

The Rail Report

NCDOT Rail Division



November 2013

**Special State Fair Stop
Breaks Record**
2013 NC State Fair Ridership – 3,846
Up by 1,084 passengers!



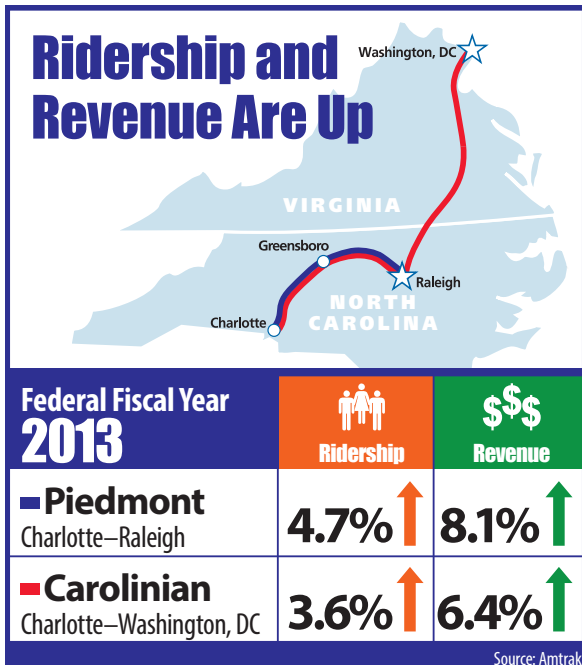
**VIRGINIA-NORTH CAROLINA
INTERSTATE HIGH SPEED RAIL**

COMPACT

An NC Delegation briefing workshop was held October 21 for newly appointed Compact members. The Compact's charter is to support the development of a plan for the design, construction, financing, oversight and operation of the Southeast Rail Corridor.



Justice Paul Newby swearing in Compact members Mr. Randolph Lickey, Rep. Bill Brawley, Sen. Kathy Harrington, Sen. Bill Rabon, Rep. Nelson Dollar



North Carolina's state-supported *Piedmont* and *Carolinian* trains continue to be among the most rapidly growing in the Amtrak system, setting new ridership and revenue records in FFY 2013. Ridership on *Piedmont* service was 170,266 and revenue was over \$3.3 Million. Ridership on the *Carolinian* was 317,550 and revenue was over \$19.8 Million. This is the fourth consecutive year of positive growth for both routes.



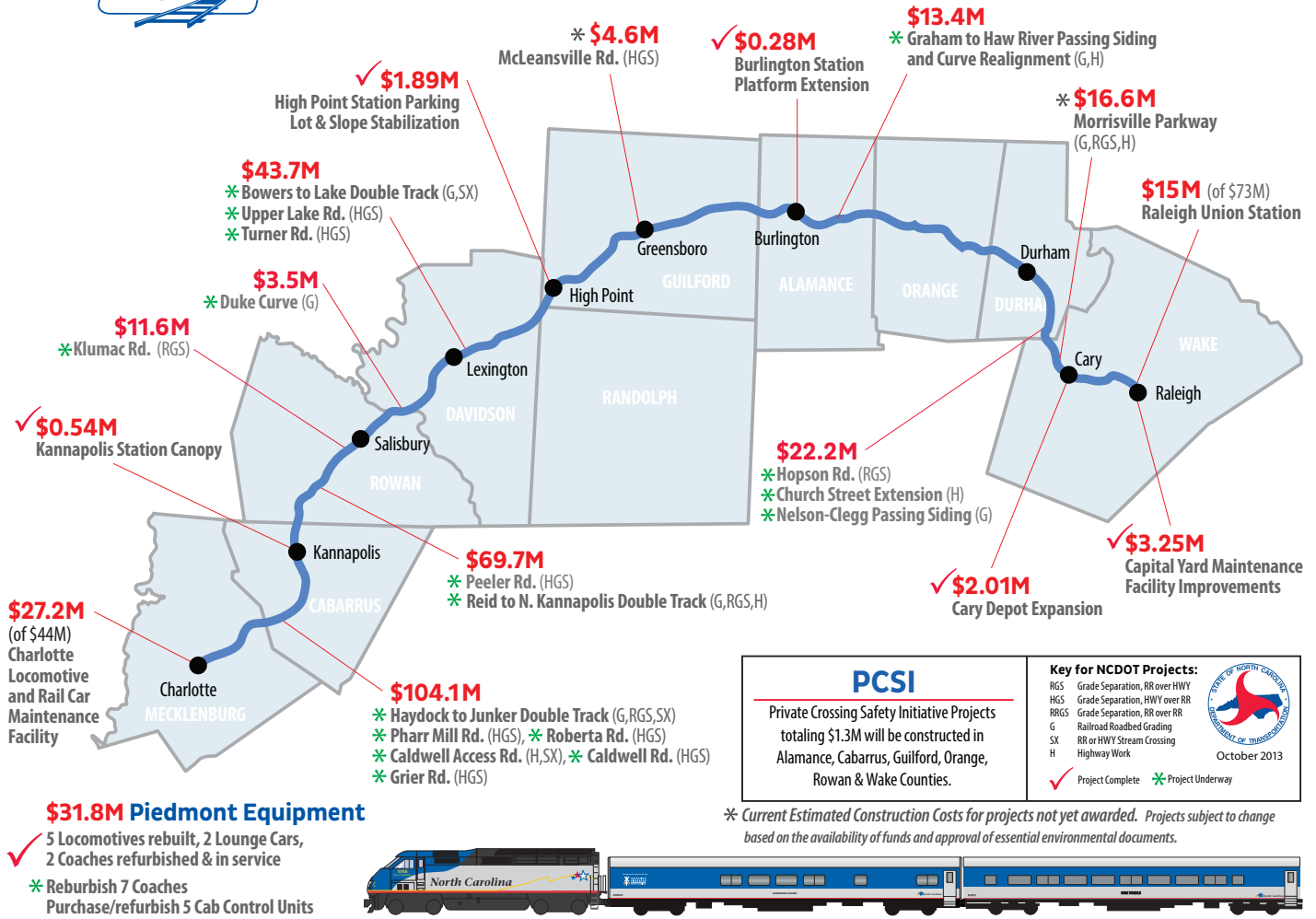
The upcoming Rail Planning Forum will provide NCDOT with the opportunity to engage various stakeholders as we embark on the development of the State Comprehensive Rail Plan and the department transitions to the Strategic Transportation Investment program, which will transform how the State of North Carolina invests in its transportation system.

These two parallel and related initiatives will lay the foundation for how the state invests in its rail infrastructure over the next 20 years. Stakeholders attending include North Carolina's shippers, manufacturers, agricultural product producers, commodity producers, city and county officials, and local and regional planners.

The Rail Planning Forum will be held on November 12 at 9am at the Friday Center in Chapel Hill.



Current Status of PIP Projects



PCSI

Private Crossing Safety Initiative Projects
totaling \$1.3M will be constructed in
Alamance, Cabarrus, Guilford, Orange,
Rowan & Wake Counties.

Key for NCDOT Projects:

RGS	Grade Separation, RR over HWY
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G	Railroad Roadbed Grading
SX	RR or HWY Stream Crossing
H	Highway Work

✓ Project Complete
 ✱ Project Underway

October 2013

** Current Estimated Construction Costs for projects not yet awarded. Projects subject to change based on the availability of funds and approval of essential environmental documents.*



ARRA Funds Spent to Date (effective 10/15/2013)

Component	
PD&A	\$ 24,884,414.12
Equipment Procurement & Rebuild	\$ 21,293,096.30
Stations & Facilities	\$ 10,078,755.87
Track & Structures	\$ 28,746,394.07
CRISP	\$ 1,879,640.68
Program Totals	\$ 86,882,301.04 <i>of \$546,500,000 awarded FRA Grant Funds</i>

PIP Projects Update:

Reid to North Kannapolis Double Track Grading will be awarded 11/7/2013. When completed, this project adds a second track to one of three remaining single track sections on the Main Line between Charlotte and Greensboro totaling 26 miles.

Eastern Infrastructure Improvement Studies Mandated by NC General Assembly

Studies began October 2013 to evaluate markets and feasibility of infrastructure and access improvements to ports and Global TransPark. The study will cover:

- GTP Connections
- Morehead City Port
- Wallace to Castle Hayne and Wilmington Port

The NC Dept. of Agriculture and Consumer Services and the NC Department of Commerce are our partners on studies.