Q. The Special Provisions for Protection of Railway Interest has been removed from the Division’s list of Special Provisions. How is this handled now? Do the provisions come from the Railroad? We really need some provision to put in the proposals to make contractor aware of what is required.

A. In the past, the Special Provisions for Protection of Railway Interest were accessible on the NCDOT Connect site. Unfortunately, there have been a few cases of an incorrect version being used in contracts resulting in added cost and delay. The NCDOT Rail Division is working with the Structures Management Unit and other groups to write a general special provision update for work within railroad ROW. This provision should be available in the near future.