



NS Railroad Grade Crossing Safety Upgrades Lorain County, City of North Ridgeville

Project Name (ID Number): NS Railroad Grade Crossing Safety Upgrades, Lorain County, City of North Ridgeville (15408)

Community (County/City): Lorain County, City of North Ridgeville

Project Description: This project will improve grade crossing safety at railroad crossings in the State of Ohio. The City of North Ridgeville requested Federal Stimulus Funds to pursue a quiet zone initiative. This project will install state-of-the-art warning devices including, 4-quadrant gate installations, at four (4) crossings in the community. The ORDC sees this improvement as a valid, warranted safety improvement. The existing warning devices are antiquated and do not reflect current constant warning time technology.

Project Sponsor: Ohio Rail Development Commission

Community Economic Distress Factors: (county jobless rate, annual average income): The median household income for Lorain County is \$45,402 per year. The unemployment rate is 11.2%.

Economic Development Potential: The creation of a quiet zone will have a positive impact on the property values in neighborhoods near the grade crossing, and improve quality of life for those living around the railroad tracks. In addition, the safety elements of the project will potentially save lives at the grade crossings in the community.

Multi-modal Connectivity/Innovation Factor: Both rail and highway infrastructure will be improved with this project.

Work to Begin: Funds to be encumbered within 120 days of availability.

Estimated Completion: 12 – 18 months

Stimulus Investment: \$800,000

Total Project Cost: \$1,000,000

Original project request from North Ridgeville was \$1,801,000; ORDC reduced the amount to \$800,000 because of other funding sources available.

Matching Investment: Matching investments will include: existing Congressional Set-Asides, local funds, and ORDC Federal Safety Funds