

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

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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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