



## Waterworks Road Realignment /Licking County



**Project Name:** Waterworks Road Realignment (6925) Right-of-way (6917)

**Community:** Licking County/City of Newark

**Project Description:** This project provides for the realignment and reconstruction of Waterworks Road and Deo Drive at State Route 13 and relocation and improvement the existing Railroad crossing.

**Project Sponsor:** City of Newark, Licking County Area Transportation Study (LCATS)

**Community Economic Distress Factors:** The jobless rate for Licking County is 9.1% and the average Annual income is \$53,357.

**Economic Development Potential:** Licking County's population has grown in the last decade and now stands at 160,000. While still a thriving agricultural area, Licking County is also home to several professional service businesses, hospitals, colleges and universities. Realigning the road and providing better connectivity to State Route 13 will decrease accidents, improve safety and congestion and spawn potential economic development especially in the county seat of Newark.

**Multi-modal Connectivity/Innovation Factor:** Realigning the road to make it safer will allow for better connectivity to distribution centers and manufacturers in the region as well as providing a safer commute for the traveling public including bicyclists and scooter. Upgrading the rail crossing will also provide safer transport of goods and services that use the rail lines.

**Work to Begin:** Fall 2009

**Estimated Completion:** Summer 2010

**Stimulus Investment:** \$1,800,000

**Total Project Cost:** \$2,927,610