



Grade Crossing Safety Upgrade Southgate Industrial Park Surface reconstruction LIC SR79



Project Name (ID Number): Industrial Track Railroad Grade Crossing Safety Upgrade (20006)

Community (County/City): Licking County, SR 79

Project Description: This project will improve grade crossing safety at railroad crossings in the State of Ohio. Bayer and the City of Newark requested Federal Stimulus funds for the replacement of a crossing surface on an industrial spur owned by the Mid Ohio Industrial Park. The original crossing surface was installed several years ago as part of the LIC 79 highway widening project. The surface has subsequently failed. This project will rehabilitate the crossing surface and rail approaches.

Project Sponsor: Ohio Rail Development Commission

Community Economic Distress Factors: (county jobless rate, annual average income): The median household income for Licking County is \$53,357 per year and the unemployment rate is 9.1 % for the County.

Economic Development Potential: There are 1.9 million square feet of industrial buildings served by the rail line into the facility. An additional 280,000 square feet of unoccupied industrial building space exists in the park. The corrective action to the SR 79 railroad grade crossing will continue the rail service to the existing businesses and allow for continued rail service to the facility for unoccupied space.

Multi-modal Connectivity/Innovation Factor: Both rail and highway infrastructure will be improved with this project.

Work to Begin: Funds to be encumbered within 45 days of availability.

Estimated Completion: 6 months

Stimulus Investment: \$100,000 **Total Project Cost:** \$110,000
ORDC reduced to \$100,000 expecting project to cost less.

Matching Investment: Should project come in over \$100,000, ORDC will cover any additional costs with Federal safety funds.

