



Bridge and Road Improvements/Knox/Muskingum Counties

Project Name: Bridge Approach and Slab Rehabilitation (5872)

Community: Knox and Muskingum Counties

Project Description: Knox and Muskingum Counties are considered smaller to medium sized counties with populations that have grown in the last decade. The average driver in these counties spends between 16 and 26 minutes in their vehicle commuting to their job. This project will improve the road conditions on several bridges in both counties specifically the transition that the driver makes when approaching the bridge and leaving the road. Several locations have shown signs of deterioration.

Project Sponsor: Knox and Muskingum Counties

Community Economic Distress Factors: The Knox County unemployment rate is 8.9% compared to Muskingum County's jobless rate of 12.6%. The median yearly income for a family in Knox County is \$44,381 compared to \$40,447 in Muskingum County.

Economic Development Potential: Both counties are home to several manufacturers and distribution centers where travel for trucks transporting cargo and freight on the state transportation network and rail lines are commonplace. Improving the transition between the road and the bridge will provide a safer and smoother commute for this commerce. It also will reduce wear and tear on vehicles and the roadway surface.

Multi-modal Connectivity/Innovation Factor: These improvements provide better connectivity between businesses, manufacturers, retailers, freight lines, the railroad and the traveling public. All are affected by roadway deterioration. It can delay the delivery of goods and services to the rail yard, the manufacturer, distributor, retailer, and ultimately the consumer. It can lead to more break-downs and increased wear and tear on vehicles.

Work to Begin: 31 -90 days

Estimated Completion: 2010

Stimulus Investment: \$1,100,000

Total Project Cost: \$1,281,498