



Interstate 77 Resurfacing/Guernsey County



Project Name: Interstate 77 Resurfacing (5896)

Community: Guernsey County

Project Description: Interstate 77 is a major North-South economic corridor for eastern Ohio. This project will upgrade and rehabilitate approximately 2.5 miles of I-77 through Guernsey County.

Project Sponsor: Ohio Department of Transportation

Community Economic Distress Factors: The jobless rate for Guernsey County is 12.9%. The average median household income for Guernsey County is \$35,559 (in an economically distressed county).

Economic Development Potential: In addition to linking businesses in Guernsey County to Lake Erie to the north and the East Coast to the South, this section of I-77 serves as a link for travelers and tourists visiting well known areas such as Seneca Lake Park, the 3,500-acre Muskingum Watershed Conservancy Lake, and the Salt Fork & Sugar Tree Marina.

Multi-modal Connectivity/Innovation Factor: I-77 is a major Interstate route connecting the Ohio River at Marietta to all points of the northeastern Ohio region. This interstate is the path that many distributors use to link goods and services to consumers. Improvements to this section of roadway will increase safety and improve the structural integrity of the pavement.

Work to Begin: Summer 2009

Estimated Completion: Spring 2010

Stimulus Investment: \$1,604,000

Total Project Cost: \$2,370,010