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New Ohio Rail Map Released

Updates Info on Rail Lines, Ohio Hub Plan, Rail Safety & Rail Tourism

(Columbus) -- You can almost hear the whistles blowing as modern passenger and freight locomotives seem to leap from the cover of the new **Ohio Rail Map** which is being officially released to the public and will make its debut at the 2007 Ohio State Fair.

Ohio Rail Maps will be available at two locations: the Ohio Department of Transportation Display in the Marketplace Building and the Martin Janis Center.

The new edition of the Ohio Rail Map, a cooperative production of the Ohio Rail Development Commission and the Ohio Department of Transportation, offers the latest, accurate information including:

- *Detailed maps of the almost 6-thousand miles of active rail lines: color-coded to easily identify ownership and/or operators of all Class-1, regional and short line railroads and including localized rail maps of Ohio's major metropolitan areas*
- *Map icons indicating intermodal rail connections with Ohio's highways, airports, inland and water ports*
- *New icons indicating the location of Ohio's many historic rail tourism sites*
- *First-time information on ORDC's Ohio Hub Plan for passenger rail & expanded rail corridor capacity for freight*
- *Map & guide to Ohio historic rail tourism sites, including museums and operating tourist railroads*
- *Grade crossing safety information from Operation Lifesaver*
- *A new message on the importance of Ohio's railroads from Governor Ted Strickland*
- *And dozens of current & historic Ohio rail photos*

Maps can also be ordered by calling the Ohio Rail Development Commission at 614-644-0306 and press option #5.

(The Ohio Rail Development Commission is an independent agency operating within the Ohio Department of Transportation. ORDC is responsible for economic development through the improvement and expansion of passenger and freight rail service, railroad grade crossing safety and rail travel & tourism issues. For more information about what ORDC does for Ohio, visit our website at <http://www.dot.state.oh.us/ohiorail/>)