



ORDC OHIO RAIL DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION

The ORDC Railroad Grade Crossing Safety Programs provides funding for highway-railroad grade crossing safety improvements or corrective activity designed to alleviate a highway-railroad safety problem.

The ORDC Grade Crossing Safety Programs are funded by \$15 million per year from the Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT) Hazard Elimination Funds and Surface Transportation Program.

ORDC Economic Development Programs preserve, promote and enhance Ohio's rail, freight and passenger systems.

ORDC PROGRAMS

Statewide Priority Warning Device Improvements

- Identified by Federal Railroad Administration Ranking
- Takes into consideration: number of trains, train speed, number of tracks, ADT, existing warning devices, angle of crossing and crash history

Rail Corridor Program

- Corridors identified by crash and train data, sight distance, amount of railroad contribution per corridor

Program to eliminate flashing light signals on the state highway system

Program to eliminate crossbucks on the state highway system

Circuitry Upgrade Program

Upgrading of antiquated equipment

Fatal Crash Upgrade Program

Grade Crossing Consolidation Program

- Flexible funds to local governments for crossing closures
- Improvements at crossings remaining open
- Incentive can be in the form of a \$15,000 cash grant to be used toward any highway safety improvement

Surface Reconstruction and Crossing Profile Program

County Task Force Program

Grade Separation Program

Spur Program

ORDC works closely with the Ohio Department of Development and other public and private development related organizations to induce companies to locate or expand in Ohio. The program provides loan and grant funding assistance to construct or rehabilitate industrial lead tracks and rail spurs and related items.

Acquisition Program

ORDC provides grants and loans to purchase rail lines to prevent cessation of service and preserve the line. Short line railroads purchase the lines because they can operate the lines at a higher profit margin than the Class 1 railroads. ORDC also provides funding to acquire a line to enhance the line's viability.

Railroad Rehabilitation

Branchline Preservation

This program provides loan and grant funding for projects on light density rail lines, usually lines which were divested by Class 1 carriers. Since the lines usually suffer from deferred maintenance, ORDC may employ rehabilitation assistance to upgrade the infrastructure.

Branchline Enhancement

A rail line does not have to be threatened with imminent abandonment to be eligible for ORDC assistance. ORDC provides loan and grant funding assistance for track rehabilitation, generally loans, to help railroads improve branchline safety and efficiency.

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