



Rail Modernization

Project Name: Rail Modernization (7886)

Community: Mahoning & Trumbull Counties/Cities of Youngstown & Girard

Project Description: The Norfolk Southern Line relocation entails the relocation of rail line in conjunction with the \$900,000,000 steel mill expansion. The project will free up 100 acres for future growth and development.

Project Sponsor: City of Youngstown

Community Economic Distress Factors: Mahoning County unemployment rate is 12.6%; the annual average income is \$30,332

Economic Development Potential: The Norfolk Southern railroad line relocation will aid in the expansion of V&M Star currently located adjacent to the Division Street Extension and Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd. (US 422) in Youngstown. The relocation of the NS railroad line will provide adequate space for the company to build a new 1,000,000 square foot facility with an investment of approximately \$900,000,000. The construction of the project will generate 700 construction jobs for a period of 12 months; while, the expansion of V&M will provide 411 \$80,000 per year permanent jobs. Additionally economic development within this region will create an additional corridor of economic development that has the potential to generate an additional 100 fulltime jobs.

Multi-modal Connectivity/Innovation Factor: The relocation is necessary for construction of the building and roadway to service the proposed expansion. In addition the newly relocated rail line will provide for more efficient freight movements through the site.

Work to Begin: 31-90 days

Estimated Completion: 2010

Stimulus Investment: \$3,927,397

Total Project Cost:\$5,010,499