



West Central Ohio Port Authority Rail Project

Project Name (ID Number): WESTCO Rehabilitation (8276)

Community (County/City): Counties of Clark, Fayette, Champaign, Greene and Logan

Project Description: This project expands the existing investment by the State of Ohio and the West Central Ohio Port Authority (WESTCO) by improving bridge and track conditions on the rail lines.

Project Sponsor: Ohio Rail Development Commission

Community Economic Distress Factors: (county jobless rate, annual average income)

County	Unemployment Rate	Median Household Income
Clark	10.3%	\$40,340
Fayette	10.0%	\$36,735
Champaign	10.9%	\$43,139
Madison	9.3%	\$44,212
Logan	10.5%	\$41,479

Economic Development Potential: In addition to enhancing rail service to existing customers, the WESTCO Fayne line serves a 2,400+ acre site which was one of Ohio's final sites for the recent Honda plant selection process. The Ohio Department of Development is helping to promote the site under its Job Ready Site Program and has taken out an option to acquire 1,000 acres for future industrial development. A new fertilizer plant opened earlier this year along the Springfield to Washington Court House line which will generate 800 to 1,000 new carloads along the line.

Multi-modal Connectivity/Innovation Factor: Maintains effective CSX interchange just south of Columbus (Haynes Siding) for WESTCO grain elevators on all the WESTCO lines. Maintains effective alternative Detroit - Washington Court House - Cincinnati route for non WESTCO I&ORY/RailAmerica traffic, and an alternative Washington Court House to Cincinnati route for all WESTCO shippers, if needed.

Work to Begin: October 1, 2009

Estimated Completion: 12-16 months (Fall 2010)

Stimulus Investment: \$1,000,000

Matching Investment: \$1,350,000