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Appendix B: Fiscal Year 2015-2020 RTAP and RFAP Grant Awards

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Thirty-one Rail Projects to Create, Retain 48,000 Jobs with State Investments

Harrisburg, PA – More than 48,000 jobs will be created or retained over the next five years due to thirty-one rail projects being made possible by two PennDOT-managed grant programs.

“Pennsylvania has the most railroads in the country and these make up a vital component of our economic and transportation activities,” said PennDOT Secretary Leslie S. Richards. “These investments underscore our role in supporting jobs and economies across the state.”

The State Transportation Commission (STC) voted today to approve \$36 million for 15 projects through the Rail Transportation Assistance Program (RTAP) and 16 projects through the Rail Freight Assistance Program (RFAP). RTAP is a capital budget grant program funded with bonds and RFAP is underwritten through the new Multimodal Fund, created by Act 89.

Act 89 is a far-reaching transportation program that clears the way for significant investments in all transportation modes.

For more information on rail in Pennsylvania visit www.penndot.gov.

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Editor’s Note: Following is a by-county list of approved rail freight projects under the programs with the state share:

RTAP Projects:

Allegheny County:

- CSX Transportation Inc.-- \$3 million to construct new main lead track, crossovers, turnouts, and derails to allow intermodal trains to pull off the McKees Rocks mainline to serve the Pittsburgh Intermodal Terminal.
- Pittsburgh and Ohio Central Railroad -- \$420,000 to install 2,650 feet of track and one new turnout in the Scully Yard.
- Union Railroad Company -- \$3.4 million to repair and rehabilitate the East Pittsburgh Viaduct, including concrete repairs, structure drainage corrections, a 1,600-foot passing siding and adding a new walkway and handrails.

Allegheny and Washington Counties: Wheeling & Lake Erie Railway Co. -- \$1.2 million to install nearly 20 track miles of continuous welded rail on the railway's Pittsburgh subdivision.

Butler County: Buffalo & Pittsburgh Railroad Inc. -- \$3.6 million to improve the Butler Yard and shop tracks as well as yard tracks the company leases, as well as restoring a crossover connection and repairing eight bridge structures on its northern subdivision.

Carbon County: Reading Blue Mountain & Northern Railroad -- \$5 million to construct a new bridge across the Lehigh River and approximately 1,200 feet of new track related to the construction of the new bridge.

Centre, Columbia, Lycoming and Northumberland Counties: SEDA-COG Joint Rail Authority -- \$3.5 million to upgrade five bridges and replace one bridge.

Chester County: East Penn Railroad LLC -- \$665,000 for turnouts, rail, ties, resurfacing and rebuilding a 2,000-foot siding, as well as replacing 3,800 mainline ties, 110 mainline switch timbers, surfacing five mainline turnouts and 18,750 feet of mainline track.

Dauphin County: Steelton and Highspire Railroad -- \$2 million to construct and rehabilitate 13,026 track feet and 22 turnouts serving the Durabond pipe plant, Chemtron weld plant, Arcelor-Mittal's interchange loading area, and connecting track to Norfolk Southern's interchange as well as Steelton & Highspire Railroad's main yard.

Fayette County:

- D&I Silica -- \$1.3 million to extend the switching lead track and two unloading pit yard tracks, replace track and relocate a turnout to create a yard for operational flexibility.
- Southwest Pennsylvania Railroad Company -- \$2 million to install five yard tracks, and a runaround track to improve Bowest Yard.

Lackawanna County: Pennsylvania Northeast Regional Railroad Authority -- \$630,000 to install 9,000 new ties on the Carbondale mainline track.

McKean County:

- American Refining Group Inc. -- \$1.6 million to construct 50 feet of track, rehabilitate 1,400 feet of track, one turnout and two crossings, as well as modify six existing loading tracks.
- Western New York PA Railroad Company LLC -- \$500,000 to install 7,500 crossties, reconstruct two crossings, and track surfacing.

Westmoreland County: Westmoreland County Industrial Development Corporation -- Nearly \$1.1 million to replace existing rail and steel components on the Radebaugh Subdivision Rail Relay.

RFAP Projects:

Allegheny County: Leetsdale Industrial Corporation -- \$299,862 to construct two new spurs and raise, line and surface track.

Beaver County:

- Middleton Properties West LLC -- \$633,711 to rehabilitate 4,800 feet of track and construct 2,700 feet of new track.
- Pennsylvania Southwestern Railroad -- \$535,610 to rehabilitate five tracks, a pit track and a turnout.

Berks, Lancaster and York Counties: East Penn Railroad LLC -- \$560,000 to rehabilitate the Lancaster Northern and York Line, including tie replacement and resurfacing.

Blair County: The Everett Railroad Company -- \$360,150 to replace 4,000 linear feet of rail, 1,200 ties, one public grade crossing and surface two miles of track.

Bradford and Wyoming Counties: Lehigh Railway LLC -- \$292,713 to install a runaround track at ROCK station and install five rail flange lubricators along Lehigh Railway's mainline.

Centre County: SEDA-COG Joint Rail Authority -- \$298,232 to rehabilitate the Robinson Lane track including replacing one turnout, installing culvert boxes and drainage pipes, surfacing, as well as deck timber and bridge planking deck replacement.

Delaware County: Consolidated Rail Corporation -- \$259,748 to replace three existing railroad diamonds.

Lackawanna County: Kane Warehousing Inc. -- \$227,500 to construct a 1,000-foot track spur and one turnout.

Lackawanna and Wayne Counties: The Delaware-Lackawanna Railroad Company Inc. -- \$690,900 to repair the Delaware-Lackawanna railroad bridge over the west branch of the Lehigh River, including wingwall and backwall restoration, bridge seat cleaning, resurfacing and re-establishment of original bridge elevation.

Lancaster County: Alumax Mill Products Inc. -- \$250,000 to construct a 1,500-foot double rail spur including two new turnouts.

Mercer County: Wheatland Tube Company -- \$262,500 to construct two industrial spur tracks, two turnouts and a loading/unloading pad.

Montgomery County: Mittal Steel USA Railways Inc. -- \$312,550 to repair a 310-foot stone masonry retaining wall, improve 1,085 feet of track and install two turnouts.

Schuylkill County: Reading Anthracite Company -- \$700,000 to reconstruct grade crossings and improve drainage.

Union County: Lewisburg & Buffalo Creek Railroad Corporation -- \$217,000 to repair a stone masonry box culvert and install a 60-inch steel pipe south of the existing structure.

Westmoreland County: Three Rivers Marine Rail Terminal LP -- \$133,945 to rehabilitate mainline track including replacing crossties, bolts and bridge timber, surfacing and installing ballast.

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Governor Wolf Announces New State Investments in Rail Projects, Supporting 375 Jobs

Harrisburg, PA – Today, Governor Tom Wolf announced new project approvals through the State Transportation Commission totaling more than \$40 million in funding that will support an estimated 375 jobs in rail freight projects statewide.

“Keeping our extensive rail freight system in good shape is a common-sense way to ensure a sound foundation for the state’s economy,” said Governor Wolf. “Pennsylvania is ranked first when it comes to operating railroads, and we are committed to working with this vital industry to serve the state’s business community and keep our job picture bright.”

The State Transportation Commission voted today to approve \$40 million for nine projects through the [Rail Transportation Assistance Program \(RTAP\)](#) and 25 projects through the [Rail Freight Assistance Program \(RFAP\)](#).

Following is a county-by-county list of approved rail freight projects:

RTAP Projects:

Allegheny County

- Allegheny Valley Railroad Co., \$1,032,168 to rehabilitate the 36th Street Trestle bridge to increase capacity by eliminating weight restrictions.
- Norfolk Southern Corp., \$20 million to alter 14 bridges by raising overhead clearances or lowering track to accommodate doublestack train cars.
- U.S. Steel Corp., \$279,830 to rehabilitate approximately one mile of track, install two switches, and improve drainage.

Allegheny, Armstrong, Beaver, Butler, Clearfield, Elk, Indiana, Jefferson, Lawrence, McKean, and Warren counties

- Buffalo & Pittsburgh Railroad Co., \$1,861,142 to rehabilitate about 220 miles of track by rail grinding and replacing more than 2,700 ties and 35,000 feet of rail.

Cambria, Centre, and Clearfield counties

- R.J. Corman Railroad Co., Pennsylvania lines, \$1,071,485 to rehabilitate 65 miles of track including ties and ballast.

Dauphin County

- Middletown & Hummelstown Railroad, \$220,500 to rehabilitate about five miles of track, a wye and a turnout.

Susquehanna County

- Central New York Railroad, \$3 million to rehabilitate the Starrucca Viaduct and Bridge.

Washington and Westmoreland counties

- Wheeling & Lake Erie Railway, LLC, \$1,799,000 to install 14 miles of continuous welded rail.

York County

- York Railway Co., \$735,875 to repair three bridges and rehabilitate about 14 miles of track.

RFAP Projects

Allegheny County

- Tube City IMS, LLC, \$700,000 to rehabilitate over one mile of track including ties, ballast, turnout reconfiguration, and surfacing.
- Union Railroad Co., \$700,000 to rehabilitate over four miles of track including about 4,750 new ties and ballast.

Allegheny and Washington counties

- Wheeling & Lake Erie Railway Co., \$700,000 to replace the deck timbers on four bridges.

Blair County

- D Holdings, \$700,000 to rehabilitate about 3,200 feet of track and five turnouts and pave an existing loading dock at a transload facility.

Bradford County

- Lehigh Railway LLC, \$244,125 to install a turnout on an existing siding at the Rock Station fracking sand facility.

Bucks County

- Tyburn Railroad LLC, \$420,000 to construct more than 1,000 feet of new track and install a crossover.

Bucks, Chester and Montgomery counties

- East Penn Railroad LLC, \$594,912 to install 2,500 new ties and complete five miles of surfacing on the Wilmington Northern line and install 4,000 new ties on the Quakertown line.

Chester County

- Arcelor Mittal Plate LLC, \$274,179 to replace seven turnouts and reconstruct 327 feet of track throughout the company's Coatesville steel plant.
- Mittal Steel USA Railways, \$308,315 to reconstruct 790 feet of track and replace six turnouts throughout the company's Coatesville property.

Clearfield County

- American Rock Salt, \$700,000 to rehabilitate 4,500 feet of existing track, construct 1,000 feet of new track and install a new conveyor at an existing Clearfield County transload facility.

Cumberland County

- Gettysburg & Northern Railroad Co., \$107,250 to rehabilitate and install a new turnout to an existing dead-end stub track siding to create a 2,400-foot turnaround track.

Lackawanna and Luzerne counties

- Redevelopment Authority of Luzerne County, \$175,000 for repairs to seven bridges including tie alignment and replacement, tree removal and walkway replacement.

Lackawanna and Monroe counties

- Delaware-Lackawanna Railroad Co., \$639,249 to replace bridge timbers and back wall ties on the two Carbondale Main bridges and repair spalling and cracking on a bridge on the Pocono Mainline.

Lancaster County

- Landisville Railroad LLC, \$700,000 to rehabilitate nearly two miles of track, including surfacing, installation of eight turnouts, tie replacement and resurfacing of a public road crossing.

Lawrence County

- The Hill Railroad Car Co., \$243,177 to relocate a turnout and install new ties and rail on the 1,350-foot South Sample spur.
- Kasgro Rail Corp., \$344,347 to replace and strengthen yard track at the company's manufacturing and repair facility.
- New Castle Industrial Railroad, \$266,952 to realign and rehabilitate less than one mile of track including new ties, plates and two switches.

McKean County

- Western New York & Pennsylvania Railroad, \$700,000 to rehabilitate more than 17 miles of track, including 7,500 new crossties, re-timbering of two mainline turnouts, reconstruction of a two-track highway crossing and ballasting and surfacing.

Mifflin County

- SEDA-COG Joint Rail Authority, \$145,021 to rehabilitate less than one mile of the West Park track including ditching and drainage.
- Standard Steel LLC, \$303,450 to replace three turnouts and 1,500 feet of track at the steel plant.

Philadelphia

- Philadelphia Regional Port Authority, \$609,161 to rehabilitate the rail approaching and alongside the Tioga III warehouse at the Tioga Marine Terminal.

Pike County

- Central New York Railroad, \$210,000 to repair and strengthen various components of a four-span steel deck truss bridge over the Delaware River to New York.

Somerset County

- JIDC, \$176,656 to repair spalling on bridge abutments and piers and replace 300 ties on a siding.

Venango County

- Oil Creek Titusville Lines, \$69,825 to repair a two-span, through-truss bridge at Petroleum Centre.

Wyoming County

- Proctor & Gamble Paper Products, \$249,900 to improve the company's rail yard, including new rail and ties, stone ballast and resurfacing.

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GOVERNOR WOLF ANNOUNCES NEW INVESTMENTS IN RAIL INFRASTRUCTURE, SUPPORTING BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT AND 400 JOBS STATEWIDE

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Harrisburg, PA – Today, Governor Tom Wolf announced the approval of 27 rail freight improvement projects that will help sustain more than 400 jobs across Pennsylvania.

"Keeping our extensive rail freight system in good shape is a vital component of creating a sound foundation for Pennsylvania's economy," said Governor Wolf. "These investments underscore our continued commitment in building a world-class infrastructure system that supports the creation of new jobs and our business community."

The State Transportation Commission voted to approve \$32 million for the projects through the Rail Transportation Assistance Program (RTAP) and the Rail Freight Assistance Program (RFAP).

"Rail freight is an important component of Pennsylvania's transportation network and these investments create opportunities for expansion and job creation," Secretary Richards said. "Governor Wolf and I are committed to delivering transportation services that keep people and goods moving and the economy growing in Pennsylvania."

Pennsylvania, with 67 operating railroads, has more than any other state and PennDOT's focus is on working with private rail operators to assist in maintaining and improving the roughly 5,600 miles of freight lines in the state.

Following is a list of approved rail freight projects with the state share:

Allegheny County

- Allegheny Valley Railroad Co., rehabilitate nearly 10 miles of the P&W subdivision from Bakerstown to Glenwood Yard, including replacing continuous welded rail and surfacing track to maintain safe rail operations, \$2.9 million.
- The Techs Industries, rehabilitate about three miles of track including tie replacement and track surfacing at the MetalTech and GalvTech facilities in Pittsburgh to maintain safe rail operations, \$328,277.
- Tube City IMS, LLC, rehabilitate about one mile of track in the West Mifflin plant yard as part of a 4-phased project, including replacing turnouts and ties, track surfacing, and track realignment to increase efficiency of yard operations, \$700,000.
- W J Beitler Co., construct a rail siding from Pittsburgh and Ohio Central Railroad to W J Beitler's facility, which will provide new freight rail service, \$250,000.

Allegheny and Washington counties

- Wheeling & Lake Erie Railway Company, rehabilitate 18 railroad bridges on Wheeling & Lake Erie Railway Company's Pittsburgh and Rook Subdivisions including structural and bridge deck, \$2.3 million.

Beaver County

- Shell Chemical Appalachia LLC, construct 10 miles of track from Aliquippa to Monaca, PA to transport construction materials for Shell's plant and outbound product from the completed plant, which will improve the efficiency of operations and safety, \$3.8 million.

Berks, Bucks, Lancaster, and Montgomery counties

- East Penn RR LLC, rehabilitate 12 miles of track on the Lancaster Northern line and 11 miles of track on the Quakertown line, including ties and track surfacing to maintain safe operations, \$630,000.

Bucks County

- Tyburn RR LLC, rehabilitate about one mile of track at Tyburn Railroad's Morrisville, truck transfer facility, including the replacement of 800 ties and track surfacing to maintain a state of good repair, \$92,400.

Cambria County

- Gautier Steel, rehabilitate Gautier Steel's plant tracks including replacing ties and rail, which will improve rail and truck traffic to and from the facility, \$239,172.

Chester County

- Arcelor Mittal Plate, LLC, replace six turnouts and rehabilitate 450 feet of track at Arcelor Mittal Plate's West Yard in Coatesville to improve track conditions, \$286,944.
- Mittal Steel USA Railways, Inc., Rehabilitate approximately 700 feet of track and replace 4 turnouts at Arcelor Mittal Plate's Coatesville plant, including track re-alignment to support the movement of industry standard rail cars, \$362,943.

Clearfield and Indiana counties

- RJ Corman RR Company, rehabilitate about 36 miles of track including rail, ties, ballast, and track surfacing on the Clearfield Cluster's Cherry Tree, Cresson, and Wallaceton subdivisions to improve the efficiency of operations and safety, \$4.2 million.

Clearfield and Jefferson counties

- Buffalo Pittsburgh Railroad, Inc., rehabilitate about 20 miles of track between Brookville and Falls Creek, facilitating continued freight rail service to Brookville Equipment Corp., \$2.1 million.

Crawford County

- Oil Creek Titusville Lines, Inc., rehabilitate Oil Creek Titusville's railroad bridge over Church Run including structural and bridge deck, \$40,425.

Dauphin County

- Mittal Steel USA Railways Steelton & Highspire, rehabilitate approximately four miles of track, including the replacement of 10 turnouts, five crossings, and track surfacing to facilitate the safe movement of raw materials and finished steel products, \$2 million.
- Norfolk Southern, realign Norfolk Southern's track in Middletown, which will provide greater clearances for rail freight trains and reduce track curvature, \$3.9 million.

Erie County

- Western New York PA RR Co. LLC, rehabilitate approximately seven miles of track between Concord and Union City, including the replacement of ties and rail, track surfacing, and repairing an at-grade crossing, which will improve safety, \$697,909.

Fayette County

- Southwest Pennsylvania Railroad Co., replace and surface three miles of track with continuous welded rail from Broadford to the Fayette County line to improve safety and operations, \$1.8 million.

Lackawanna County

- Scranton Transload Inc., rehabilitate .25 mile of track from Delaware-Lackawanna's line to Scranton Transload's facility including the replacement of 2 turnouts and surfacing of track which will allow for materials to be transported to the facility by rail instead of truck, \$700,000.
- The Delaware-Lackawanna Railroad Co., Inc., rehabilitate 19 miles of the Carbondale Line and construct a 1,000-foot yard track, including ties, track surfacing, and bridge repairs which will improve operations and yard capacity, \$686,000.

Lehigh County

- RJ Corman RR Co- Allentown, rehabilitate about 1.2 miles of track leading into and within RJ Corman's Allentown yard, including the replacement of ties and ballast and track surfacing to maintain track condition, \$266,673.

Montour County

- United States Gypsum, construct approximately 2,000 feet of storage track at the United States Gypsum facility to accommodate longer unit trains and increase unloading efficiency, \$250,000.

Northampton County

- Lehigh Valley Rail Management LLC, rehabilitate about four miles of track, including the replacement of ties, timbers, and turnouts in the River Interchange Yard to improve interchange operations, \$350,000.

Philadelphia

- Phoenix Lithographing Corporation, construct approximately one mile of track, two turnouts, and an at-grade crossing in a Philadelphia industrial park to provide new rail service to Phoenix Lithographing Corp., \$700,000.

Somerset County

- Corsa Coal, rehabilitate 10 miles of track from the CSX interchange to the Cambria Branch Plant in Berlin, to improve track condition and safe operations, \$345,861.
- LCT Energy, construct about three miles of track from Norfolk Southern's interchange to LCT Energy's Laurel Plant, including an at-grade crossing, which will enable the plant to resume operation, \$700,000.

Westmoreland County

- Westmoreland County Industrial Development Corp., rehabilitate approximately three miles of track from Radebaugh to South Greensburg by replacing jointed rail with continuous welded rail, that will improve the replacement of existing rail and steel components on the Radebaugh subdivision, \$1.7 million.

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Wolf Administration Invests in Rail Infrastructure, Supports Business Development by Creating, Sustaining 255 Jobs Statewide

04/29/2019

Harrisburg, PA – Today Governor Tom Wolf announced the approval of 27 rail freight improvement projects that will help create and sustain 255 jobs across Pennsylvania.

"Keeping goods and services moving across Pennsylvania's more than 5,000 miles of freight track is vital to the state's economy," said Governor Wolf. "These investments in our rail infrastructure will continue to support business development and create new jobs throughout the state."

"Advancing rail freight projects will preserve, improve, and create additional services for the industries and customers," Secretary Richards said. "Governor Wolf and I are committed to ensuring economic competitiveness, improving safety, and strengthening the multimodal transportation system."

Following is a list of the 27 approved rail freight projects with the state share:

Allegheny County: Leetsdale Industrial Corporation -- \$400,000 to construct approximately 0.5 miles of storage tracks to increase rail car capacity and efficiencies.

Allegheny and Washington counties: Allegheny Valley Railroad -- \$1.9 million to rehabilitate approximately 34 miles of track on the W&P subdivision by raising, lining, and resurfacing the track.

Blair County:

Curry Rail Services -- \$700,000 to expand and rehabilitate yard tracks at their facility to increase capacity and support their new business line.

Millennium Rail, LLC -- \$693,357 to rehabilitate yard tracks at the Hollidaysburg Tank Car Shop by replacing ties, turnouts, and ballast to increase the yard's capacity and efficiency.

Mineral Manufacturing Corporation -- \$700,000 to construct an unloading pit, acquire unloading equipment, and rehabilitate nearly one mile of yard tracks.

D Holdings -- \$1.4 million to rehabilitate yard tracks at the Hollidaysburg Transload Facility and construct a new siding to serve existing and future businesses.

Bucks County: East Penn Railroad -- \$210,000 to rehabilitate approximately two miles of track on the Bristol Line and extend a rail siding by 1,000 feet.

Bucks and Montgomery counties: Southeastern Pennsylvania Transportation Authority -- \$700,000 to acquire and install positive train control (PTC) equipment on four Pennsylvania Northeast Railroad locomotives.

Cambria and Clearfield counties: RJ Corman -- \$2.8 million to rehabilitate approximately 56 miles of track on the WBV subdivision, including the replacement of ties and bridge timbers and surfacing track.

Centre County: Happy Valley Blended Products -- \$250,000 to construct an unloading pit and acquire unloading equipment to increase rail service at the facility.

Chester County:

Mittal Steel USA Railways -- \$1.6 million to rehabilitate a railroad bridge, five turnouts, and more than one mile of track to increase yard operation efficiencies.

East Penn Railroad -- \$500,000 to rehabilitate approximately 27 miles of track with new ties and rail on the Octoraro Line.

Clinton County: Nittany & Bald Eagle -- \$309,880 to construct a 500-foot double-ended side track to increase capacity and efficiency.

Crawford County: Ainsworth Pet Nutrition -- \$2.3 million to expand rail facilities, construct new siding, and purchase unloading equipment.

Fayette County: Southwest Pennsylvania Railroad -- \$1.5 million to rehabilitate and improve approximately 2.6 miles of track on the FM&P Subdivision by installing continuous welded rail and realigning and surfacing track.

Fayette and Westmoreland counties: Westmoreland County Industrial Development Corporation -- \$1.5 million to improve the Radebaugh Subdivision, including rehabilitating

approximately 0.5 miles of track, replacing two turnouts, and constructing two sidings.

Greene County: Greene Spur, LLC -- \$551,691 to rehabilitate and extend two yard tracks, construct a retaining wall, and purchase unloading equipment to increase rail service.

Lackawanna County:

Delaware Lackawanna Railroad -- \$683,200 to rehabilitate approximately 20 miles of track by replacing ties and rail.

Valley Distributing and Storage Co. -- \$329,350 to rehabilitate a siding and switch to increase efficiency.

Lancaster County: Landisville Railroad -- \$488,740 to rehabilitate approximately 0.25 miles of track and two at-grade crossings.

Lawrence County: New Castle Industrial Railroad -- \$682,500 to rehabilitate approximately 1.8 miles of track with continuous welded rail.

Lycoming County:

John Savoy & Son, Inc.-- \$204,835 to construct a new rail siding and unloading dock to enable new rail service.

Lycoming Valley Railroad Company -- \$531,727 to rehabilitate approximately 3.5 miles of track by replacing ties and surfacing track.

McKean County:

American Refining Group, Inc. -- \$2 million to construct an additional track and purchase unloading equipment to receive product by rail.

Glenn O. Hawbaker -- \$158,865 to rehabilitate approximately 0.75 miles of track, including installing new ties, surfacing track, and constructing a 60-foot retaining wall.

Union County: Union County Industrial Railroad -- \$253,500 to construct a 1,700-foot siding and two turnouts to increase capacity and efficiency.

Westmoreland County: Noble Environmental -- \$250,000 to construct a side track to their facility to enable rail service.

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Wolf Administration Provides Increased Freight Mobility Options and Job Opportunities by Investing in Rail Infrastructure

12/12/2019

Harrisburg, PA – Today, Governor Tom Wolf announced the approval of 26 rail freight improvement projects that will enhance freight mobility while creating or sustaining more than 390 jobs across Pennsylvania.

"Investing in our extensive rail freight system increases mobility options and improves the efficiency of freight travel," said Governor Wolf. "These investments underscore our continued commitment to building a world-class infrastructure system that supports the business community and the creation of new jobs."

Pennsylvania has 65 operating railroads which is more than any other state in the country. PennDOT's focus remains working with private rail operators and rail-served businesses to construct new rail lines and assist in maintaining and improving Pennsylvania's roughly 5,600 miles of freight lines.

Following is a list of 26 approved rail freight projects with the state share:

Adams County

- Gettysburg & Northern Railroad — \$487,900 to replace 2,600 ties over 24 miles of railroad and install 0.60 miles of new rail on five key curves.

Allegheny County

- Pittsburgh & Ohio Central Railroad — \$399,105 to replace deteriorated open deck bridge timbers on the McKees Rocks Bridge.
- TMS International — 700,000 to complete the final phase of a project to rehabilitate and construct approximately .5 miles of track and increase storage capacity.
- United States Steel Corporation — \$689,500 to complete various track upgrades to accommodate increased rail volume from USS's new hot rolling mill in Braddock, PA.
- Allegheny Valley Railroad — \$2.5 million to repair a bridge located on a route utilized by three railroads in the Allegheny County region.
- • ATI Flat Rolled Products Holdings LLC — \$2 million to construct approximately 2 miles of new track to increase rail capacity.
- Union Railroad Company — \$457,450 to construct approximately 0.30 miles of new track and one new turnout on URR's East Pittsburgh viaduct serving USS's new hot rolling mill.

Armstrong County

- Freeport Terminals — \$699,999 to construct and rehabilitate less than .5 mile of track and install new transloading equipment to expand capacity at its Allegheny River barge/rail/truck transload site.

Armstrong and Indiana Counties

- Buffalo & Pittsburgh Railroad Company — \$1.9 million to install new bridge timbers, walkways, and handrails as well as super-elevation correction involving three bridges.

Beaver County

- Pittsburgh Intermodal Terminals, Inc. — \$700,000 to rehabilitate approximately 1 mile of track in critical operations areas, including replacement of ties and switch timbers, new ballast, and surfacing.

Blair County

- Everett railroad — \$232,554 to upgrade 3 miles track to facilitate service to a new cement transload terminal.
- Union Tank Car Company — \$1 million to rehabilitate the transfer table pit retaining walls.

Bucks County

- Blue Ridge Wood Products, LLC — \$249,420 to rehabilitate 700 ft. of existing track to improve the efficiency of its inbound railcar unloading operations.

Cambria County

- Gautier Steel — \$289,343 to complete the final phase of rehabilitation project that will rebuild approximately 1.5 miles of track, resulting in more efficient rail operations and better access within the plant.

Chester County

- Arcelor Mittal Plate — \$2.2 million to rehabilitate approximately 2 miles of track, turnouts, and private crossings serving its rolling mill and electric melt shop sites.

Clearfield and Indiana Counties

- RJ Corman Railroad — \$3 million to replace 25 linear miles of rail and 4,800 ties and to construct a 4,000 ft. siding and two turnouts on its Cherry Tree Subdivision to support export metallurgical coal.

Columbia County

- SEKISUI SPI — \$2.7 million to construct two spur tracks and install unloading equipment at its manufacturing facility.

Delaware and Philadelphia Counties

- CSX Transportation — \$14.4 million to lower tracks under nine overhead obstructions to permit routing of double-stack container and multi-level auto rack traffic to/from Port of Philadelphia.

Lackawanna County

- Linde Corporation — \$297,528 to rehabilitate approximately 0.5 mile of rail infrastructure and address drainage issues to support growth of rail-truck transload terminal.

Lancaster County

- Strasburg Rail Road Company — \$1.7 million to construct less than 1 mile of track by extending interchange track and constructing new bulk, ladder, and lead tracks to more than double current yard capacity.

Luzerne County

- Redevelopment Authority of Luzerne County — \$311,500 to replace 1,500 ties, surface 5 miles of track, and rehabilitate a culvert.

Mifflin County

- Standard Steel, LLC — \$529,890 to replace a 50 ft. scale to accommodate 60 ft. rail cars and replace two No. 6 turnouts and 900 ft. of track.

Northampton County

- Lehigh Valley Rail Management — \$456,269 to replace 3,515 ties and 218 bridge timbers and surface approximately 3 miles of track to increase storage capacity for rail-truck transload.

Northumberland County

- North Shore Railroad — \$813,834 to construct 1,350 ft. of track and install three turnouts to develop a multi-purpose transload site.

Washington County

- National Lime and Stone — \$249,900 to construct 1,600 of track for rail-truck transload facility for the distribution of crushed stone.
- Wheeling and Lake Erie Railway — \$1.1 million to repair structural and drainage issues in State Tunnel to bring it into a state of good repair.

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Wolf Administration Invests in Rail Infrastructure, Supporting Business Development and 200 Jobs Statewide

January 12, 2021

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Governor Tom Wolf announced the approval of 26 rail freight improvement projects that will enhance freight mobility while creating or sustaining more than 200 jobs across Pennsylvania.

“Investing in our states rail system creates jobs and supports efficient freight travel,” said Gov. Wolf. “These investments help us build a world-class infrastructure system and support the business community.”

The State Transportation Commission voted to approve \$31.3 million for the projects through the Rail Transportation Assistance Program (RTAP) and the Rail Freight Assistance Program (RFAP).

Pennsylvania has 65 operating railroads, which is more than any other state. The Pennsylvania Department of Transportation (PennDOT) is committed to working with private rail operators and rail-served businesses to construct new rail lines and assist in maintaining and improving Pennsylvania’s roughly 5,600 miles of freight lines.

Following is a list of 26 approved rail freight projects with the state share:

Adams and Cumberland Counties:

- Gettysburg & Northern Railroad — \$1.5 million to replace approximately 2,600 ties and 3,315 feet of rail on its mainline and improve three at-grade crossings

Allegheny County:

- Union Railroad Company — \$700,000 to replace approximately 500 bridge ties and 700 feet of rail on the first phase of their low-grade bridge project
- Union Railroad Company — \$1 million to repair the Port Perry Bridge by replacing the floor beams and bridge stringers

Berks County:

- Redevelopment Authority of the County of Berks — \$991,250 to construct approximately 1,200 feet of yard tracks at their Boyertown Transload Facility
- Dyer Quarry — \$192,150 to expand the locomotive garage to store their locomotives and re-align the track connecting the garage

Bradford and Wyoming Counties:

- Lehigh Railway, LLC — \$506,100 to replace approximately 4,900 rail ties.

Bucks and Chester Counties:

- East Penn Railroad, LLC — \$500,500 to improve track conditions by replacing approximately 4,500 ties on the Wilmington Northern line and 2,000 ties on the Quakertown line

Clearfield and Cambria Counties:

- RJ Corman Railroad — \$3 million to replace approximately 7,500 ties and 74,000 feet of rail on worn areas of its Cherry Tree and Cresson subdivisions
- Gautier Steel Ltd. – \$130,421 to complete the final phase of the rehabilitation project which will provide more efficient rail operations and access in the plant.

Clinton County:

- South Avis Realty Inc. — \$391,461 to replace ties and raise, line, and surface its industrial park tracks

Delaware County:

- CSX Transportation — \$8.4 million to replace a tunnel to permit routing of double-stack container and multi-level auto rack traffic to/from Port of Philadelphia

Elk, McKean, and Warren Counties:

- Buffalo & Pittsburgh Railroad, Inc. — \$700,000 to replace approximately 44,000 ft. of rail and 2,500 ties and surface the line to maintained 286,000 weight capacity and improve safety

Fayette County:

- P and S Railyard — \$227,658 to construct loading and unloading equipment and raise its track to accommodate the transload of materials

Lackawanna, Monroe, and Wayne Counties:

- Delaware-Lackawanna Railroad — \$1.3 million to construct a 3,900-foot siding to expand capacity and replace approximately 7,440 feet of rail and 1,550 ties

Lawrence County:

- New Castle Industrial Railroad, Inc. — \$262,500 to construct a new 3,200-foot siding to expand its main line track capacity accommodating increased interchange traffic with CSX and NS railroads

Luzerne County:

- Redevelopment Authority of Luzerne County — \$276,500 to replace approximately 1,500 ties and surface 5 miles of track

McKean and Venango Counties:

- Western New York and Pennsylvania Railroad — \$4.7 million to replace three thru truss bridges and rehabilitate two abutments on a thru-girder bridge

Mifflin County:

- SEDA-COG Joint Rail Authority — \$282,245 to finish the work of phase II of the rehabilitation of approximately 1,550 feet of track on its West Park branch

Montgomery County:

- Pennsylvania Northeastern Railroad — \$483,000 to replace approximately 6,000 ties on its Stony Creek branch and Bethlehem branch.

Northumberland County:

- Boyd Station — \$2.6 million to expand its rail infrastructure and construct four new tracks and install unloading equipment

Somerset County:

- Corsa Coal Corporation — \$246,434 to rehabilitate approximately 10 miles of track from its Coleman Junction to the Cambria Plant

Union County:

- Winfield Storage — \$130,900 to rehabilitate approximately 400 feet of track and build an unloading pit and conveyor to transload the

agricultural products from rail to truck

Venango County:

- Oil Creek Titusville Lines, Inc — \$140,000 to extend a passing siding by 1,000 feet improving its operations

Westmoreland County:

- Three Rivers Marine & Rail Terminals, LLC — \$176,146 to replace approximately 600 ties, two switches, and surface 800 feet of track

Wyoming County:

- Procter & Gamble Paper Products Company — \$246,886 to realign its tracks and replace a turnout to improve its operations and safety

York County:

- York Railway Company — \$2.1 million to replace 1.2 miles of jointed rail with CWR rail including the rehabilitation of seven turnouts and 10 public grade crossings

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