



Panhandle Rail Line Project



Project Name (ID Number): Panhandle /OC (9415)

Community (County/City): Franklin, Licking, Muskingum, Coshocton, Tuscarawas, Harrison, and Jefferson Counties.

Project Description: This project provides long term rail improvements to the State of Ohio-owned Panhandle Rail line including the repair and rehabilitation of bridges, rail and a tunnel.

Project Sponsor: Ohio Central / Ohio Rail Development Commission

Community Economic Distress Factors: (county jobless rate, annual average income)

County	Unemployment rate	Median household income
Franklin	7.7%	\$42,734
Licking	9.4%	\$44,124
Muskingum	12.9%	\$35,185
Coshocton	13.8%	\$34,701
Tuscarawas	10.7%	\$35,489
Harrison	11.5%	\$30,318
Jefferson	10.5%	\$30,853

Economic Development Potential: This project resolves some of the long term rail infrastructure needs on the line ensuring rail service to the 28 businesses in Central and Eastern Ohio that move their products on the line.

Multi-modal Connectivity/Innovation Factor: This line has connections with multiple Class 1 rail carriers as well as other shortline railroads ensuring that shippers on the line have access to multiple markets nationally.

Work to Begin: Within one year

Estimated Completion: End of 2010

Stimulus Investment: \$7,700,000