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SOUTH END MAIN LINE FORUM

Communities between Salisbury and Charlotte will notice a significant amount of construction work taking place in as the N.C. Department of Transportation improves the rail corridor between these cities. The construction is part of the Piedmont Improvement Program, a series of projects to improve safety and mobility along the rail line between Charlotte and Raleigh. These projects are all expected to be complete by September 2017.

Below is an overview of the work taking place and what residents can expect during construction.

Salisbury to Kannapolis

Klumac Road (*Under Construction, Scheduled for Completion Fall 2016*)

- This project has closed the existing Klumac Road railroad crossing. Klumac Road will be relocated approximately 400 feet west to connect Klumac Road from the south to US 29-70 and NC 150 to the north with a new railroad bridge constructed to carry trains over the new Klumac Road.
- Portions of Old Main Street are closed during the construction and when the construction is complete, Old Main Street will not connect across the new Klumac Road.
- Roadway construction is expected to recommence after April 15th when the temporary railroad detour tracks have been completed. These detour tracks allow trains to bypass around the new bridge construction.

Salisbury to Kannapolis Railroad Improvements (*Construction begins March 2014, Scheduled for Completion Spring 2017*)

- This project involves improving 11 miles of railroad track from Salisbury south to Kannapolis through China Grove and Landis. The track runs parallel to Main Street/US 29/US 29A. Construction will include grading of new railroad roadbed and installation of a second track.
- As part of this project, Kimball Road will be extended from Main Street/US 29A to Chapel Street and a new railroad bridge will be constructed to carry trains over the new extension of Kimball Road.
- Some railroad crossings will be closed permanently as a result of this project to improve safety for vehicles and trains. The roads and approximate times of closure are:
 - Mt. Hope Church Road (Fall 2014)
 - E. Thom Street in China Grove (Winter/Early 2014)
 - Eudy Road in China Grove (Late Summer/Early Fall 2015)
 - N. Central Avenue in Landis (Late Summer/Early Fall 2015)
 - E. Mill Street in Landis (Spring 2015)
 - E. 29th Street in Kannapolis (Late Spring/Early Summer 2014)
- Some roads that intersect with the railroad tracks will be closed intermittently during the construction to complete improvements at the railroad crossing. These include:
 - Webb Road in Salisbury
 - E. Church Street in China Grove
 - E. Centerview Street in China Grove
 - E. Ryder Avenue in Landis
 - E. 22nd Street in Kannapolis
 - E. 18th Street in Kannapolis

Peeler Road Grade Separation (Under Construction, Scheduled for Completion Spring 2015)

- This project involves building a new bridge and highway to connect Peeler Road to Cedar Springs Road over the North Carolina Railroad.
- The Peeler Road and Peach Orchard Road railroad crossings will be closed permanently after the new bridge is constructed and opened to traffic, projected for Spring 2015.
- There will be intermittent closures of Southmark Drive and Longmeadow Drive during construction.
- Construction work on the embankment for the new structure over US 29 and the railroad is underway. The contractor is also working on the roadway grading along Cedar Springs Road.

Ethel and Juke Box Private Crossing Closure (Under Construction, Scheduled for Completion January 2014)

- This project will close the existing at-grade private crossings at Ethel Lane and Juke Box Road with the construction of a new 0.4 mile long road to provide alternate access to Mt. Hope Church Road via Hope Lane.

Harrisburg to Charlotte

Harrisburg to Charlotte Railroad Improvements (Under Construction, Scheduled for Completion Spring 2017)

- This project involves improving 12 miles of railroad track between Harrisburg and Charlotte. The track runs parallel to NC 49 and Old Concord Road. Construction will include grading of new railroad roadbed and installation of a second track.
- As part of this project a new railroad bridge will be constructed to allow for a future extension of Mallard Creek Church Road.
- Some roads that intersect with the railroad tracks will be closed intermittently during the construction to complete improvements at the railroad crossings. These include:
 - Back Creek Church Road in Charlotte
 - McLean Road in Charlotte
 - Orr Road in Charlotte
- Tree clearing that is necessary for the grading of the second track is nearly complete. Railroad roadbed grading has also begun and bridge construction on the Rocky River railroad bridge is underway.

In addition to the above improvements along the railroad corridor, the following roadway and bridge projects are also under construction between Harrisburg and Charlotte:

Pharr Mill Road Grade Separation (Under Construction, Scheduled for Completion Spring 2015)

- This project involves building a new bridge and highway to connect Pharr Mill Road to Blackwelder Road over the North Carolina Railroad.
- The existing Pharr Mill Road railroad crossing will be permanently closed after the new bridge is constructed and opened to traffic, projected for Fall 2014.
- This project will extend Saddle Creek Court creating a new railroad crossing with the NCRRT for an improved access to NC 49 for truck traffic.
- The Shamrock Road railroad crossing will be permanently closed upon completion of the extension of Saddle Creek Court to NC 49, projected for Summer 2014.
- The construction will cause intermittent closures of Mulberry Drive.
- The contractor has started grading the roadways and work on the new bridge piers is ongoing. The existing left hand turn lane on NC 49 to Blackwelder Rd has been permanently closed due to the bridge construction.

Roberta Road Grade Separation (Under Construction, Scheduled for Completion Fall 2015)

- This project involves building a new bridge and highway to connect NC 49 and School Circle Road to Stallings Road over the North Carolina Railroad.
- Approximately 3,000 feet of the railroad tracks will be re-aligned to the north as part of this project.
- Hickory Ridge Road railroad crossing will be permanently closed early in this project to allow for the re-alignment of the railroad tracks, projected for Winter/Spring 2014.
- The Robinson Church Road railroad crossing will be permanently closed after the new bridge is constructed and opened to traffic, projected for Spring 2015.
- The piers for the new bridge are under construction. Critical utility work is currently underway to relocate lines that are in conflict with the roadway and railroad work.

Caldwell Park Drive Extension (Under Construction, Scheduled for Completion Spring 2015)

- This project will extend Caldwell Park Drive west into Mecklenburg County to allow for the closure of three private at-grade railroad crossings and one public at-grade railroad crossing, Millbrook Road.
- Millbrook Road will be connected to Caldwell Park Drive and the Millbrook Road railroad crossing will then be permanently closed, projected for Fall 2014.
- Grading work continues on the project and the contractor is working on a new bridge over Back Creek. Concrete curb and gutter is being placed in various areas. Caldwell Road Grade Separation (Under Construction, Scheduled for Completion Spring 2015)
- This project involves building a new bridge and highway on Caldwell Road to go over NCRR tracks.
- The Caldwell Road grade crossing has been closed for the construction of the new bridge over the railroad.
- Grading for the bridge embankment and installation of a temporary shoring wall to bring Harrisburg Industrial Park Drive up to final grade continues. Utility relocation work is also continuing.
- Grier Road Grade Separation (Under Construction, Scheduled for Completion Winter 2015)
- This project involves building a new bridge and highway to connect Old Concord Road to Grier Road over the North Carolina Railroad.
- The Newell-Hickory Grove Road railroad crossing will be permanently closed after the new bridge is constructed and open to traffic, projected for Spring 2015.
- Approximately 5,000 feet of railroad tracks will be re-aligned as part of this project.
- The construction will cause intermittent closures of Old Concord Road, Orr Road, Grier Road and Grierview Lane.
- Tree clearing necessary for the roadway and railroad grading construction has begun. The contractor has started working on the new Grier Road bridge embankment.
- Utility relocation work is also planned for the near future.