



## State Route 16 Resurfacing Muskingum/Coshocton counties



**Project Name:** State Route 16 Resurfacing (5736)

**Community:** Muskingum and Coshocton Counties, Cities of Coshocton and Roscoe Village

**Project Description:** To improve this major distribution link in East Central Ohio, this project will resurface approximately 3 miles of State Route 16 in Muskingum County and almost 10 miles of State Route 16 in Coshocton County. Major businesses rely on this route, connecting goods and services to nearby markets and major economic corridors, including Interstate 77.

**Project Sponsor:** Ohio Department of Transportation

**Community Economic Distress Factors:** The jobless rate for Coshocton County is 13.8% - \$38,111 median household income. The jobless rate for Muskingum County is 12.6% - \$40,447 median household income (both in economically distressed counties).

**Economic Development Potential:** This rehabilitation project will help locally serve A.K. Steel, a new Ethanol Plant in Coshocton County, AEP, Roscoe Village, the City of Coshocton, as well as the Coshocton Branch of COTC. Truck traffic travels this route as a link from Columbus to Dover, New Philadelphia and Interstate 77. Trucks also use this route to travel to State Route 60 into the Zanesville's North Point Industrial Park.

**Multi-modal Connectivity/Innovation Factor:** From Columbus to Interstate 77, this 12 mile stretch of roadway is the only major section of divided highway that is not 4-lane. This project will create a safer connectivity for truck traffic and motorists. Once completed this route could be used as an alternative for Interstate 70 traffic to alleviate congestion.

**Work to Begin:** Summer of 2009

**Estimated Completion:** Spring 2010

**Stimulus Investment:** \$2,998,548

**Total Project Cost:** \$5,902,242