

Ohio Rail Development Commission



Plan, promote, and implement the improved movement of goods and people faster and safer on a rail transportation network connecting Ohio to the nation and the world.

FY 2010 Freight Project Results

Rehabilitation grants	9	\$1.1M
Rehabilitation loan	1	\$0.3M
Economic development grants	5	\$0.3M
Economic development loans	3	\$0.5M
TOTAL		\$2.2M

- The companies supported by the 6 economic development projects ORDC assisted in 2010 are investing \$21.9 million in Ohio, while creating ~140 jobs, retaining ~220 jobs, and generating ~900 rail carloads per year.
- ORDC assisted with 10 rehabilitation projects in 2010, which were matched by \$1.6 million in railroad investment and benefited 45.8 miles of track, 2 grade crossings surfaces, 1 grade crossing warning device, and 10 bridges. On average, every \$1 ORDC spent on rehabilitation projects was matched by more than \$1 in railroad investment.

FY 2010 Safety Project Results

Active Grade Crossing Equipment Installation or Upgrade	98	\$16.1M
Roadway Geometry Improvements	10	\$2.5M
Grade Crossing Eliminations	4	
TOTAL		\$18.6M

- 51% of Ohio's approximately 6,100 public, at-grade crossings have flashing lights and roadway gates.
- Four grade crossings were eliminated in FY 2010, and 48 crossings have been eliminated in the past 5 years.
- In 2009 there were 55 crashes with 18 injuries (down from 82 crashes with 31 injuries in 2008).
- There were 6 fatalities in 2009, the lowest number in several decades.

SAFETY

Program: Enhance public safety through a variety of activities, including installing lights and gates at at-grade crossings, negotiating closures of crossings, assisting with grade separation projects, upgrading circuitry, and reconstructing crossing surfaces. Light and gate installation projects can be initiated in several ways, including identification by the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio through the hazard ranking index, assessment due to a fatal crash, identification and participation by a county task force or a railroad, or through a corridor project in cooperation with a railroad.

Funding: Highway Operating Fund

FREIGHT RAIL

Program: Encourages investment in Ohio by providing rehabilitation grants that preserve and enhance rail service to shippers around the state and by participating in economic development projects that create and retain jobs, such as spur and lead track construction. ORDC's funds provide the public leverage for Public-Private Partnerships that foster new investments and job creation.

Funding: General Revenue Funds, Rail Development (Revolving Loan) Fund

INTER-CITY PASSENGER RAIL PLANNING

Program: Plans inter-city passenger rail service for Ohioans. ORDC is supporting the 3C Quick Start Project in the areas of grade crossing safety, host railroad negotiations, operator selection, and equipment selection. ORDC is leading work on the Programmatic Environmental Impact Statement for high-speed passenger rail service on 4 key Ohio corridors to plan for the next generation of passenger rail service.

Funding: General Revenue Fund