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Camp Chase Railway Successful in Grant from Ohio Rail Development Commission for Rehabilitation Project

On May 16, 2024, the Ohio Rail Development Commission approved a grant in the amount of \$654,410.65 to Camp Chase Railway to help with the rehabilitation of the line from Galloway to Lilly Chapel. The project will also reconstruct three at-grade crossings. The total project cost is estimated at more than \$1.3 million.

The Camp Chase Railway (CAMY) operates 15 miles of track from interchanges with CSX and NS in Columbus to Lilly Chapel in Madison County. CAMY was acquired by Pinsly Railroad Company in 2023. With the majority of CAMY's customers located closer to Columbus, for many years the western portion of the line was used solely for railcar storage. More recently, CAMY has been utilizing a siding near Lilly Chapel to transload high-and-wide loads—primarily large equipment for electrical utility use throughout the Central Ohio region. CAMY handles several of these loads per month. The project will improve track conditions to FRA Class 1 condition and help preserve this portion of the CAMY for future revenue service opportunities. The Camp Chase Trail is directly adjacent to the CAMY for much of its length, so tie replacement and rehabilitation work will also improve safety for trail users. Three at-grade crossings (Galloway Rd., Darby Creek Dr., and Jefferson St.) in the project limits will be reconstructed as a part of the rehabilitation work. The crossing rehabilitation work benefits the traveling public, including bicyclists and other users of the adjacent Camp Chase Trail.

Matthew Dietrich, Executive Director of the Ohio Rail Development Commission, said, “Whenever we can assist our rail partners with projects that improve their existing infrastructure for businesses in Ohio and also make improvements to at-grade crossings that benefit the traveling public and increase safety, it’s a win for all involved. We are grateful for the railroad’s commitment to this project and wish them continued success in the future.”

With deep gratitude, we extend our heartfelt thanks to the Ohio Rail Development Commission for their invaluable support in funding the Camp Chase Railroad's Rail Rehabilitation Program. ORDC’s commitment to improvement of short line railroad infrastructure in the state has paved the way for safer, more efficient rail operations, enhancing connectivity and fostering economic growth.” - Todd Marklin, Vice President of Engineering, Pinsly Railroad Company, parent company of Camp Chase Rail which operates 15 miles in Columbus, OH and connects customers to both CSX and Norfolk Southern.

The Ohio Rail Development Commission assists Ohio communities, companies, and railroads in creating and retaining jobs by preserving rail service to existing shippers and providing rail service to new customers. The Rail Commission also funds projects to improve railroad-highway grade crossings to increase safety for the traveling public. Rail lines in Ohio are private property. Trespassing is both extremely dangerous and strictly prohibited. For additional information, please contact Wende Jourdan at (614) 728-9497.