



Vine Street Rail Grade Separation City of Lima



Project Name: Lima Vine Street Railroad Grade Separation (6129)

Community: Allen County, City of Lima

Project Description: This railroad grade separation underpass project in the city of Lima's south side is located on Vine St. between Main St. and Central Ave. The project is being constructed in conjunction with IGCC (Lima Energy Plant - a \$1.5 billion investment) to prevent trains from blocking access to the city's south side at least twice a day for 20 minutes until trains can be switched to the IGCC plant and split. The railroad underpass will be a three-lane roadway section, offering enough clearance for safe, continued traffic.

Project Sponsor: city of Lima

Community Economic Distress Factors: Allen County, with a 6.83% unemployment rate and a per-capita average income of \$28,793, has been designated as a High Unemployment and Low Income County.

Economic Development Potential: This project supports the efforts of Lima Energy, a 540 megawatt IGCC facility in south Lima which is an investment of \$1.5 billion and an expected employer of 120 personnel. This grade separation project will also create engineering, construction, and material supplier jobs related to the construction.

Multi-modal Connectivity/Innovation Factor: Lima Energy will be using the CSXT/NS rail lines to move products in and out of their facility. This location will act as multi-modal facility with semi-truck and rail transfers. A grade separation on Vine St. will reduce obstructed access to and from South Lima for safety services, provide a safer multiple-rail crossing for motorists and pedestrians, eliminate congestion and delay, and reduce motorist traffic bypassing the affected crossings by using residential streets.

Work to Begin: Spring 2010

Estimated Completion: Fall 2011

Stimulus Investment: \$12,915,279

Total Project Cost: \$14,789,060