



State Route 66 Widening and Bridge Replacement City of Defiance



Project Name: State Route 66 Widening and Bridge Replacement in Defiance (6041)

Community: Defiance County, City of Defiance

Project Description: By widening and adding concrete islands to the State Route 66 corridor through Defiance, this project will reduce the high rate of accidents caused by unsafe turning along the city's busiest business corridor. Also included is the replacement of a 2-lane bridge with a 5-lane bridge, replacing a bridge that is structurally deficient and unable to handle current and projected traffic volumes, as well as clearance restrictions to the new US 24 bypass. These improvements will provide safer and more efficient transportation for the city's residents and provide improved access to commercial developments along the city's busiest business corridor.

Project Sponsor: City of Defiance

Community Economic Distress Factors: Defiance County', with an unemployment rate of 6.63%, has been designated as a High Unemployment rate county.

Economic Development Potential: The project will not only improve safety and traffic flow throughout this highly commercial corridor, it will also create a marquee entrance into the city of Defiance. Aesthetic enhancements are included in this project, which will help to attract additional businesses.

Multi-modal Connectivity/Innovation Factor: This project will not only provide safer travel for vehicular traffic, but will also provide sidewalks for pedestrians. Currently, pedestrians have no safe method for crossing over US24 on the existing bridge; the new bridge will offer room to walk. The project also incorporates U-turns at signalized intersections to provide safe, reliable access to all businesses throughout the corridor.

Work to Begin: Spring 2010

Estimated Completion: Fall 2010

Stimulus Investment: \$3,258,910

Total Project Cost: \$13,068,560