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June 06, 2025

Resource Protection and Review
Ohio Historic Preservation Office
Ohio History Connection
800 East 17th Avenue
Columbus, Ohio 43211

Attn: ODOT Review Manager(s)

Re: BUT North Hamilton Crossing(PID 115755)
History Architecture Evaluation

Dear Department Head:

Project Description:

The Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT) in cooperation with the project sponsors, the City of Hamilton and the Butler County Transportation District (BCTID), are proposing the North Hamilton Crossing (NHX) project to improve east-west connectivity north of State Route (SR) 129 in the City of Hamilton, Butler County. The project concept is the construction of a four-lane, boulevard-style road (two travel lanes in each direction) with a turn lane or landscaped median in the middle and a speed limit of 35 MPH. The project includes a sidewalk on one side of the street and a shared-use path on the other side. Bump-outs and crosswalks will be included at street corners to enhance pedestrian safety. The location of the roadway is under review by the agencies.

Literature Review:

In compliance with Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act, properties listed in or eligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places (NRHP) must be identified and the effect of the project on the identified properties taken into consideration. An area of potential effects was established to include a geographic area of sufficient size to encompass the new roadway locations under review. A literature review of the Ohio State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) GIS mapping system was conducted. The Greenwood Cemetery (NR# 9400771) listed in the NRHP and 16 Ohio Historic Inventory (OHI) resources were identified within the area of potential effects.

Summary of Cultural Resource Investigations:

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The report *Phase I History/Architecture Survey BUT-North Hamilton Crossing (NHX) Roadway Improvements Project, PID 115755* (Lawhon & Associates, Inc., May 2025) was prepared to facilitate the identification process. A total of 257 history/architecture properties were identified fifty years of age or older. In summary, in addition to the NRHP listed property, Greenwood Cemetery (NR# 9400771), Hose House #5 at 420 N. Ninth Street (OHI BUT0053509), was recommended eligible for inclusion on the NRHP under Criteria A and C. The resource was recommended eligible under Criterion A for its association with the broad pattern of civic firefighting in the late-nineteenth and early-twentieth centuries and under Criterion C for architecture. The historic boundary corresponds with the parcel boundary. No additional history/architecture properties were recommended eligible for inclusion in the NRHP. A historic district was not identified. Note the C.H. & D. Railroad Bridge will be evaluated for NRHP eligibility in a separate coordination. The Phase I History/Architecture Survey report is available for review in the project file.

Conclusion:

In accordance with 36 CFR 800.4(b) and the Section 106 Programmatic Agreement (*Agreement No. 38503*) executed June 29, 2023, ODOT-OES is requesting concurrence with the following:

- Greenwood Cemetery (NR# 9400771), listed in the NRHP, remains eligible for inclusion in the NRHP.
- Hose House #5 at 420 N. Ninth Street (OHI BUT0053509) is eligible for inclusion in the NRHP. The historic boundary corresponds with the parcel boundary.
- The C. H. & D. Railroad Bridge will be evaluated in a separate consultation.
- No additional history/architecture properties eligible for inclusion in the NRHP individually or as a district are located within the APE.

Section 106 Consulting Parties will be provided with a concurrent review of the report and the enclosed determination. Questions may be addressed to Susan Gasbarro, ODOT-OES, at susan.gasbarro@dot.ohio.gov.

Electronic Signatures:

OES Signature:	Signature Date:
Leigh Oldershaw	6/6/2025

OSHPO Concurrence:	Concurrence Date:
Thomas Grooms	1/22/2026

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 14, 2020, and executed by FHWA and ODOT.



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October 10, 2025

Resource Protection and Review
Ohio Historic Preservation Office
Ohio History Connection
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Attn: ODOT Review Manager(s)

Re: BUT North Hamilton Crossing(PID 115755)
History Architecture Re-evaluation

Dear Department Head:

Project Description:

On June 6, 2025, the ODOT Office of Environmental Services (ODOT-OES) notified the Ohio State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) that the *Phase I History/Architecture Survey for the Proposed BUT-North Hamilton Crossing (PID 115755) in the City of Hamilton, Butler County, Ohio (June 2025)* was available for review. The survey was initiated to assist in the identification of properties eligible for or listed in the National Register of Historic Places (NRHP) within the area of potential effects of the proposed undertaking. At that time in project development, the area of potential effects included an area of sufficient size to encompass the footprint of all alternatives under consideration. The ODOT-OES transmittal to the Ohio SHPO accompanying the report requested concurrence with the following NRHP eligibility findings: Greenwood Cemetery (NR# 9400771), listed in the NRHP, remains eligible for inclusion in the NRHP; Hose House #5 at 420 N. Ninth Street (OHI# BUT0053509) is eligible for inclusion in the NRHP. The historic boundary corresponds with the parcel boundary; and no additional history/architecture properties eligible for inclusion in the NRHP individually or as a district are located within the area of potential effects.

On July 3, 2025, the Ohio SHPO provided comments on the submission. In summary, the Ohio SHPO agreed Hose House #5 at 420 N. 9th St. (OHI#BUT0053509) is eligible for inclusion in the NRHP, and Greenwood Cemetery (NR#9400771) and German Village Historic District (NR#83001947) remain eligible for inclusion in the NRHP. The SHPO recommended further investigation into three resources to determine National Register (NR) eligibility. These resources included the C.H. & D Railroad Bridge, 905 Heaton St. (OHI# BUT0064609), and 701 Greenwood Ave. (OHI# BUT0071609).

Since the June 2025 submittal to the Ohio SHPO, the "Recommended Preferred Alternative" (preferred alternative) was identified. The preferred alternative includes an area that was not covered by the Phase I History/Architecture Survey (June 2025). The new area is limited to pedestrian enhancements along the west side of N. Third St./Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard, between Vine St. and Black St.

Literature Review:

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The ODOT Office of Environmental Services (ODOT-OES) prepared an *Addendum Phase I History/Architecture Survey* (October 2025). The addendum survey addressed the Ohio SHPO's July 3, 2025 comments. In addition, the addendum project area was surveyed. A copy of the addendum survey is available in the project file.

Summary of Cultural Resource Investigations:

As a result of these efforts, ODOT-OES determined two of the properties that the Ohio SHPO requested additional investigations are eligible for inclusion in the NRHP. The resources are located at 701 Greenwood Ave. (OHI#BUT0071609) and 905 Heaton St. (OHI#BUT0064609). The third resource, C.H. & D. Railroad Bridge is outside of the area of potential effects of the preferred alternative and was not included in the evaluation.

ODOT-OES determined the Niles Tool Works/ Champion Paper Warehouse located at 609 N. Third St./MLK Blvd. (OHI#BUT0096509) is eligible for inclusion in the NRHP. The resource is located within the addendum project area.

Conclusion:

In accordance with Section 106 Programmatic Agreement (Agreement No. 38503) executed June 29, 2023, ODOT-OES determined the following history/architecture resources are eligible for inclusion in the National Register of Historic Places (NRHP) within the area of potential effects of the preferred alternative

Hose House #5 at 420 N. Ninth Street (OHI# BUT0053509) is eligible for inclusion in the NRHP. The historic boundary corresponds with the parcel boundary.

Niles Tile Works (OHI# BUT0096509) located at 609 N. Third St./MLK Blvd. is eligible for inclusion in the NRHP. The historic boundary includes the footprint of the extant complex including a 10' buffer area on the south and west sides of the complex. The historic boundary corresponds with the footprint of the extant buildings on the north and east sides of the complex.

905 Heaton Street (OHI# BUT0064609) is eligible for inclusion in the NRHP. The historic boundary corresponds with the parcel boundary.

701 Greenwood Avenue (OHI# BUT0071609) is eligible for inclusion in the NRHP. The historic boundary corresponds with the parcel boundary.

No additional history/architecture resources listed in or determined eligible for listing in the NRHP were identified within the area of potential effects of the preferred alternative.

Future consultation will include the results of the archaeological investigation and the effect finding. Questions may be addressed to Susan Gasbarro, ODOT-OES, at Susan.Gasbarro@dot.ohio.gov.

Electronic Signatures:

OES Signature:	Signature Date:
Leigh Oldershaw	10/10/2025

OSHPO Concurrence:	Concurrence Date:
Miranda Fisher	10/31/2025

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December 23, 2025

Resource Protection and Review
Ohio Historic Preservation Office
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Columbus, Ohio 43211

Attn: ODOT Review Manager(s)

Re: BUT North Hamilton Crossing(PID 115755)
Effect Determination

Dear Department Head:

Project Description:

The Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT) in cooperation with the project sponsors, the City of Hamilton and the Butler County Transportation District (BCTID), are proposing the North Hamilton Crossing (NHX) project to improve east-west connectivity north of State Route (SR) 129 in the City of Hamilton, Butler County. The project concept is the construction of a four-lane, boulevard-style road (two travel lanes in each direction) with a turn lane or landscaped median in the middle and a speed limit of 35 MPH. The project includes a sidewalk on one side of the street and a shared-use path on the other side. Bump-outs and crosswalks will be included at street corners to enhance pedestrian safety.

Literature Review:

Archaeology - Literature Review

Upon the identification of the preferred alternative, a refined literature review was conducted that focused on archaeological resources. The Ohio SHPO GIS database records were reviewed. Two pre-contact American Indian archaeological sites, Hamilton Mound (BU0006) and a multicomponent habitation site (BU0631) are located within the preferred alignment. Street construction along with dense urban development in Hamilton's 3rd ward between 1855 and 1875 removed the mound. Consequently, the exact location of Hamilton Mound is unknown, as is its size. Given its context for removal, Hamilton Mound could be under any one of a dozen streets, but is almost certainly not located in the residential back yard where the SHPO GIS map currently locates it. Regardless of its precise location, the GIS database records it as being destroyed. Testing associated with the multicomponent habitation site, BU0631, confirmed that all archaeological remains are confined to

the plow zone. In addition to plow disturbance, the construction of the Animal Friends Humane Society facility has destroyed a substantial portion of the site. BU0631 has limited information potential and can be considered a non-significant archaeological resource. Historic maps and aerial photographs were reviewed in order to further assess disturbance along the preferred alignment. The western end of the preferred alignment is characterized by industrial development, the central portion of the alignment is characterized by dense urban development, and the eastern end consists of public facilities with more open space. Few vacant parcels are currently present within the urban, central portion of the alignment, and these vacancies reflect recent demolitions. The highly disturbed vacant ground in the industrial western end reflects the redevelopment and abandonment of large parcels. Given this context, intact archaeological deposits are unlikely to remain in either the western or central portions of the alignment. The only potentially undisturbed ground occurs at the eastern end of the preferred alignment, south of the multicomponent habitation site (BU0631). Archaeological testing focused solely on this portion of the preferred alignment.

History Architecture - Literature Review

Consultation with the Ohio State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) was previously conducted to assist in the identification of history/architecture properties listed in and eligible for inclusion in the National Register of Historic Places (NRHP). Upon the identification of the preferred alternative, a refined literature review was conducted by ODOT/OES. The review focused on the location of history/architecture resources listed in and determined eligible for listing in the NRHP in relation to the preferred alternative.

Summary of Cultural Resource Investigations:

Archaeological Investigation

Archaeological investigations in the western and central portions of the preferred alignment were limited to photo documentation of dense urban development and vacant disturbed lots, particularly at potential mound locations (where the alignment crosses 5th, 6th, 7th and Vine Streets). No archaeological testing was feasible at the potential mound locations due to standing structures. Both commercial and industrial vacant lots were covered by parking lots, while vacant residential lots exhibited surface remains associated with demolished buildings. Archaeological testing involved a 1000' long and 100' wide corridor which extended north from Princeton Road parallel to the west side of Leeds Lane adjacent to the Butler County Behavioral Services Center facility at the eastern terminus of the preferred alignment. Test units exhibited disturbed soils adjacent to Princeton Road, but natural soils along Leeds Lane. No archaeological resource was identified in any of the test units, indicating no southern extension of the previously inventoried multicomponent habitation (BU0631). Based on the literature and field reviews, minimal potential exists for significant archaeological deposits in the preferred alignment. No additional archaeological investigation is needed.

History/Architecture Investigation

On June 6, 2025, ODOT-OES notified the Ohio SHPO that the *Phase 1 History/Architecture Survey for the Proposed BUT-North Hamilton Crossing (PID 115755) in the City of Hamilton, Butler County, Ohio (June 2025)* was available for review in the project file. The survey was initiated to assist in the identification of properties eligible for or listed in the NRHP within the area of potential effects (APE) of the project. At that time in project development, the APE included an area of sufficient size to encompass the footprint of all alternatives under consideration.

On July 3, 2025, the Ohio SHPO provided comments on the submission. The Ohio SHPO agreed Hose House #5 at 420 N. 9th St. (OHI#BUT0053509) is eligible for inclusion in the NRHP, the Greenwood Cemetery Historic District (NR#9400771), and the German Village Historic District (NR#83001947) remain eligible for inclusion in the NRHP. The Ohio SHPO recommended further investigations into three resources to determine National Register (NR) eligibility. These resources included the C.H. & D Railroad Bridge, 905 Heaton St. (OHI#BUT0064609), and 701 Greenwood Ave. (OHI#BUT0071609).

The preferred alternative was identified. Due to refined design that included an additional area not previously studied, an addendum Phase I H/A survey was initiated to identify NR listed or eligible resources within the addendum project area. In addition, the survey included a NR evaluation of 905 Heaton St. and 701 Greenwood Ave. as recommended by the Ohio SHPO.

On October 10, 2025, the *Addendum Phase I History/Architecture Survey for the BUT-North Hamilton Crossing PID (115755), Located in Butler County, Hamilton, Ohio (October 2025)* was submitted to the Ohio SHPO. ODOT-OES requested concurrence with the following: Hose House No.5 located at 420 N. Ninth Street (OHI#BUT0053509) is eligible for inclusion in the NRHP. The historic boundary corresponds with the parcel boundary. Niles Tile Works located at 609 N. Third St./MLK Blvd. (OHI#BUT0096509) is eligible for inclusion in the NRHP. The historic boundary includes the footprint of the extant complex including a 10' buffer area on the south and west sides of the complex. The historic boundary corresponds with the footprint of the extant buildings on the north and east sides of the complex. The residence located at 905 Heaton Street (OHI#BUT0064609) is eligible for inclusion in the NRHP. The historic boundary corresponds with the parcel boundary. The Stone Tavern located at 701 Greenwood Avenue (OHI#BUT0071609) is eligible for inclusion in the NRHP. The historic boundary corresponds with the parcel boundary. No additional history/architecture resources listed in or determined eligible for listing in the NRHP were identified within the APE of the preferred alternative. On October 31, 2025, the Ohio SHPO concurred with the Phase I H/A addendum and NR eligibility findings.

The next step involved the creation of GIS maps illustrating the footprint of the preferred alternative in relation to the NRHP listed and eligible resources. This information was used to determine the effect of the project on the historic properties. A finding of "no adverse effect" was found applicable to the Stone Tavern at 701 Greenwood Ave. (OHI#BUT0071609) and the residence at 905 Heaton St. (OHI#BUT0064609). Minor temporary and permanent right-of-way will be required from the historic boundaries of each property. No contributing features will be removed or altered. Integrity of materials, workmanship, location, setting, association, and design will be maintained. The German Village Historic District (NR#90002216), the Greenwood Cemetery Historic District (NR#94000771), Niles Tile Works (609 N. Third St/MLK Blvd) (OHI#BUT0096509), and Hose House #5 (420 N. Ninth St.) (OHI#BUT0053509) will not be affected by the project. No land from the historic properties will be required and no contributing features will be removed or altered by the project. A Memo-to-File documenting the results of the review are available in the project file.

Conclusion:

ODOT/OES in accordance with 36 CFR 800.5(b) and the Section 106 Programmatic Agreement (*Agreement No. 38503*) executed June 29, 2023, has determined a finding of "no adverse effect" is applicable to the effect of the BUT-North Hamilton Crossing PID 115755 project.

The Stone Tavern at 701 Greenwood Avenue (OHI#BUT0071609) will not be adversely affected by the project. Minor land from within the historic boundary will be required, 0.008 acres temporary and 0.02

acres permanent. ODOT/OES intends on making a Section 4(f) De Minimis finding upon the Ohio SHPO concurrence with this finding.

The residence at 905 Heaton Street (OHI#BUT0064609) will not be adversely affected by the project. Minor land from within the historic boundary will be required, 0.005 acres temporary and 0.005 acres permanent. ODOT/OES intends on making a Section 4(f) De Minimis finding upon the Ohio SHPO concurrence with this finding.

No additional history/architecture resources listed in or eligible for listing in the NRHP will be affected by the project.

Based on literature and field reviews minimal to no potential exists for significant archaeological deposits in the preferred alignment. No additional archaeological investigation is needed.

Questions may be addressed to Susan Gasbarro at Susan.Gasbarro@dot.ohio.gov and to Bruce Aument at Bruce.Aument@dot.ohio.gov.

Electronic Signatures:

OES Signature:	Signature Date:
Leigh Oldershaw	12/23/2025

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Thomas Grooms	1/5/2026

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Tribal Consultation/Project Coordination for: BUT-North Hamilton Crossing (PID 115755)

The following Tribes/Tribal Contacts were notified of the BUT-North Hamilton Crossing project on 12-23-25 based on the Tribes' individual preferences detailed in either the Tribal Profile Manager in EnviroNet or documented in previous communications:

- Delaware Tribe
 - Martina Thomas (his.pres@delawaretribe.org)
- Eastern Shawnee Tribe
 - Lora Nuckolls (THPO@estoo.net)
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 - Logan York (thpo@miamination.com)
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 - Delaney Cooley (delaney.cooley@osagenation-nsn.gov, s106@osagenation-nsn.gov)
- Peoria Tribe
 - Burgundy Fletcher (bfletcher@peoriatribes.com)
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 - Matthew Bussler (Matthew.Bussler@pokagonband-nsn.gov)
- Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe
 - Marcella Hadden (MHadden@sagchip.org)
- The Shawnee Tribe
 - Tonya Tipton (tonya@shawnee-tribe.com)
 - Erin Paden (epaden@shawnee-tribe.com)
- Wyandotte Nation
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From: [Watkins, Jason](#)
To: [Marcella Hadden](#)
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Date: Tuesday, January 13, 2026 2:58:00 PM
Attachments: [115755 Section 106 Effect Determination.pdf](#)
[115755 Phase I Archaeology Report.pdf](#)
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Hello Marcella!

Not sure about yours, but our weather is an interesting mess. Freezing fog last week, then mild with rain, which turned to snow over the weekend, but barely enough to whiten the ground. What fun.

Here is a project our office processed recently, and one we've discussed at TNC the last two years: a new connector road across the City of Hamilton in southwest Ohio.

Below is a longer-than-normal project summary and attached are the Section 106 Effect Determination and the Phase I archaeological survey report prepared for this project.

Let me know if you need anything else for your review or if you have any questions or concerns.

Thanks, Marcella!

Jason

BUT-North Hamilton Crossing New Roadway Project (PID 115755)

- New four-lane boulevard-style roadway connecting US Route 127 with State Route 129 through the City of Hamilton, Butler County, southwest Ohio.
- The new roadway project will travel across the City of Hamilton in a northwest to southeast direction and will improve connectivity between the two major routes.
- The project also includes a shared use path on one side of the new roadway and a sidewalk on the other.
- Background research and literature reviews helped determine the preferred alignment. A relatively intact precontact village (33BU2 – Campbell Island Village) is located north of the project and near one of the early alternatives considered. Because of this sensitive site, consideration of the alignment that traveled closest to the site was discontinued.
- Two recorded sites are either in or reported in the project area. Site 33BU6, Hamilton Mound, was recorded at the western end of the project. Several accounts state that this mound was destroyed in the late 1800s during street and roadway grading work. The location of the mound on the Ohio SHPO's database is only an approximation based on several sources. The other site, 33BU631 (a precontact lithic scatter and a 19th – 20th century refuse scatter) was identified in 1998 by Algonquin Archaeological Consultants, Inc. during a survey

for a borrow area. Subsequent assessment level studies on this site determined that it was not eligible for inclusion in the National Register of Historic Places.

- An archaeological survey and disturbance assessment was conducted across the entire project corridor by a prequalified archaeological consultant. The majority of the area has been extensively modified by multiple waves of commercial, industrial and residential development dating to at least the mid-19th century.
- This is the case in the reported location of Hamilton Mound, where no evidence of vestiges of the mound exists today. No archaeological testing was feasible at the potential mound locations due to standing structures. Both commercial and industrial vacant lots were covered by parking lots, while vacant residential lots exhibited surface remains associated with demolished buildings.
- Elsewhere in the project area, one relatively undisturbed area was subject to subsurface archaeological testing – a 1000 foot long and 100 foot wide corridor at the project’s eastern end.
- Test units encountered both disturbed and natural soils across the area. However, no archaeological resource was identified in any of the test units, indicating no southern extension of the previously inventoried multicomponent site 33BU631.
- Based on this information, no potential for significant archaeological sites occurs within the BUT-North Hamilton Crossing project area and the Ohio DOT determined that a “no adverse effect” Section 106 effect determination was appropriate for the project.

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Well Rusty at least you saw snow. We have had such a tiny amount of moisture here. Had a little bit of rain last weekend but not what we need.

So I read the project and have no issues with it. Shame about the mound. Progress marches on. Also I have turned in my plans to retire at the end of September 2026.

From: Jason.Watkins@dot.ohio.gov <Jason.Watkins@dot.ohio.gov>
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Let me know if you have any questions or concerns.

Thanks!

Rusty Barometer

BUT-North Hamilton Crossing New Roadway Project (PID 115755)

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This email is in response to PID 115755.

The Shawnee Tribe's Tribal Historic Preservation Department has the following response to this project:

The Shawnee Tribal Historic Preservation Department concurs that no known historic properties eligible for the National Registry will be negatively impacted by this project according to the provided documentation. However, there is still potential for the discovery of unknown resources. Please continue with the project as planned, but in the event of an inadvertent discovery of archaeological materials or human remains during construction, use, or maintenance of this location, please re-notify us at that time as we would like to resume immediate consultation.

If you have any questions, you may contact me via email at Section106@shawnee-tribe.com

Thank you for giving us the opportunity to comment on this project



Erin Paden

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