



ODOT District 1

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New Process for Right of Way Certification

As many of you are aware ODOT has revised the Right of Way Certification process at the request of the FHWA. This new process is more in depth and incorporates the Utility Note within the Right of Way Certification process. Back in March ODOT provided several training sessions across the state to prepare for this change.

The Certification of Right of Way Procedure was effective as of April 1, 2014. As of this date, all right of way certifications are to comply with the new certification procedures. These procedures are in the 2400 section of the Real Estate Manual. LPA's may only issue to districts a Certification of R/W Control Letter 1 or 2 depending on the amount of right of way control the LPA has obtained. Districts may issue Certification of R/W Control Letters 1, 2 or 3 depending on the amount of right of way control the districts have obtained of the right of way needed for the highway project.

On the Office of Real Estate web site under Certification of R/W Procedures are: Certification Letters, The 2400 Section of the Real Estate Manual, and, Frequently Asked Questions we received during the numerous training sessions that were held across the state.

The web site is: <http://www.dot.state.oh.us/Divisions/Engineering/RealEstate/Pages/RW%20Certification%20Procedures.aspx>.

If anyone has any questions about these new procedures please feel free to contact Shell Miller at 419-999-6876 Shell.Miller@dot.state.oh.us or Scott Recker at 419-999-6877 Scott.Recker@dot.state.oh.us

Indian Mill Bridge

The Indian Mill Road Bridge Rehabilitation Project over the scenic Sandusky River, in Wyandot County, is currently under construction using the contractors proposed method of removal, disassembly and reassembly of the trusses. See Photo below:



Link to Construction Project: See Page 3

PROJECT RESOURCES ODOT HAS AVAILABLE

For the development, design, and construction of your federal transportation project, ODOT has various resources available. Development and design resources are available under the Design Reference Resource Center at:

<http://www.dot.state.oh.us/drrc/Pages/default.aspx>

For those administering their own transportation project, construction and construction monitoring resources are available under the Construction Reference Resource Center at:

<http://www.dot.state.oh.us/crrc/Pages/default.aspx#>

Many of the individual documents listed have a mailing list subscription service such that ODOT will notify you via email if the document is updated/ revised. For those documents that you would use the most, we encourage you to sign up for this service.

PROJECT DEVELOPMENT PROCESS (PDP) MANUAL

The PDP Manual update to reflect the current project development process is now available. The manual can be found at:

<http://www.dot.state.oh.us/projects/pdp/Pages/manual.aspx>

LOCAL PUBLIC AGENCY (LPA) REIMBURSEMENT

There are on occasions when ODOT reimburses the LPA for efforts their internal staff puts forward. Two examples include: construction inspection for Local-Let projects and school district Safe Routes to School non-infrastructure endeavors. A certain level of audit standard needs to be met. Guidance can be found at:

<http://www.dot.state.oh.us/Divisions/Planning/LocalPrograms/Documents/LPACostRecoveryGuidance.pdf>

Main points of concern include:

- Time sheets/cards that break out an employee's entire day in detail for the life of the project.
- Time sheets/cards need to be signed by employee and supervisor.
- Overhead cost recovery method needs to be identified in advance.



SRTS Project Applications

The Ohio Department of Transportation was pleased to inform Kenton City schools and Arcadia Local schools that they were awarded funds for their Safe Routes to School infrastructure applications.



Through the SRTS program, local communities from all over the state of Ohio submitted projects worth more than \$17 million for infrastructure projects. Ohio makes available \$4 million in funds to be used to improve safety for children in grades k-8 as they bicycle and walk to and from school. These funds will be available in 2018 and will be used to improve intersections, construct sidewalks, install signs and upgrade crosswalks as identified in their School Travel plan.

Congratulations to Kenton and Arcadia Schools!

Post Construction Storm Water Structural Best Management Practices (BMPs)

A considerable challenge with federally funded transportation projects is incorporating Post Construction Best Management Practices. Post Construction BMPs are ways to perpetually remove pollutants from the storm water and/or reduce runoff volumes after the project is built. This is different than those practices used to treat storm water while project construction is ongoing, ie. temporary erosion control.

If your project disturbs over an acre of earth, your project needs to install Post Construction BMPs to handle quality per Ohio EPA's NPDES Construction General Permit. Quality can be addressed by the following means: extended detention, retention basin, bio retention cell, infiltration trench, infiltration basin, constructed wetlands, manufactured systems, vegetated bio filter, and vegetated filter strip. **Because of the size of most of these options, additional right of way may be needed to incorporate the treatment method. Please plan accordingly.** In one case, a city has had to install a storm sewer run parallel to the storm sewer trunk line in order to isolate enough of the runoff to economically treat and still meet the minimum requirements. In several cases, Local Public Agencies have had to install manufactured systems. If you propose an alternative treatment outside of ODOT's L&D Manual, you will need to get approval from Ohio EPA and provide a copy of that approval to the District.

If your project increases the impervious area by over an acre and additional right of way is needed, you will need to provide a means to address water quantity for the project in the built condition. Quantity can be addressed by the following means: extended detention, retention basin, bio retention cell, infiltration trench, infiltration basin, and constructed wetlands. **Because of the size of most of these options, additional right of way may be needed to incorporate the treatment method. Please plan accordingly.** If an alternative treatment outside of ODOT's L&D Manual is proposed, you will again need to get approval from Ohio EPA and provide a copy of that approval to the District.

ODOT Location and Design Manual, Volume 2, Section 1115 thru 1117. Has thresholds for when post construction BMPs are needed.

http://www.dot.state.oh.us/Divisions/Engineering/Hydraulics/Location%20and%20Design%20Volume%202/LD%20Volume%202%20Archive%2012013/sec-tion1100_drainage_design_procedures_january_2014.pdf

'In lieu of' fees have been considered. There is an ongoing pilot for roughly 30 projects whereby the post construction BMPs are being handled by payments to OEPA. It was noted early on, that the fee being paid for those first 30 was perhaps considerably lower than what it should be. Once these initial projects are constructed, it will be studied what the cost would have been should the proper BMP actually been installed. Future 'in lieu of' fees (if approved by OEPA) will utilize these higher dollar values.

Post construction BMPs all require maintenance and a conscious effort to preserve.

Do not hesitate to contact us concerning the post construction BMPs on your federally funded transportation project. **In District 1, contact Beth Clark at 419-999-6865.** ODOT has a staff person at ODNR to assist in the BMP challenges that we are facing. If district one cannot assist, we can send you in that direction.

Northwest Ohio LPA Day – October 8, 2014

For those of you that administer your own federally funded transportation projects via the Local-let program, ODOT is sponsoring Ohio LPA Days. Events have been set up regionally and Northwest Ohio is scheduled for October 8th in Perrysburg. Administration of the federal transportation dollars is challenging. This event will present useful information and updates on Ohio's Local-let construction administration program. A flyer can be found at: http://www.dot.state.oh.us/Divisions/Planning/LocalPrograms/LTAP/FlyersJuly09/LPA_Days_-_Save_the_Date.pdf. **Registration will open around September 1st.**

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This link below will take you to additional photos of the project currently under construction.

<https://images.multivista.com/export/612D5303-A434-4430-A843-C58441E961A1/index.html>

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