



## **Public Meeting Information Package**

**Fostoria Middle School Auxiliary Gymnasium  
1202 H.L. Ford Dr.  
Fostoria, Ohio 44830**

**Monday, November 17, 2003  
4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.**  
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# **SEN-JONES ROAD RAILROAD GRADE SEPARATION**

**PID 23111**

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# **Purpose and Need**

## **SEN - Jones Road**

As a result of a recent incorporation and consolidation of three major railway corporations, an increase in the daily volume of train traffic in the State of Ohio has occurred. The changing rail traffic patterns and increased train traffic has created substantial problems as blocked railroad grade crossings delay vehicular traffic and separates some residents and businesses from fire, emergency, and police services. It is for these reasons that the Railroad Grade Separation Program was created. The proposed project will address these problems associated train traffic by constructing a railroad grade separation for the CSX railroad crossing along Jones Road - County Route 592 within the city of Fostoria, Seneca County, Ohio.

Jones Road, near the north city line, is the most highly traveled roadway in the county. It handles high volumes of industrial transport for which there is no nearby parallel route. Approximately 35 trains, and 3160 vehicles pass over the Jones Road crossing per day causing a restricted crossing every 3 minutes. Train delays at the Jones Road/CSX railroad intersection are common as trains await clearance to proceed through Fostoria and switch cars for local industry. Stopped trains often trigger the crossing gates for extended periods of time, physically blocking vehicles from crossing the tracks.

With Jones Road being the closest route for a response to the east side of the community, and the next parallel road to Jones Road being relatively far to the south, a blocked crossing would substantially increase emergency vehicle's response time to an incident just east of the tracks. The potential isolation of areas of the community during emergency incidences, create an intolerable situation. Construction of a railroad grade separation at this location, will help eliminate these delays to emergency services, and day-to-day traffic, while eliminating the risk of train-vehicle collisions.