



W&LE Railroad Grade Crossing Safety Upgrades Wayne County, Village of Smithville to Village of Orrville

Project Name (ID Number): W&LE Railroad Grade Crossing Safety Upgrades, Wayne County, Village of Smithville to Village of Orrville (12891)

Community (County/City): Rail Corridor in Wayne County, Village of Smithville to Village of Orrville.

Project Description: This project will improve grade crossing safety at railroad crossings in the State of Ohio. This project involves five grade crossings on the W&LE rail line between Smithville and Orrville. All five crossings currently have passive warning devices (crossbucks), and some of the five have been identified by Angels on Track Foundation, a private non-profit organization based in Salineville, Ohio that advocates safer railroad grade crossings in the State of Ohio. This project will upgrade all five to flashing lights and gates.

Project Sponsor: Ohio Rail Development Commission

Community Economic Distress Factors: (county jobless rate, annual average income): The median household income for Wayne County is \$41,538 per year and the unemployment rate is 9.6% for the County.

Economic Development Potential: This project is primarily a safety project; the economic development potential in this project is in lives saved at Ohio highway/railroad intersections.

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

Work to Begin: Funds to be encumbered within 60 days of availability.

Estimated Completion: 12 - 14 months

Stimulus Investment: \$850,000

Total Project Cost: \$850,000

Matching Investment: ORDC will cover any overages to complete the entire project.