



USR 36 Safety Improvements Darke County



Project Name US Route 36 Safety Improvement, Darke County (6028)

Community: Darke County

Project Description: The project will reconstruct and lower USR 36 just west of Arcanum-Bears Mill Road to improve visibility and intersection safety.

Due to the high accident rate at this intersection, the road grade will be lowered so visibility can be improved. According to accident data, many of the crashes were caused by the hill just west of the intersection of U.S. 36 and Arcanum-Bears Mill Road causing drivers to not see other vehicles in time to turn onto U.S. 36. This project involves lowering the road to take out the hill that restricts driver's view.

Project Sponsor: Ohio Department of Transportation

Community Economic Distress Factors: Darke County jobless rate is 11.8% and the median income is \$39,307.

Economic Development Potential: US Route 36 is considered one of the major, more traveled routes in Darke County. Improving the safety of this road will benefit all drivers including truckers hauling freight to and from several major manufacturers located in Darke County.

Multi-modal Connectivity/Innovation Factor: In addition to reconstructing a safer intersection, the road will help connect motorists from and freight movement between communities and markets.

Work to Begin: 30- 60 days

Estimated Completion: 2009

Stimulus Investment: \$150,000

Total Project Cost: \$150,319