



NS Railroad Grade Crossing Safety Upgrades Montgomery and Warren Counties

Project Name (ID Number): NS Railroad Grade Crossing Safety Upgrades, Montgomery and Warren Counties (12984)

Community (County/City): Montgomery and Warren Counties

Project Description: This project will improve grade crossing safety at railroad crossings in the State of Ohio. This project involves upgrading circuitry and warning devices on six (6) crossings in Montgomery and Warren Counties. All six crossings will receive new flashing lights and roadway gates and upgrades to their circuitry. The circuitry upgrades, to constant warning time, are required in order to run 70 mph Amtrak passenger trains via the 3C corridor.

Project Sponsor: Ohio Rail Development Commission

Community Economic Distress Factors: (county jobless rate, annual average income): The communities of West Carrollton, Carlisle and rural areas of Montgomery and Warren County will receive state-of-the-art warning devices at their crossings. The majority of the project is located in Montgomery County where the median household income is \$40,156 per year and the unemployment rate is 11.3%. A smaller percentage of the project is in Warren County the median household income is \$57,952 per year and the unemployment rate is 8.7%.

Economic Development Potential: The safety improvements on this line will primarily increase safety at railroad grade crossings; but in addition, the improvements will occur on one of the likely rail corridors that will soon see Amtrak service.

Multi-modal Connectivity/Innovation Factor: Improvements will occur on one of the rail corridors that will likely be selected for Amtrak service in the near future.

Work to Begin: Funds to be encumbered within 30 days of availability.

Estimated Completion: 12 – 14 months

Stimulus Investment: \$1,000,000 **Total Project Cost:** \$1,300,000
Amount was reduced by \$35,000, to an even \$1,000,000 for accounting purposes.

Matching Investment: NS is contributing 25% to the total project cost (\$345,000)