



Bridge Cleaning and Painting/ Morgan County

Project Name: Morgan County Bridge (5 total) Cleaning and Painting (7309)

Community Morgan County

Project Description: The majority of bridges in Morgan County accommodate mostly truck, car and school bus traffic. All but one bridge in Morgan County spans a river or waterway. Some of the bridges are as old as 1914 and need immediate maintenance to prevent further deficiencies. According to the US Department of Transportation and FHWA, bridge deterioration will continue due to increasing traffic demand, continued bridge aging, and limited funds for rehabilitation and maintenance. Finally, current investment on the Morgan County bridges will prevent a larger investment in the future and maximize federal dollars. This rehabilitation project will allow the cleaning and painting of five (5) bridges located on County Roads in Morgan County, extending the useful life of these structures.

Project Sponsor: Morgan County Engineer

Community Economic Distress Factors: Morgan County has historically been one of the top three counties in Ohio with the largest unemployment rate. The per capita income is \$20,094 and has a current unemployment rate of 9.95%.

Economic Development Potential: This project will maintain the integrity of the bridges allowing for the potential development including tourism and commerce.

Multi-modal Connectivity/Innovation Factor: Various heavy load vehicles such as school buses, fire trucks, ambulance, and commercial trucks travel the bridges on a daily basis. Updated maintenance will

enhance safer multi-modal usage for not only motorized vehicles but all travelers, including pedestrians and bicyclists. In rural areas such as Morgan County, bridges provide an essential and efficient link between businesses, residents, out-of-town travelers, and tourists.

Work to Begin: October 1, 2009

Estimated Completion: July 1, 2010

Stimulus Investment: \$100,000

Total Project Cost: \$100,000