



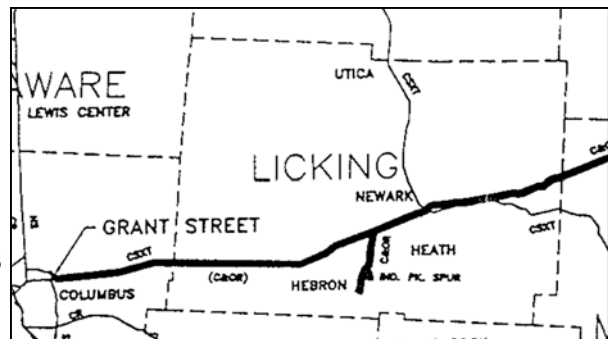
FACT SHEET

RAIL

SERVICE

© Licking County is dissected by the state-owned Panhandle Rail Line, a line that has had multiple rail carriers operating on it for over 140 years. The line runs east-west through Pataskala, Heath, and Newark. Additionally, a branch line, also state-owned, runs north-south from Heath to Hebron.

© OPEN ACCESS: State ownership means open access for rail shippers. The Ohio Rail Development Commission leases out the line while preserving the right to allow other freight railroads to use the Panhandle line.



Ohio Central Railroad System Map

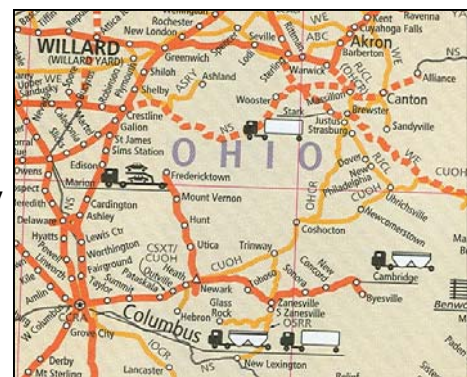
© COMPETITION: Three railroads show service availability along the east-west line. A regional railroad, the Ohio Central Railroad, is the primary service provider. Mainline carriers, Norfolk Southern and CSXT, also show service availability on their system maps.



Norfolk Southern System Map

© RELIABILITY: State ownership and the proximity and presence of multiple operating railroads ensures stability for shippers along the line.

© NICHE: How important is rail service of this type? At a 2004 International Economic Development Council site selection consultants panel, Mark Sweeney of McCallum Sweeney Consulting said, "If you have rail, you have a scarce resource. If you have dual rail service sites, you have a crown jewel resource."



CSXT System Map