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Adam,

NSR received the attached letter from the South Carolina DOT regarding grade crossing safety and the proposed rail-to-trail conversion. We are forwarding this so that OEA can have a complete record while the Saluda Grade Trails Conservancy and NSR continue to negotiate for trail use.

Have a great day.

Best,

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April 22, 2025

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Re: AB-290 (Sub-No. 415X) Norfolk Southern Railway Company Abandonment-Henderson and Polk Counties in North Carolina and Greenville and Spartanburg Counties in South Carolina

Mr. Plum,

South Carolina Department of Transportation District 3 is in contact with Saluda Grade Trails Conservancy partner PAL: Play. Advocate. Live Well. regarding the upcoming rail-to-trail conversion of the abandoned Norfolk Southern's W-line. SCDOT District 3 permits office will work hand-in-hand with the trail development team to ensure that your concerns regarding crossing safety are addressed.

We are familiar with the process of converting rail lines into trails and will follow appropriate pre-established protocols. Our office partnered with Greenville County on the development of the Swamp Rabbit Trail (SRT) to establish safe and effective measures for crossings, along with maintenance strategies in partnership with the local governmental entities. As part of the SRT, construction, and maintenance plan, much of the existing signal crossing equipment was able to be converted to pedestrian/cyclist crossing warning notifications, reducing cost for the new trail.

The SCDOT District 3 office has appreciated the open invitation by the Saluda Grade Trail development team to review and comment on the proposed trail and will continue coordinated efforts to ensure the trail is as safe as possible and expands alternative transportation in Spartanburg County.

Sincerely,

Brandon Wilson
District 3 District Engineering Administrator

