



City of Medina Line Rehab



Project Name (ID Number): City of Medina, Ohio (ID# 21820)

Community (County/City): Medina (City of Medina)

Project Description: The City of Medina obtained a long-term lease for this line in 1985, and has been working with numerous public and private partners to rehabilitate the line. Shippers along the line have consistently invested in minor repairs and the Wheeling & Lake Erie Railway, which operates the line, has performed light maintenance. More significant rehabilitation is needed to ensure the line's continued viability for the long term. This project consists of replacement of rail, ballast, crossing surfaces and other system improvements along the City's 3.6 mile rail line. This project will improve the integrity of the line, provide safer crossings and assist the businesses of Medina by reducing the more expensive truck usage and convert a portion of their raw and finished goods to be transported by rail at a substantially reduced rate. The increased rail traffic will reduce our need on fossil fuel and assist in reducing the wear on current highway infrastructure.

Project Sponsor: Ohio Rail Development Commission

Community Economic Distress Factors: (county jobless rate, annual average income)

Economic Development Potential: The line serves existing rail-dependent shippers and two established industrial parks. The project contributes to the long-term stability of the line and helps to solidify the rail service to the existing industrial parks.

Multi-modal Connectivity/Innovation Factor: The City of Medina-owned line has connections to the W&LE and CSX railroads, as well as close proximity to the I-71 and I-271 Corridors.

Work to Begin: within one year

Estimated Completion: within one year

Stimulus Investment: ~%\$ *Z ()

Total Project Cost: ~%\$ *Z ()