLOPE REPAIR LOCATION PRIOR TO THE START OF ANY CONSTRUCTION ACTIVITIES WITHIN THE LIMITS AND ADJACENT AREA, INCLUDING ANY NECESSARY CLEARING AND GRUBBING ACTIVITIES. USE OF ORANGE SILT FENCE AS A SUBSTITUTE FOR ORANGE CONSTRUCTION FENCE FOR WETLANDS AND/OR STREAM DEMARCATION/PROTECTION IS NOT PERMITTED. THE PERIMETER FILTER FABRIC FENCE AND CONSTRUCTION FENCE SHALL BE MAINTAINED BY THE CONTRACTOR THROUGHOUT PROJECT CONSTRUCTION AND SHALL BE REMOVED BY THE CONTRACTOR UPON PROJECT COMPLETION.



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Appendix

Cultural Resources

Buckeye Assets Mapping.pdf

Ecological

Coordination with ODNR and USFWS.pdf

ODNR Comments.pdf

ODOT Disposition of Agency Comments.pdf

Cultural Resources

Records Check.pdf

Ecological

USFWS Comments Consult Form STA-62-4.60 PID 107869.pdf

Underserved Populations

Census Mapping.pdf

Permits

FEMA FIRM.pdf

Public Involvement

Local Emergency and Public Services Contact List.pdf

Press Release.pdf

Project Notification Local Emergency and Public Services.pdf

Property Owner Right-of-Entry Notification Letter.pdf

Underserved Populations

Underserved Populations Documentation Form.pdf

Public Involvement

Website Screen Shot Press Release Posting.pdf