
South Charleston Line Slow Order Rehabilitation Clark, Madison and Fayette Counties, Ohio

The West Central Ohio Port Authority rehabilitated approximately 10 miles of the 27 mile track on the South Charleston line to in Clark, Madison, and Fayette counties. The Indiana & Ohio Railway Company downgraded the track in several areas due to deteriorating condition and trains were only allowed achieve a max speed of 10 mph. WESTCO used their engineering services through HDR for construction management services on the project.

Completion Dates

Design: 2008

Construction: 2009

Project Cost

\$600,000

There was no new expansion of the rail, but the project rehabilitated track by installing 6,000 ties, removing 6,000 scrap ties, installing 2,800 anchors, distributing and placing 3,000 tons of ballast, surfacing 10 miles of track, surfacing 8 turnouts, and removing 1 turnout at M.P. 227.7. With all of the improvements made to the rail, the project allowed for the rail to be upgraded to 25 miles per hour and removed all of the slow orders on the line.

Wintrow Construction Corporation of Barberton, Ohio was selected by WESTCO as the prime construction contractor. The project began in November 2008 and was scheduled to be complete by the end of the year, but due to the winter weather, it was delayed until the spring of 2009.

The project was partly financed with a grant of \$200,000 and a low interest loan of \$400,000 from the Ohio Rail Development Commission. The IORY contributed detour costs to the project.