



Scott M. Saylor  
President

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US Department of Transportation  
Federal Railroad Administration  
1200 New Jersey Avenue SE  
Washington, DC 20590

Attn: Ms. Amy Houser, Office of Program Delivery

Re: Wilmington, NC Rail Realignment Project

Dear Ms Houser,

The purpose of the Wilmington, NC Rail Realignment Project is to relocate the Wilmington beltline rail from the center of the City to an alternative route from the west side of the Cape Fear River to provide more direct access from the Port of Wilmington to the CSXT yard and main line to the west.

The North Carolina Railroad Company (NCR) agrees that the application by the City of Wilmington for the funding opportunity for engineering evaluation of the project through Consolidated Rail Infrastructure and Safety Improvements (CRISI) is a worthwhile project and has the potential to enhance the economic vitality of the entire southeast North Carolina region. A new route, if feasible, could provide significant economic development advantages and new opportunities for communities in the region and for local businesses and commerce.

This is a unique, promising project statewide and we hope that the F.R.A. will approve funding for this important effort, with leadership already in place locally, to move the detailed study initiative forward.

Sincerely,

Scott M. Saylor  
President

cc: Laura W. Padgett, Coordinator  
Wilmington Rail Realignment Project