



U.S. Rail Rehabilitation



Project Name: U.S. Rail Rehabilitation (7645)

Community: Jackson County, city of Jackson

Project Description: The project will rehabilitate and correct deficiencies of the U.S Rail in the city of Jackson. This rail service is crucial for business in rural, Appalachian Ohio serving two of the poorest counties, Jackson and Vinton.

Project Sponsor: Ohio Rail Development Commission

Community Economic Distress Factors: This is an economically distressed area in which the unemployment rate is 8.14 percent, and the per capita income is \$23,262.

Economic Development Potential: The U.S. Rail is the city of Jackson's shortline railroad and provides shipping services to the city, as well as to other communities in Jackson and Vinton counties. With industrial parks in Jackson and nearby Wellston, and key business, educational and medical facilities in both communities and the outlying areas, there has been significant growth within the county. Modernizing rail service is essential to continue this growth.

Multi-modal Connectivity/Innovation Factor: : In addition to being served by rail, Jackson County is served by two, four-lane highways on the state's macro-corridor system – U.S. 35 and S.R. 32. It is also served by a regional county airport, which is seeking to expand in the near future. By addressing deficiencies and improving rail conditions, this project will enhance the area's multi-modal transportation network.

Work to Begin: 31-90 days

Estimated Completion: 6 months

Stimulus Investment: \$2,404,439

Total Project Cost: \$2,404,439