

Section: Scoping Request Form

Scoping Request Form Summary

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1. Funding Source	Federal
2. Environmental Document Approval Date	09/25/2025
3. Form Name:	Scoping Request Form
4. Right of Way:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Permanent <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Temporary <input type="checkbox"/> No New Right of Way
5. Permanent Acreage (if known):	1.158 acres
6. Temporary Acreage (if known):	4.888 acres
7. Bridge Structure File Number	
8. Culvert File Number	
9. Project Description:	<p>The proposed project includes widening State Route 63 (SR 63) to a three-lane section and lowering the posted speed limit to 35 MPH. Additionally, the project includes realigning and connecting Markey Road to a newly constructed roundabout at the intersection 63 and the existing bridge over Reeders Run will be replaced to accommodate the expanded roadway and shared-use path. The total proposed project length is approximately 0.44 miles.</p> <p>This project will require 4.888 acres of temporary right-of-way and 1.158 acres of permanent right-of-way from three (3) properties for the proposed improvements and construction access. Total property takes and relocations are not required to construct the project cost, including construction, is \$8,707,688.</p> <p>An RMR Screening was completed by American Structurepoint, Inc. Environmental Staff. On March 18, 2025, ODOT-OES concurred that a PCS plan note is warranted for RM-003 and no further RMR studies or special material management is warranted for any other properties.</p> <p>A Cultural Resources Scoping Request Form was submitted by American Structurepoint, Inc. Environmental Staff on November 14, 2024. Based on this information, ODOT-OES determined in accordance with Stipulation V (C) (1) and Appendix B of the Section 106 proposed project has minimal potential to cause effects to historical properties as the appropriate finding for the proposed actions.</p>
10. Additional Cultural Resources Information:	

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The proposed project includes widening State Route 63 (SR 63) to a three-lane section and lowering the posted speed limit to 35 MPH. Additionally, the project includes realigning and connecting Markey Road to a newly constructed roundabout at the intersection of Markey Road and SR 63. A shared-use path will be added along the north side of SR 63 and the existing bridge over Reeders Run will be replaced to accommodate the expanded roadway and shared-use path. The total proposed project length is approximately 0.44 miles.

This project will require 4,888 acres of temporary right-of-way and 1,158 acres of permanent right-of-way from three (3) properties for the proposed improvements and construction access. Total property takes and relocations are not required to construct the project. Deep excavation will be required for the proposed project. The current estimated project cost, including construction, is \$8,707,688.

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A Cultural Resources Scoping Request Form was submitted by American Structurepoint, Inc. Environmental Staff on November 14, 2024. Based on this information, ODOT-OES determined in accordance with Stipulation V (C) (1) and Appendix B of the Section 106 Programmatic Agreement executed on June 29, 2023 (Agreement No. 38503), the proposed project has minimal potential to cause effects to historical properties as the appropriate finding for the proposed actions.

A Level 1 Ecological Survey Report was completed by American Structurepoint, Inc. for this project. The project will impact Reeders Run due to the replacement and widening of the existing bridge over the stream to accommodate for the expanded roadway and shared-use path. A total of 119 feet of Reeders Run is located within the Alternative 1 construction limits. The City will obtain a waterway permit prior to conducting construction. A total of 0.28 acre of Suitable Wooded Habitat for the federally endangered Indiana bat and northern long-eared bat were identified within the project limits. All tree removal will occur between October 1 and March 31 to protect these species during their summer roosting period.

The project is located within the Special Flood Hazard Area (SFHA) for Reeders Run. A notification including a Statement of Findings regarding the proposed work within the floodplain was posted on the City of Lebanon's website on January 13, 2025. No comments were received during the 30-day comment period. A copy of the Statement of Findings is included in the project file.

Property Owner Notification Letters describing the project and the proposed detours were sent on January 13, 2025. Additionally, local schools, hospitals, and EMS were notified of this project and the detours on January 13, 2025. The Warren County Transportation Improvement District also posted a project update to the county website. As part of the community outreach efforts, the Stage 1 engineering design plans, along with the detour routes, were available to review and provide comments until February 13, 2025. This information was available at Optimized Senior Living Assisted and Memory Care Lebanon, Lebanon Public Library, Lebanon Food Pantry, Warren County Engineers Office, Lebanon City Hall, and the Lebanon Presbyterian Church. Two comments were received via email during the comment period regarding traffic concerns on SR 63 and the construction of the proposed roundabout at Markey Road and SR 63. Both comments were received and addressed by the City of Lebanon in conjunction with the Warren County Transportation Improvement District. A copy of the public involvement materials is included in the project file.

As a result of the proposed improvements, a detour route will be required for vehicles and pedestrians. Local traffic will be detoured to adjacent streets. The project corridor will be closed near the intersection of Markey Road and SR 63 to expedite construction. The contractor will maintain access to residential and commercial properties during construction. The detours are provided in the Stage 1 Design Plans and the Property Owner Notification Letter is in the project file. Construction is expected to begin after May 2027 and require up to six (6) months to construct (November 2027).

The NEPA document and associated studies are being approved using Stage 1 and Stage 2 engineering design plans. A copy of the plans can be found in the project file.

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In the comment box, note the EnviroNet file path:

12. Project Location Maps:

- County
- 7.5'USGS
- Other

13. Project Location Maps Comments:

General>Project Information

14. Project Plans:

- Conceptual
- Stage 1 or 2
- Stage 3

15. Project Plans Comments:

General>Project Information>Stage 1 Design

16. Photographs:

- Street View Available on Google Earth
- Photolog
- Aerial Photos

17. Photolog Comments:

Cultural Resources>Project Information>Photographs

19. Records Check:

- SHPO GIS Map

20. SHPO GIS Map Comments:

Cultural Resources>Project Information>Records Check

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These files do not exist anymore. Photos are not used in the 106 SRF as Street View from Google Earth is sufficient for screening purposes.

Section Documents