



# OneRail

America's future is riding on it.

## Success Stories in Rail Investment

### Mitchell-Rapid City South Dakota



Track conditions at milepost 388.9 in 2010 and 2012, before and after, the completion of the USDOT TIGER II Project.

The Mitchell-Rapid City (MRC) Railroad Reconstruction project from Mitchell to Presho, South Dakota, improves the existing freight line, which was in poor condition, leading to a suspension of freight service and an economic loss. SDDOT worked with the MRC Regional Railroad Authority to upgrade the state-owned rail line.

The rail line has received two USDOT TIGER grants, revitalizing the railroad, and successfully raised farmers' grain prices, lowered input costs, reduced trucks on the road and congestion for motorists, and helped farmers in the area lower transportation costs and increase shipping reliability.

The communities, railroads, and state of South Dakota supported the investment in rail infrastructure.



The first train to arrive at Liberty Grain Elevator after the MRC Railroad Reconstruction, November 2012.

## RESULTS

### Jobs & Economic Impact

- Liberty Grain created a \$32 million handling facility near Kimball. As a result of the facility there are 20 full-time employees.
- Liberty Grain handled 18 million bushels of grain and loaded about 4,000 rail cars in 2017.
- Two industrial rail parks were built near Kimball.
- The South Dakota Wheat Growers built a \$4 million agronomy facility near Kimball and a \$40 million agronomy and grain handling facility near Kennebec.
- Dakota Mill & Grain is constructing a new \$20 million grain facility east of Presho. The facility will have 3.15 million bushel grain capacity.
- The railroad has moved over 6,800 cars of goods in 2016 and 8,500 cars in 2017.
- Lower transportation costs and improved price competition among elevators allow central South Dakota farmers to retain more profit per bushel which stimulates the area's economy

## FUNDING

### Mitchell to Chamberlain

- \$16 million TIGER II Grant Funds
- \$13 million match from the Dakota Southern Railroad, MRC Regional Railroad Authority, the South Dakota Railroad Board, and local sources.

### Chamberlain to Presho

- \$12.7 million TIGER VI Grant Funds
- \$26 million match from Rails to the Future, Governor's Future Funds, State Grant, and Dakota Southern.

## PARTNERS

- U.S. Department of Transportation,
- South Dakota Department of Transportation, Dakota Southern Railroad,
- Mitchell-Rapid City Regional Railroad Authority

## ENVIRONMENTAL BENEFITS

The improved rail service and new grain elevators reduce truck miles for farmers shipping crops, lowers shipping risk and increases reliability, reduces congestion for motorists and saves farmers time and money, especially during harvest.

