



W&LE Railroad Grade Crossing Safety Upgrades Stark County, City of Hartville and Surrounding Area



Project Name (ID Number): W&LE Railroad Grade Crossing Safety Upgrades, Stark County, City of Hartville and Surrounding Area (12965)

Community (County/City): Stark County, City of Hartville and Surrounding Area

Project Description: This project will improve grade crossing safety at railroad crossings in the State of Ohio. This project will involve three (3) crossings in Hartville and the surrounding area. One of the crossings was the subject of Angels on Track Foundation complaint. Angels on Track Foundation is a private non-profit organization based in Salineville, Ohio, that advocates safer railroad grade crossings in Ohio. All three crossings will receive lights and gates. N. Prospect Avenue will be upgraded from passive warning devices (crossbucks), and Maple Street and Manning Road will be upgraded from flashing lights only. The project will also add traffic signal preemption at two locations.

Project Sponsor: Ohio Rail Development Commission

Community Economic Distress Factors: (county jobless rate, annual average income): The median household income for Stark County is \$39,824 per year and the unemployment rate is 10.6% 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: Summer 2009

Estimated Completion: Fall 2010

Stimulus Investment: \$540,000

Total Project Cost: \$552,000

Matching Investment: ORDC will supplement project cost to cover traffic signal preemption at two locations with either safety funds or additional stimulus funds requested under separate project.