



U.S. 224 Reconstruction, Huron County

Project Name : U.S. 224 Improvement Project – Phase 3 (8904)

Community: Huron County, City of Willard

Project Description: This is the third in a series of projects to reconstruct, widen and improve safety along the U.S. Route 224 corridor through the City of Willard. The project will replace 1400 linear feet of two lane roadway with a three lane roadway (2 traffic lanes and one turn lane). Part of the improvements will include curb, gutter, and storm drainage to extend the pavement's life. The project will improve safety at two U.S. 224 intersections, Fort Ball Road and State Route 99. Fort Ball Road will have its alignment changed to more of a 90 degree intersection and SR-99 will have the "on-ramp" eliminated and a signal installed to better handle left turns.

Project Sponsor: City of Willard

Community Economic Distress Factors: Huron County has a high jobless rate of 8.96% and a low annual average income of \$26,432.

Economic Development Potential: This project is included in the City of Willard's 5-Year Capital Improvements Plan and the Comprehensive Plan. The U.S. 224/SR-99 and U.S. 224/Fort Ball Road intersections primarily serve two local industries which currently employ over 2,000 people between them. The smooth and safe flow of traffic will help to create and retain jobs in this part of Huron County.

Multi-modal Connectivity/Innovation Factor: In addition to a major east/west road going through Willard, U.S. Route 224, there are several state routes near the city, it has its own airport on the south side of town, and a CSX rail line runs east and west on the north side of the city.

Work to Begin: 181 days or more

Estimated Completion: 3 months

Stimulus Investment: \$1,200,000

Total Project Cost: \$1,684,881