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RE: Wilmington Rail Realignment Project and CRISI Grant

Cape Fear REALTORS®, an organization that advocates on behalf of over 2,400 real estate professionals in Southeastern North Carolina, strongly supports the efforts of the Wilmington Rail Realignment Project and their application for grant funding through the Consolidated Rail Infrastructure and Safety Improvements (CRISI).

The REALTOR® community recognizes the importance of quality transportation infrastructure that is both efficient and safe. The re-purposing of freight rail in our area would not only provide alternative transportation but also provide hubs for neighborhood growth and local economic development.

Removing the dozens of at-grade crossings from many heavily residential areas increases the safety of our neighborhoods, and ensures that emergency services can quickly reach our citizens in times of need – a potential lives saving benefit.

Our region is growing at an unprecedented rate that increasingly emphasizes the importance of the affordability and availability of housing. With balanced growth projects like the Wilmington Rail Realignment Project, our members can ensure that those moving to our area and those already raising families in our area have a place to call home.

Cordially,

Fred Gainey, President