



Bridge Rehabilitation / Mercer County



Project Name: State Route 118 Bridge Rehabilitation (5184)

Community: Mercer County

Project Description: This project will correct deficiencies in the bridge as part of an Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT) initiative to "Fix it First." Preserving this bridge on SR 118 in Mercer County by removing the rust and painting the structure will make it last longer

Project Sponsor: ODOT

Community Economic Distress Factors: Mercer County's jobless rate is 8.0% and the median income is \$42, 742.

Economic Development Potential: The largest employers in Mercer County are manufacturers. Improving this bridge will improve travel for residents and businesses especially the trucks that haul goods and services to market.

Multi-modal Connectivity/Innovation Factor: The SR 118 Bridge is over Beaver Creek. Major manufacturers in Mercer County include Crown, makers of lift trucks and Reynolds and Reynolds, a paper manufacturer. Rehabilitating this bridge will improve the structure for motorists and heavy trucks that move freight from this far western county and beyond.

Work to Begin: 31- 90 days

Estimated Completion: 2009

Stimulus Investment: \$205,790

Total Project Cost: \$239,297