

Ashland Rail Track Replacement Begins Next Monday, February 22, 2010

Expect delays from Gwathmey Church Road to England Street (St. Rt. 54) until March 5, 2010

Jacksonville, FL - February 15, 2010 - CSX Transportation (CSXT) will begin rail track maintenance in Ashland, Virginia on Monday, February 22, 2010. The work is part of CSXT's ongoing track maintenance program to ensure safe and efficient rail service.

CSXT's project in Ashland was supposed to begin on February 15; however inclement weather caused the project's postponement. Although contingent upon good weather, the work will begin on February 22 on the west track, which runs close to town on the north side of Gwathmey Church Road to England Street. CSXT aims to complete the rail track maintenance project by March 5, contingent upon favorable weather conditions.

Road crossings will not be taken out of service, but pedestrian crossings will be removed and replaced when the job is complete. CSXT is working closely with local officials to ensure emergency responders are aware of the status of each affected crossing over the next few weeks.

Crews will replace rail tracks before deploying a surfacing team to level the rail and vibrate new rock into place. CSXT will work with Ashland Police to limit access on Center Street in order to prevent property damage to parked or moving vehicles from loose gravel and will coordinate with the town on clean-up.

For the duration of the project there will be no trains on the west track, but the other track will be open. Passing trains on the other lines will sound their horns to comply with federal regulations and protect workers placing the rail as well as residents.

The Ashland track maintenance is part of CSXT's broader effort to create safer, less congested roadways, improve the environment and promote rail infrastructure will support and sustain economic growth.

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No parking will be allowed on the West side of South Center Street while this CSX work is being conducted. Pedestrians will also need to stay away from the work zone as this is a dangerous operation. At this point, they envision shutting down sections of S. Center Street to facilitate the work and all the moving equipment. CSX will need the room for the equipment and there is a possibility that this process will throw rocks from the track bed. CSX is concerned that if cars are allowed to be parked on the west side of S. Center Street, they will be damaged. They do not anticipate that they will be in the business area until around noon on Monday and APD will make appropriate arrangements with Public Works officials.