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America's future is riding on it.

Success Stories in Rail Investment: Heartland Corridor

Overview

The 1,031-mile Heartland Corridor is a public-private partnership among Norfolk Southern and federal and state agencies to increase vertical clearances in 28 tunnels and remove 24 overhead obstructions to allow passage of double-stacked container trains between the Port of Virginia Columbus, Ohio. The \$290M cost was shared between NS, the federal government, and the States of Virginia, West Virginia and Ohio; each partner contributed funds proportional to the benefits they receive. Together, they are creating a competitive advantage for America

Service/Infrastructure Improvements

- Excavated roof and replaced liner in 15 tunnels
- Carved notches into arch roof to allow corners of containers to pass in 7 tunnels
- Lowered or realigned track in 6 tunnels
- 28,843 feet of tunnel was altered
- Reduced over 200 route miles
- Completed in September 2010



Lowering track at Eggleston Tunnel in Virginia

"This is the engine to pull jobs America's way. Our economic strength, and West Virginia's future, depend on the vitality of a national transportation system... By strengthening our transportation network, we anchor our national security."

Former Congressman Nick Rahall
Vice Chairman, House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee

"You probably can't do anything better with infrastructure spending than making railroads more efficient."

Congressman Bob Goodlatte Chairman, House Judiciary Committee



Project Partners

Norfolk Southern, State of Ohio, State of West Virginia, Commonwealth of Virginia, Federal Government

Who Benefits

- Railroad Shippers
- The Port of Virginia
- Suppliers and contractors
- Norfolk Southern's short line railroad partners
- Norfolk Southern
- The public, through less highway congestion and a better environment

