



Airline Junction Rail Project Lucas County



Project Name: Airline Junction Rail Project (8370)

Community: Lucas County, City of Toledo

Project Description: Norfolk Southern is committed to revise the layout of Airline Yard to increase the capacity from 30,000 lifts per year to 60,000 lifts per year, while minimizing any disruption of the adjacent rail line.

Project Sponsor: The City of Toledo

Community Economic Distress Factors: High unemployment rate of 7.48% with an average annual income of \$32,000.

Economic Development Potential: According to a recent economic impact study performed by the University of Toledo and the University of Tennessee, the proposed infrastructure improvements and resulting intermodal capacity increase at Airline Junction in Toledo and redevelopment of neighboring properties is projected to lead to the creation of nearly 1000 new jobs, more than \$25 million in new incomes, \$27 million in industrial development, and increased local and state tax collections of \$2.7 million annually.

The redevelopment of this area is crucial to improve the growing reputation of the City of Toledo as a major transportation and logistics community and to create much needed employment opportunities in the City of Toledo and the State of Ohio

Multi-modal Connectivity/Innovation Factor: This project will improve air quality and fuel consumption by reducing the number of long haul trucks on the highways. The project will also improve intermodal connection among ship, rail and truck transportation modes by doubling the capacity of the rail yard. It will also provide a reduction of long haul freight rates for Northwest Ohio shippers, increased economic development opportunities, improved safety on city streets through the elimination of five at grade crossings and close to 1,000 new jobs over a period of several years.

Work to Begin: 30-90 days

Estimated Completion: 6 months

Stimulus Investment: \$7,150,000

Total Project Cost: \$12,950,000