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Wilmington Chamber Board Passes Resolution in Support of a Feasibility Study to Evaluate the Relocation of the CSXT Rail Line

Wilmington, N.C. —The Wilmington Chamber of Commerce board of directors expressed their support today for a feasibility study to evaluate the relocation of the CSXT rail line across the Cape Fear River via a route that eliminates rail traffic through the heart of Wilmington and which would provide a more direct rail access corridor to the NC State Port in Wilmington.

The current rail line passes through the heart of the City of Wilmington, resulting in thousands of motor vehicle rail crossings each day. These crossings cause congestion and safety issues that could be alleviated with a relocation of the line. In addition, direct rail access to the Port would also eliminate vehicular/rail conflicts with the proposed Independence Boulevard Extension project and negate a primary justification for an elevated highway through the heart of Wilmington.

The City, NCDOT, Wilmington MPO and CSXT are currently working in partnership to complete a Traffic Separation Study to evaluate 31 roadway rail crossings along the CSXT ACB and Beltline rail line. The resolution passed by the Chamber board of directors is attached.

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About the Wilmington Chamber of Commerce

The Wilmington Chamber of Commerce is the largest membership-based business association in Southeastern North Carolina. The Chamber's mission is to ensure economic prosperity throughout our region. This is accomplished by: creating a diverse, inclusive organization that serves as a strong voice for businesses in the Greater Wilmington area; offering unique membership benefits, services and education; and challenging government officials to address long term community and business interests.