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### **Railroad Improvements Wrap Up in Kinston**

*Track alignment and relocation project completes \$3.3 million investment*

Raleigh, NC – After approximately nine months, final work on the North Carolina Railroad Company (NCR) track through Kinston is projected to conclude the week of October 25. With the previous opening of N. Heritage Street, traffic has been moving freely and remaining work wrapped up on sidewalks, some drainage grading and pavement markings.

The project to realign tracks was undertaken in partnership by NCR and Norfolk Southern, and sought to increase train speeds and reduce delays at crossings through the city. This project and others in the area represent improvements to enhance safety, speed and promote economic development on the North Carolina Railroad and for the communities it serves.

“This recent work is one part of our ongoing commitment to better serve not just Kinston, but Eastern North Carolina,” said Scott Saylor, NCR President. “We see tremendous growth and economic development opportunities in the region for businesses seeking rail access. Projects like Sanderson Farms hopefully represent the beginning of that growth, and rail accessibility is an essential part of their location. That’s why investing in improving NCR is so important.”

The realignment project in Kinston is part of a broader capital investment NCR is making throughout its 317-mile corridor which runs from Charlotte to Morehead City. NCR and Norfolk Southern have also kicked off a tie and surfacing project spanning from New Bern to Goldsboro. Citizens in Kinston will be seeing railroad ties replaced and improvements to the rail surface, including tamping the ties, leveling the track, and banking the curves. Minor delays should be anticipated at crossings as they are inspected and repaved.

“The realignment project was delayed due to some unforeseen weather conditions, but we are pleased to have the project near completed and all the roads open again,” said Saylor. “We appreciate the support and patience from the citizens and leaders in Kinston, and hope they see through our ongoing investment how much we value the relationship between the city and NCR.”

The North Carolina Railroad Company owns and manages the 317-mile rail corridor extending from Morehead City to Charlotte. The railroad carries 60 freight trains and eight passenger trains daily. NCR is the state’s oldest corporation and remains at the forefront of rail improvements and partnership development to promote jobs and rail-served industry across the state. It touches nearly a quarter of the state’s economy.

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