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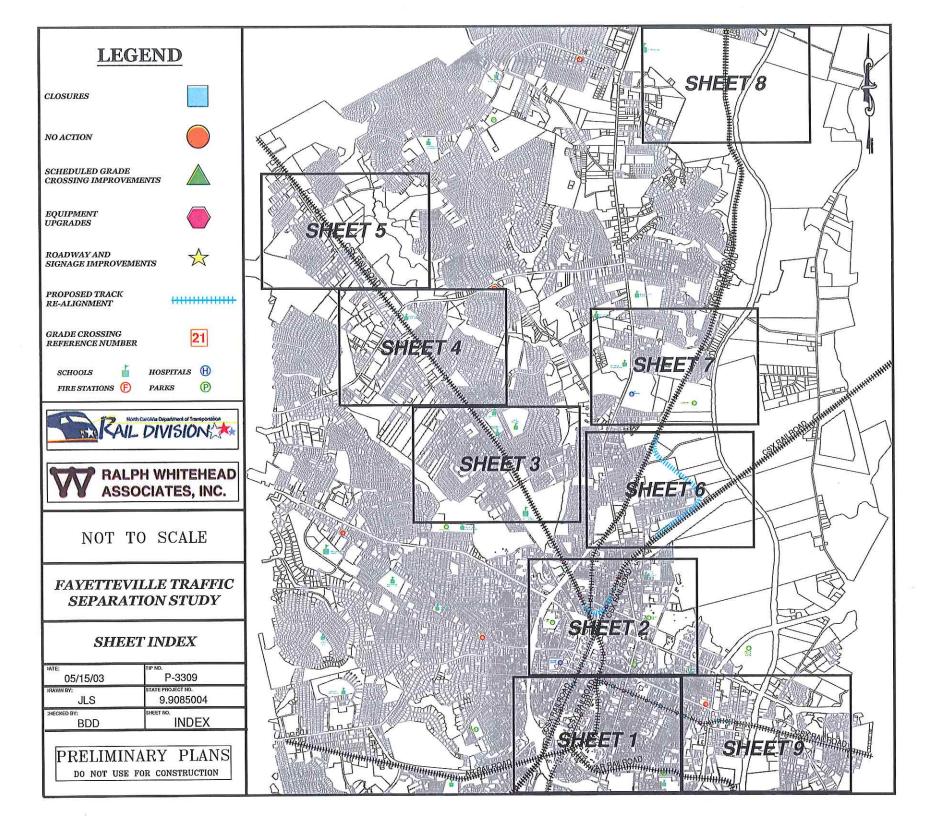
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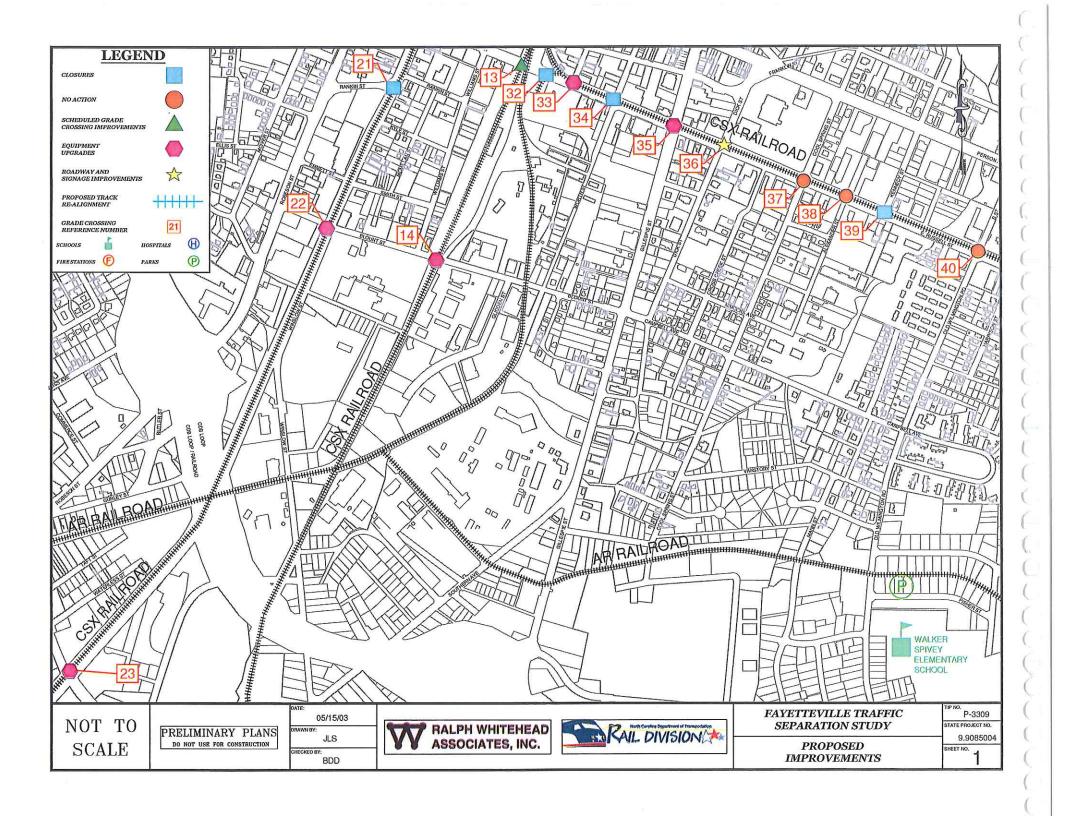
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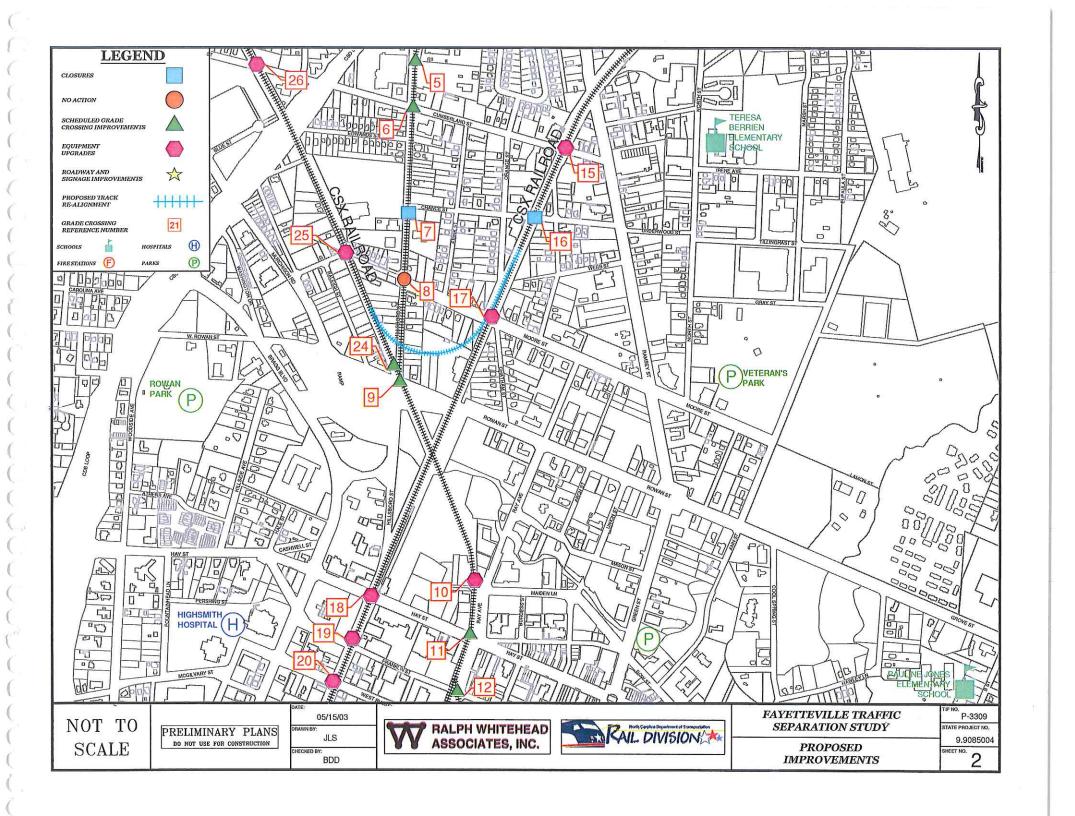
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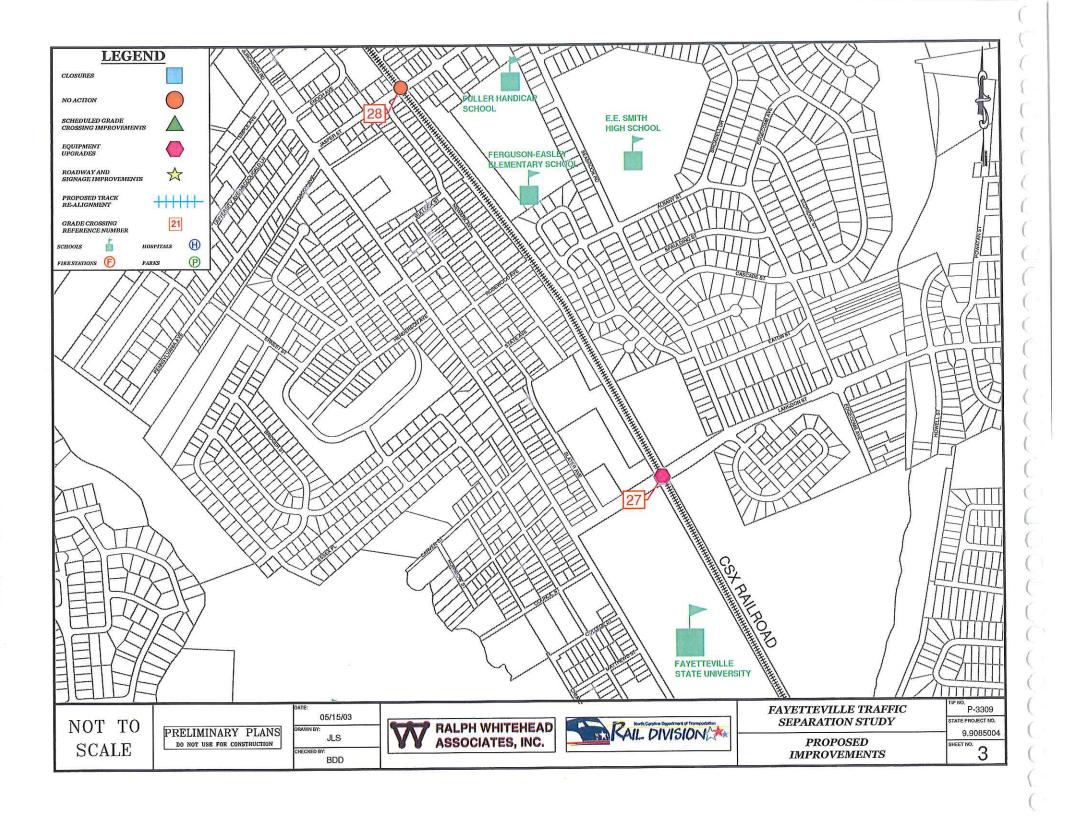
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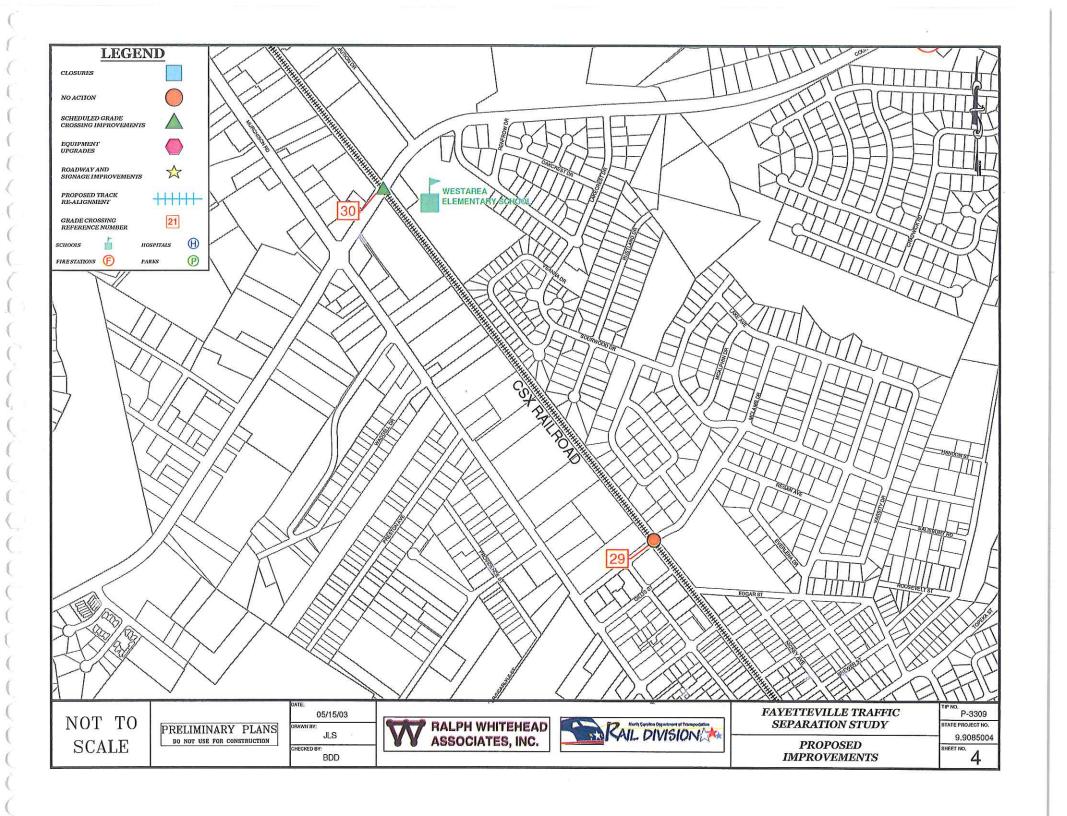
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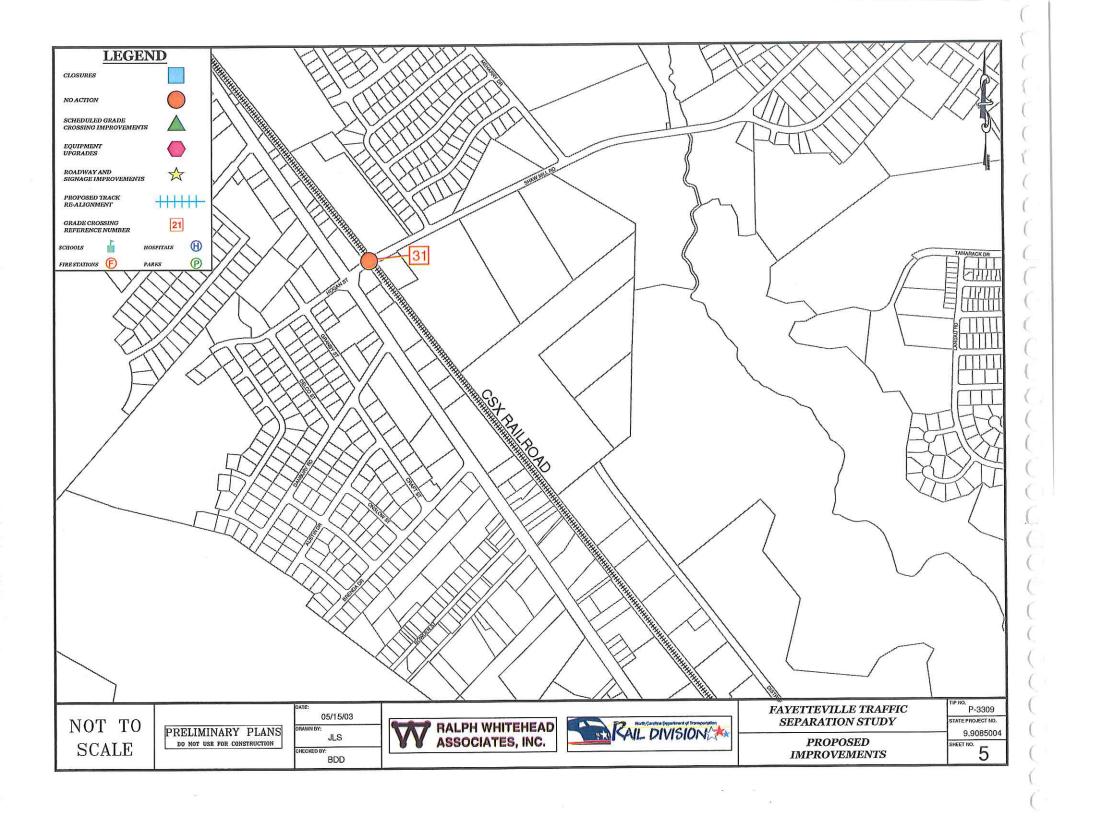


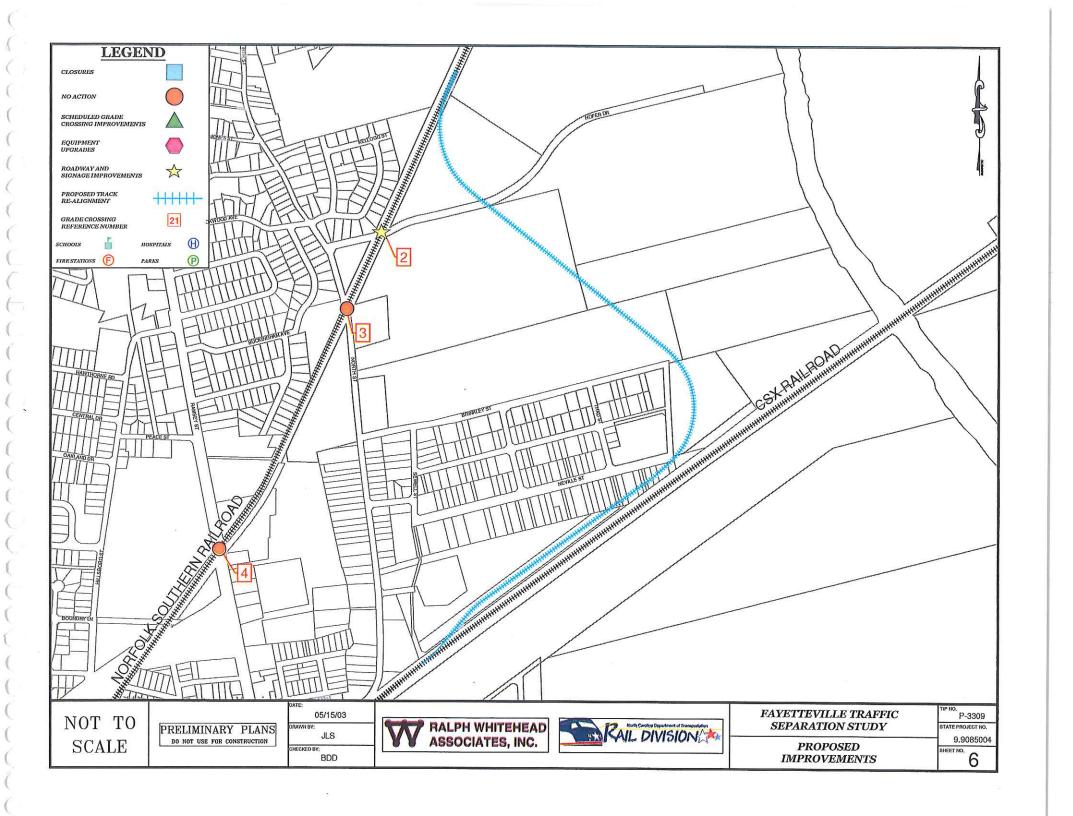


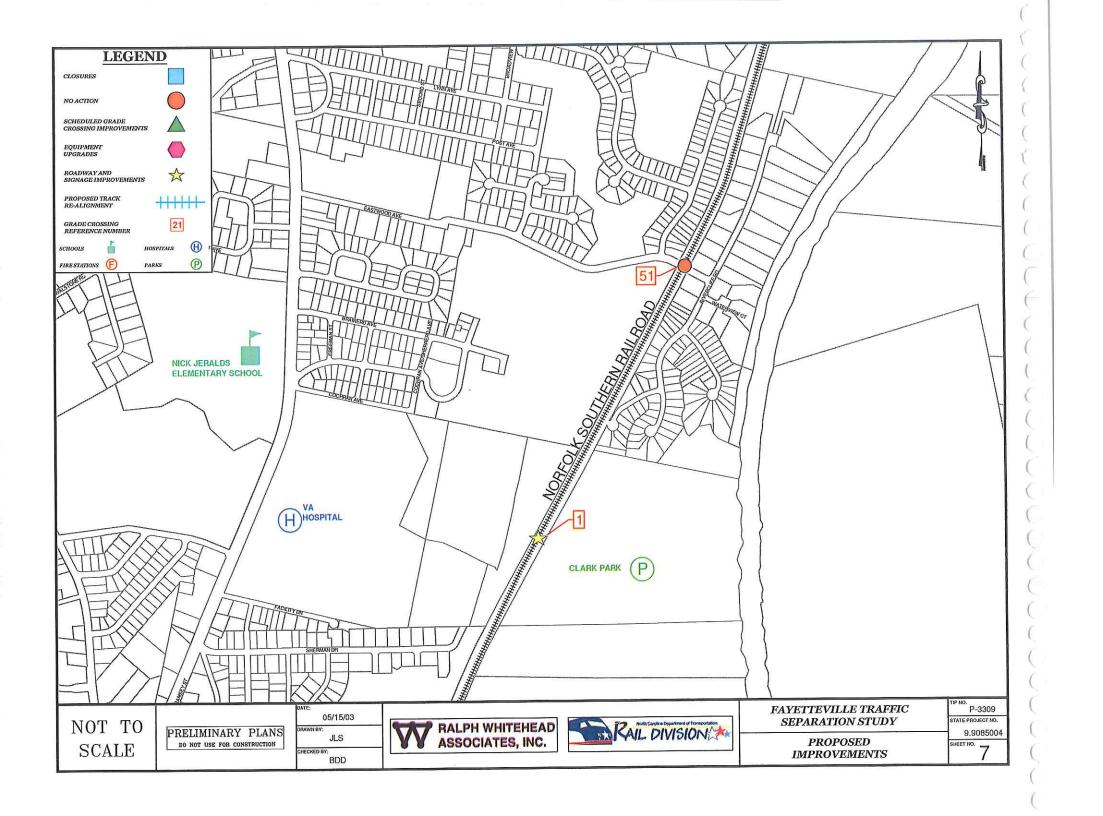


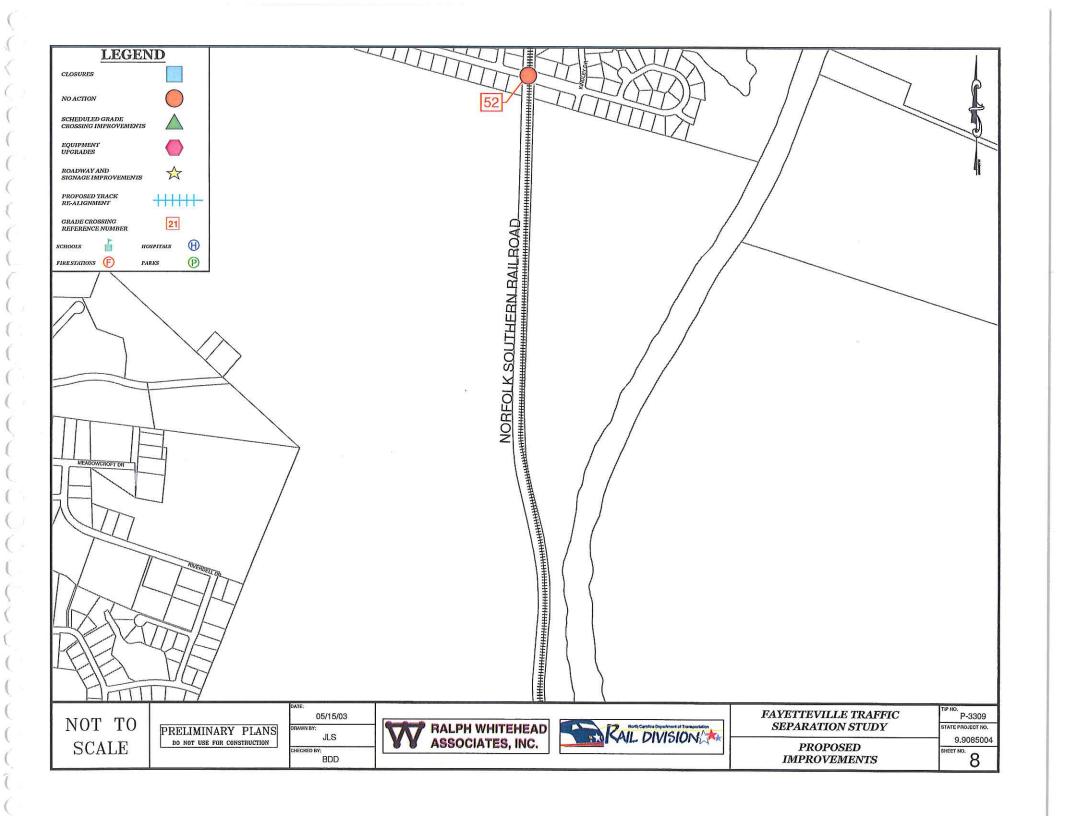


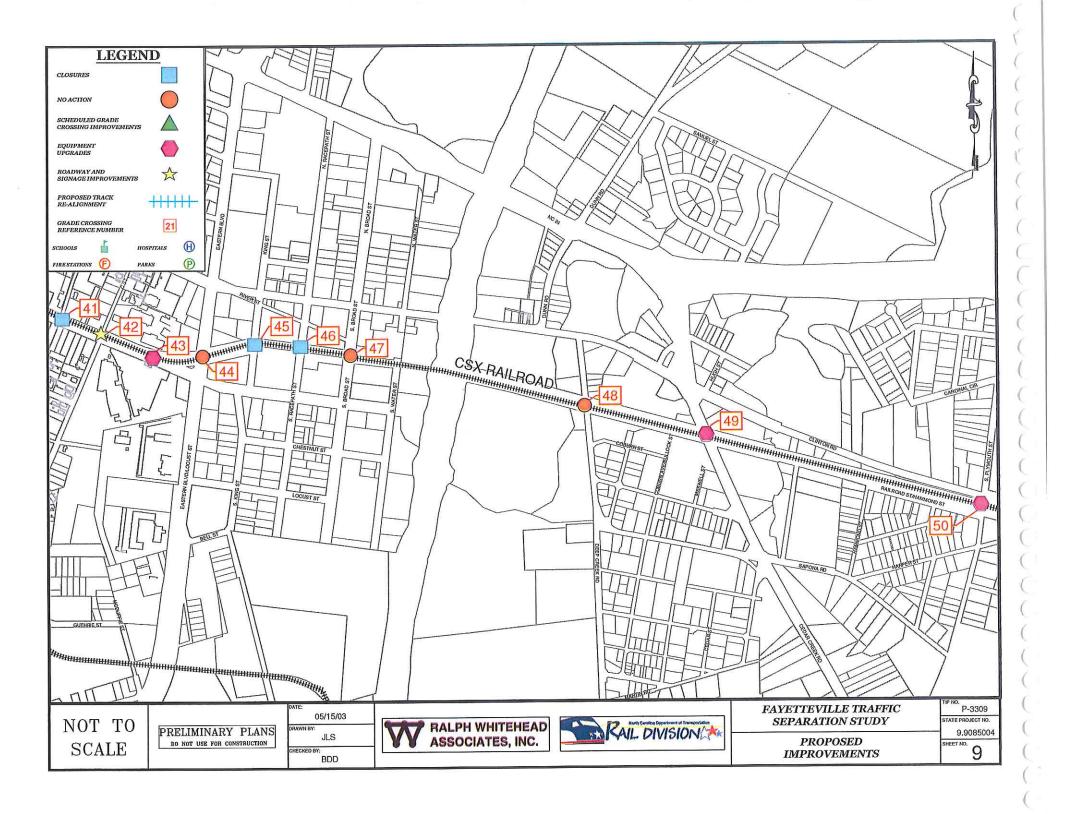


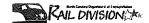












EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

In a joint cooperative effort with the City of Fayetteville, CSX Transportation, and the Norfolk Southern Railroad, the North Carolina Department of Transportation has completed a series of meetings to gather information and receive public comments on proposed recommendations for safety improvements and closings at existing highway/rail grade crossings within the City of Fayetteville, North Carolina.

Stakeholders Meeting #1

A stakeholders committee was established so key individuals could participate and provide critical input on reaching consensus on grade crossing recommendations. The following agencies participated on the Stakeholder Committee:

- City of Fayetteville Planning
- City of Fayetteville Police
- City of Fayetteville Fire
- City of Fayetteville Traffic
- Cumberland County Schools
- NCDOT Division 6
- CSX Transportation
- Norfolk Southern Railroad

The first stakeholder meeting was held on April 23, 2003. The purpose of this meeting was to present to the committee the preliminary recommendations and receive comments before going to the public meetings.

The committee requested two modifications to the initial grade crossing recommendations. The City is extending

Ray Avenue and requested gates at Crossing #629 572T, Russell Street (See Figure B-13a and Figure G-13). The committee also recommended that the two-way section of traffic on Franklin Street be extended from Gillespie Street to Person Street.

Public Meetings (4)

Four public meetings were held throughout the City in June and July 2003. The meeting schedule was as follows

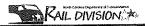
- June 25, 2003 (4:00-7:00 PM) Smith Recreation Center
- June 26, 2003 (4:00-7:00 PM) City Hall
- July 9, 2003 (4:00-7:00 PM) Smith Recreation Center
- July 10, 2003 (4:00-7:00 PM) City Hall

The objective of the public meetings was to present the recommendations and potential affect on traffic movements resulting from improvement scenarios under consideration for each of the 52 crossings and to receive public comment on the recommendations.

Stakeholders Meeting #2

The second meeting of the Stakeholder Committee was on August 25, 2003. The purpose of this meeting was to discuss the comments received from the public on the recommendations and to finalize the recommendations to be carried forward into the implementation phase.

The following page describes the near, mid, and long term recommendations, along with the estimated cost of the proposed improvements.



Public Hearing

The final recommendations were presented at a Public Hearing held in conjunction with the City of Fayetteville's City Council Meeting on October 27, 2003. A formal presentation of the project was made and staff was available to answer questions from the Council and the general public. The City Council approved all of the final recommendations.

The following page describes the near, mid, and long term recommendations, along with the estimated cost of the proposed improvements.

Summary of Improvements

			Near-Levin Recommendation	est Near-Term Cost	Mid-Lerm Recommendation	Establic Larm Cost	Long-Term Recommendation	Est Long-Term Cost
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2	465 904D	Holer Drive	No Action	9 . 3,000.00	**************************************			
3	465 905K	North Street						
4	465 906S	US 401 Ramsey Street	No Action		······································		Rail realignment to take NS into Milan Yard	To be determined
5	465 911N	Hillsboro Street	Current Project: construct signal and gates (Z-4406AD)				Rail realignment to take NS into Milan Yard	To be determined
6	465 912V	Cumberland Street	Current Project: construct signal and gates (Z-4406AE)	40.000.00			Rail realignment to take NS into Milan Yard	To be determined
7	465 913C	Chance Street	Close crossing and channelize Chance St. to right-in/right-out	\$ 12,000.00			Rail realignment to take NS into Milan Yard	To be determined
8	465 914J	Moore & Bruner Streets	No Action				Rail realignment to take NS & CSX into Milan Yard	To be determined
9	465 915R		Current Project: add gates to crossing (Z-3144B)	* 445.000.00			Rail fealightfield to take 110 & OOX into haits, valu	To be determined.
10	629 569K	Maiden Lane) tad gatee	\$ 145,000.00				
11	629 570E	Hay Street	Current Project: construct signal and gates (Z-4106D)	,				
12	629 571L		Current Project: construct signal and gates (Z-3344C)					
13	629 572T	SR 2299 Russell Street	//dd gdive	\$ 145,000.00				
14	629 574G	Blount Street	Add gates	\$ 145,000.00				
15	629 877R	Cumberland Street	Add 4 quadrant gates	\$ 220,000.00				
16	629 878X	Chance Street	Cross steeding	\$ 12,000.00			<u> </u>	
17	629 879E	Moore Street	Add 4 quadrant gates	\$ 220,000.00				
18	629 681F	Hay Street	Add gates	\$ 145,000.00				40,000,00
19	629 882M	Franklin Street	Add 4 quadrant gates and signal preemption	\$ 220,000.00			Close crossing if Russell Street is grade separated	\$ 12,000.00
20	629 883U	SR 2299 West Russell Street	Add 4 quadrant gates and signal preemption	\$ 220,000.00	Conduct grade separation feasibility study	\$ 80,000.00	Grade separation	To be determined
21	629 8848	Rankin Street		\$ 225,000.00				
22	629 885H	Blount Street		\$ 220,000.00	V			
23	629 886P	SR 1168 Whitfield Street	Add 4 quadrant gates	\$ 220,000.00				
23	629 904K	Hillsboro Street	Current Project: construct signal and gates (Z-3144B)	·			Rail realignment to take NS & CSX into Milan Yard	To be determined
	629 905S	Moore Street	Add gates	\$ 145,000,00				
25	629 907F	Cumberland Street		\$ 145,000.00				
26	629 910N	Langdon Street	predigates	\$ 185,000,00				
27	629 911V		No Action	100,000.00				
28		Jasper Street	No Action					
29	629 912C	McLamb Street	Current Project: add gates (Z-4406E)					
30	629 913J	US 401	No Action					
31	629 914R	SR 1614 Shawmill Road		\$ 12,000.00				
32	641 772E	SR 2299 Russell Street	Remove crossing Add flashers and cantilevers	\$ 160,000,00				
33	641 773i.	Maxwell		\$ 12,000.00				
34	641 774T	Donaldson Street	Close crossing	\$ 40,000.00				
35	641 775A	SR 2311 Gillespie Street	Upgrade traffic signal to current NCDOT standards	\$ 40,000.00	Make Franklin two-way and modify traffic signal	\$ 150,000,00		
36	641 776G	Dick	No Action		Make Franklin two-way and modify traffic signal	1 100,000.00		
37	641 778V	SR 2299 Cool Springs Road	No Action					
38	641 780W	Alexander	No Action					
39	641 781D	Kennedy	Close crossing	\$ 12,000.00				
40	641 782K	SR 2299 Wilmington Street	No Action					<u> </u>
41	641 783\$	Burns	Close crossing	\$ 12,000.00			 	-
42	641 785F	С	Make improvements to intersection	\$ 50,000.00				
43	641 787U	SR 2299 East Russell Street	Close median orosang dia dad galas in 112 diastas.	\$ 32,000.00			<u> </u>	
44	641 788B	US 301 Eastern Boulevard	No Action					
45	641 789H	King	Close crossing	\$ 12,000,00				
46	641 790C	Racepath	Close crossing	\$ 12,000.00				
47	641 791J	Broad Street	No Action					
. 48	641 792R	SR 2200 Deep Creek Road	No Action					
49	641 793X	NC 53/NC 210	Add gates and median barrier. Upgrade traffic signal and cantilevers	\$ 225,000.00				
50	641 794E	SR 1839 (Plymouth Street)	Add gales	\$ 20,000.00				
51	904 419J	Eastwood Avenue	No Action					
52	904 4200	Dobson Drive	No Action					
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A. INTRODUCTION

Every year more than 450 persons are killed and nearly 500 injured nationwide as a result of crashes between vehicles and trains.

During the year 2002, North Carolina recorded 78 rail-highway grade crossing collisions that resulted in 2 deaths and 20 injuries making North Carolina 15th in the nation for such accidents.

The North Carolina Department of Transportation (NCDOT) has developed the Traffic Separation Study (TSS) as an effort to pursue a more systematic approach to crossing safety. Traffic Separation Studies are a comprehensive evaluation of traffic patterns and road usage for an entire municipality or region that determines the need for improving and/or eliminating public grade crossings.

The NCDOT entered into a municipal agreement with the City of Fayetteville to complete a TSS. This study looked at two of the three rail lines, CSX and Norfolk Southern (NS), which run through the City. The Aberdeen and Rockfish (AR) Railroad lines will be evaluated at a future date. A total of fifty-two (52) grade crossings were evaluated as part of this study; 41 CSX crossings and 11 NS crossings.

The Traffic Separation Study process has three phases:

1. Preliminary Phase

The NCDOT and the City of Fayetteville have contractually agreed to make a "best faith" effort to approve and

implement improvements that will be identified by the TSS. An engineering consultant is then selected by NCDOT.

2. Study Phase

The engineering consultant evaluates the existing crossing conditions, average daily traffic (both trains and vehicles) and socioeconomic impact of potential closings for all public crossings within the study area and prepares recommendations for NCDOT and local officials to review. Near-term recommendations (within two years) may include installation of flashing lights and gates, enhanced devices such as four-quadrant gates and longer gate arms, installation of concrete or rubber crossings, crossing closures, median barrier installation, pavement markings, roadway approach modifications and crossings realignments. Mid-term recommendations (within two to five years) may include connector roads, roadway realignments, crossing closures, relocations of existing crossings to safer locations and feasibility studies to evaluate potential grade separation locations. Long-term recommendations (within five to ten years) may include grade separation, connector roads and crossing closures. Recommendations are presented to the public for comment.

3. Implementation Process

NCDOT officials identify funding sources for improvements, develop project agreements with the City of Fayetteville, coordinate project design, coordinate crossing closures with railroad and state highway officials, and oversee project implementation. City staff assists with project development and right of way acquisition, if needed.

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B. DATA COLLECTION

The information included in Table B-1 was gathered for each grade crossing in order to evaluate the crossing conditions in terms of traffic and safety.

TABLE B-1

Data Item	Source	
Crossing Number	NCDOT Rail	
Street or Route	NCDOT Rail	
Railroad Company	NCDOT Rail	
Railroad Milepost	NCDOT Rail	
Existing Warning Devices	Site Inspection	
Vehicle Traffic	NCDOT	
24 hour train volumes	FRA Inventory Forms	
Accident History	Accident Reports (NCDOT	
	& FRA)	
Street Classification	FAMPO*	
Truck Route	FAMPO	
Transit Route	FAMPO	
School Bus Route (Yes/No)	Cumberland County School	
Crossing Surface and	Site Inspection	
Condition		
Land Use	Site Inspection	
Redundant Crossing	Site Inspection	
(Yes/No)	50	
Potential for Grade	Exposure Index**	
Separation	**	
Humped Crossing	Site Inspection	
Crossing Geometry	Site Inspection	
Need for Enhanced Warning	Site Inspection and accident	
devices	history	
Feasibility of Roadway	Site Inspection and	
Improvements	engineering judgment	

- *FAMPO (Fayetteville Area Metropolitan Planning
- Orgnaization)

 ** Exposure Index = Number of trains per day x Average Daily Traffic at highway/rail crossing (See Section C)

The data summary sheets for each crossing are located in Figures B-1a to B-52a. Photographs for each crossing are found with its corresponding data summary sheet in Figures B-1b to B-52b.

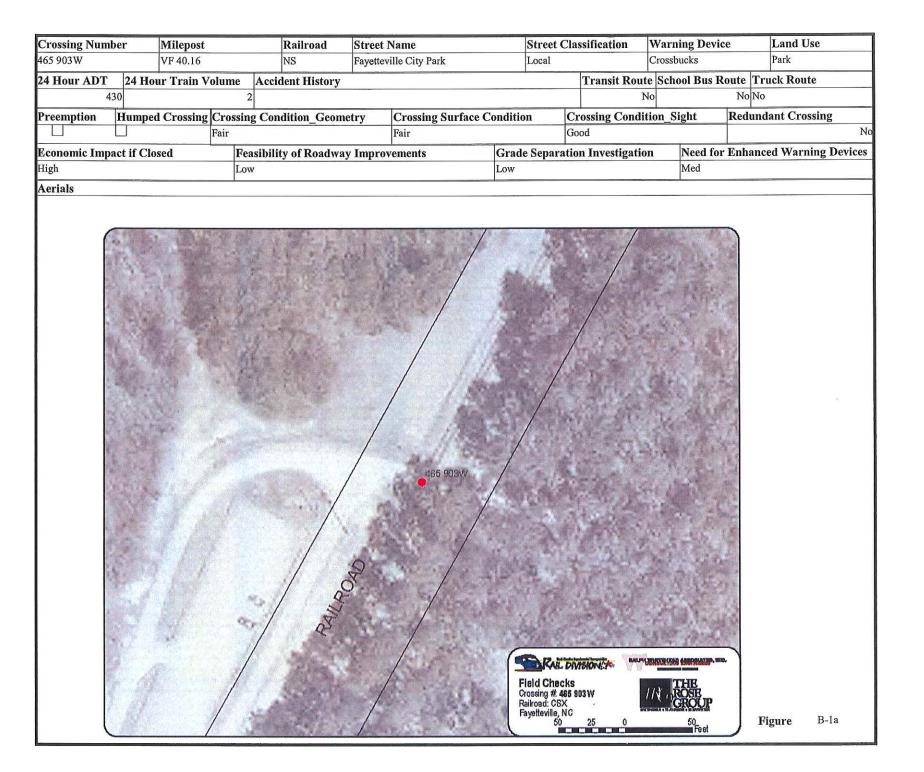
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26	629 907F	Cumberland Street	B-26a	B-26b	G-26
27	629 910N	Langdon Street	B-27a	B-27b	G-27
28	629 911V	Jasper Street	B-28a	B-28b	G-28
29	629 912C	McLamb Street	B-29a	B-29b	G-29
30	629 913J	US 401	B-30a	B-30b	G-30
31	629 914R	SR 1614 Shawmill Road	B-31a	B-31b	G-31
32	641 772E	SR 2299 Russell Street	B-32a	B-32b	G-32
33	641 773L	Maxwell	B-33a	B-33b	G-33
34	641 774T	Donaldson Street	B-34a	B-34b	G-34
35	641 775A	SR 2311 Gillespie Street	B-35a	B-35b	G-35
36	641 776G	Dick	B-36a	B-36b	G-36
37	641 778V	SR 2299 Cool Springs Road	B-37a	B-37b	G-37
38	641 780W	Alexander	B-38a	B-38b	G-38
39	641 781D	Kennedy	B-39a	B-39b	G-39
40	641 782K	SR 2299 Wilmington Street	B-40a	B-40b	G-40
41	641 783S	Burns	B-41a	B-41b	G-41
	641 785F	C	B-42a	B-42b	G-42
42	641 787U	SR 2299 East Russell Street	B-43a	B-43b	G-43
43		US 301 Eastern Boulevard	B-44a	B-44b	G-44
44	641 788B		B-45a	B-45b	G-45
45	641 789H	King	B-46a	B-46b	G-46
46	641 790C	Racepath		B-47b	G-47
47	641 791J	Broad Street	B-47a		
48	641 792R	SR 2200 Deep Creek Road	B-48a	B-48b	G-48
49	641 793X	NC 53/NC 210	B-49a	B-49b	G-49
50	641 794E	SR 1839 Plymouth Street	B-50a	B-50b	G-50
51	904 419J	Eastwood Avenue	B-51a	B-51b	G-51
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Crossing# 465 903W (Fayetteville City Park)



Looking East



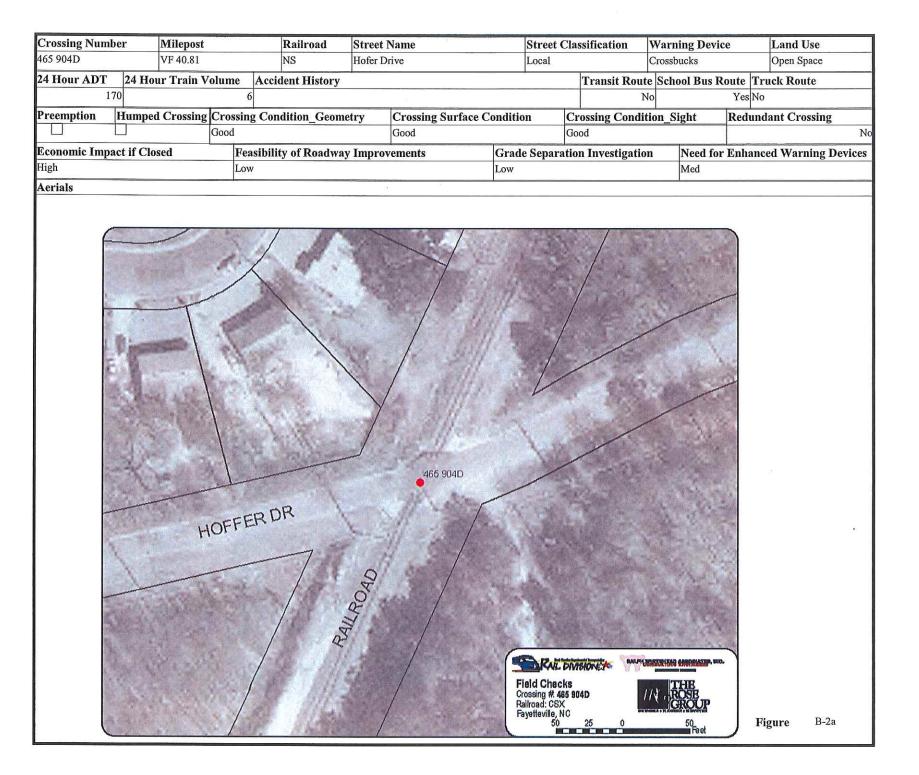
Looking North



Looking West



Looking South



Crossing# 465 904D (Hofer Drive)



Looking East



Looking West

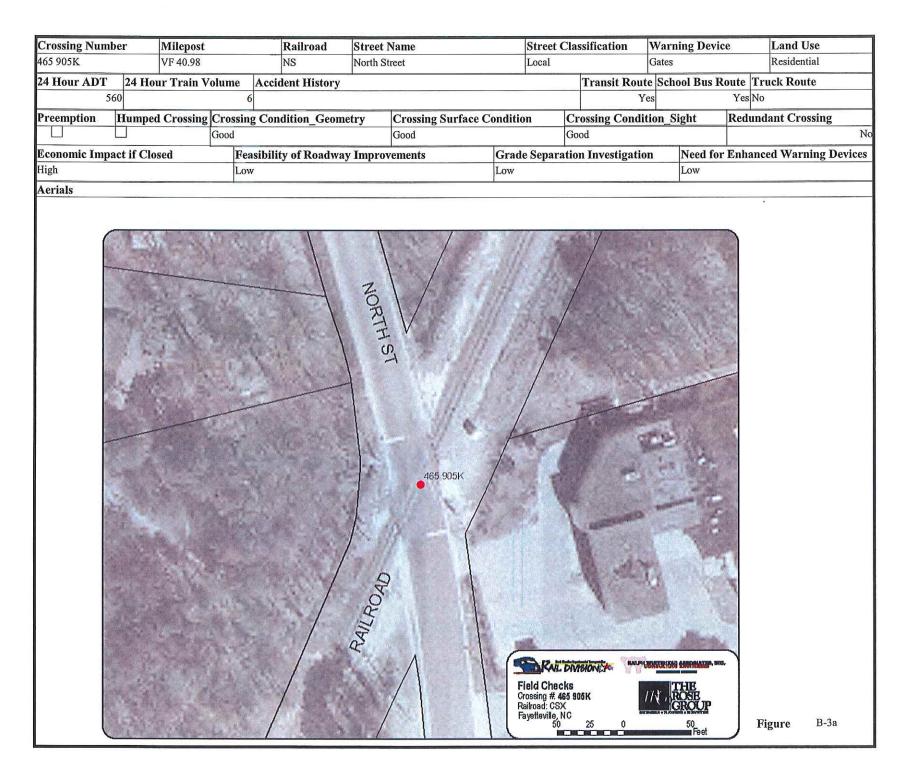


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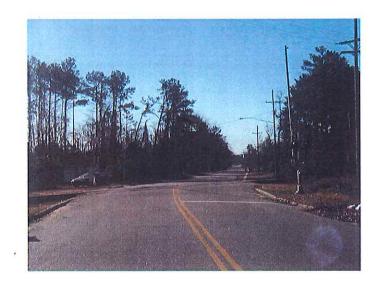


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Figure B-2b



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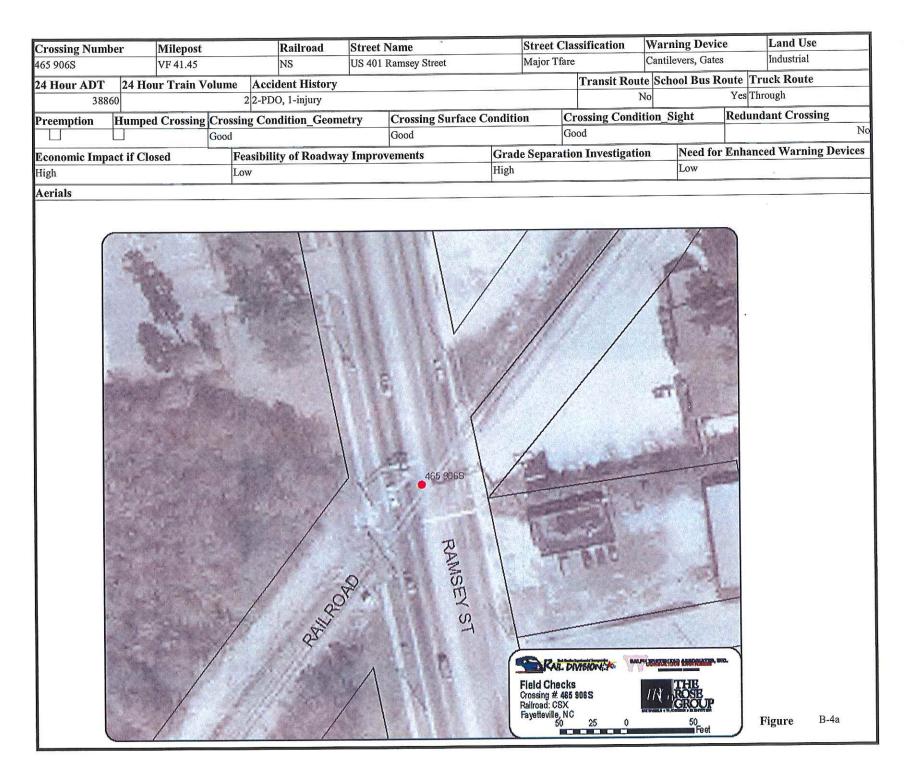
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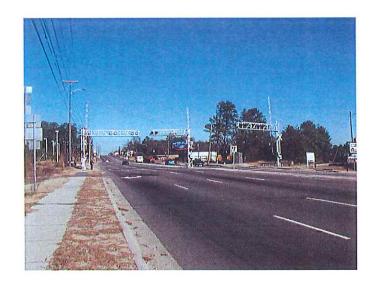
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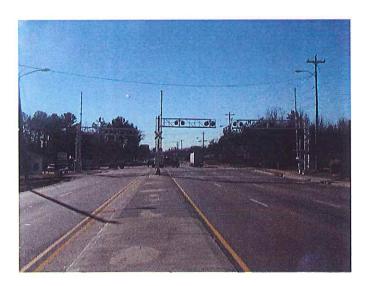
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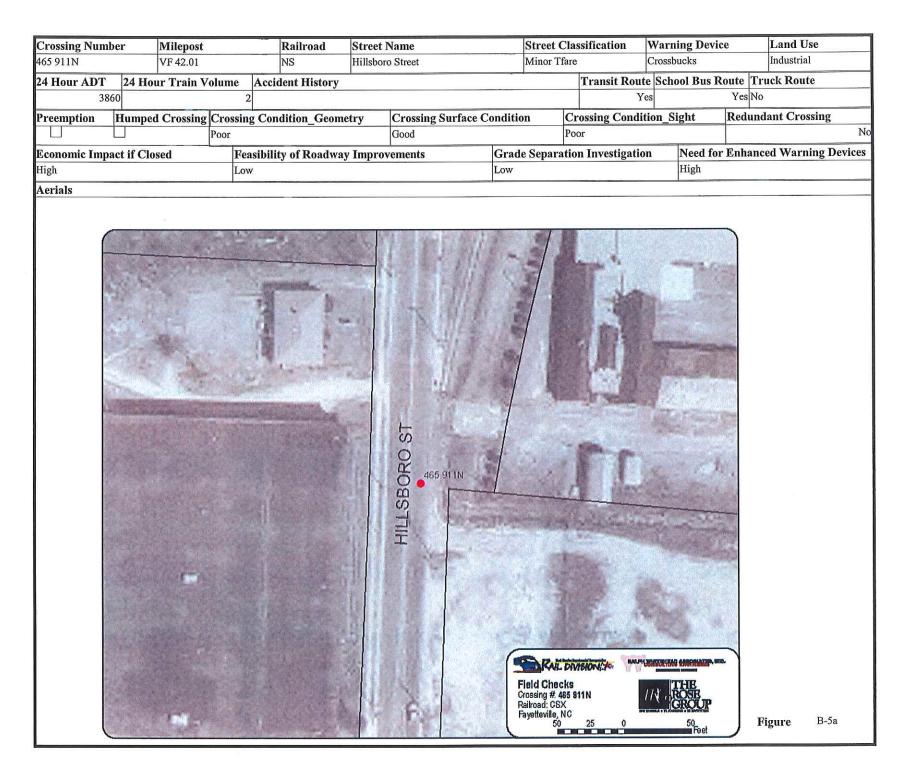
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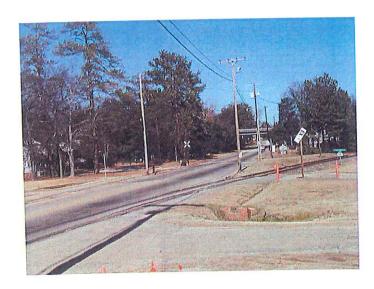
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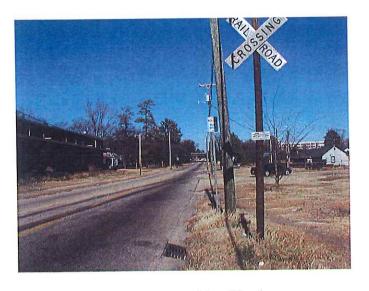
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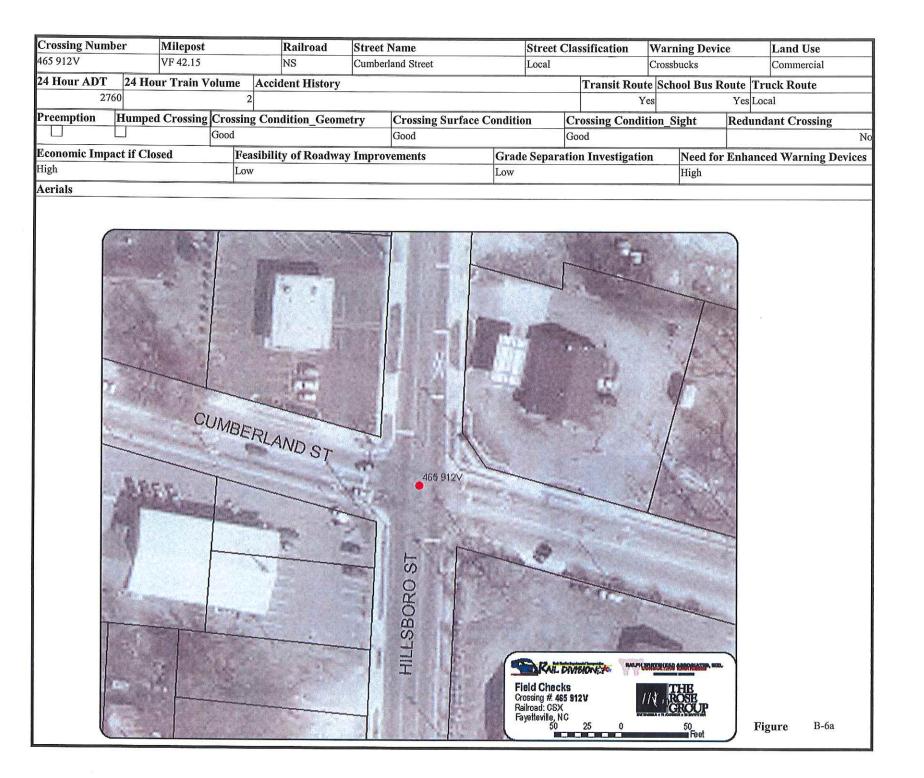
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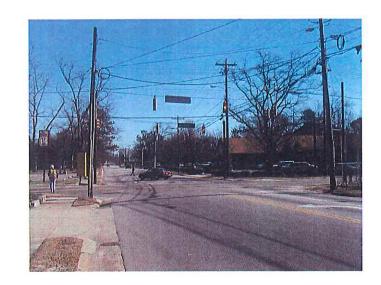
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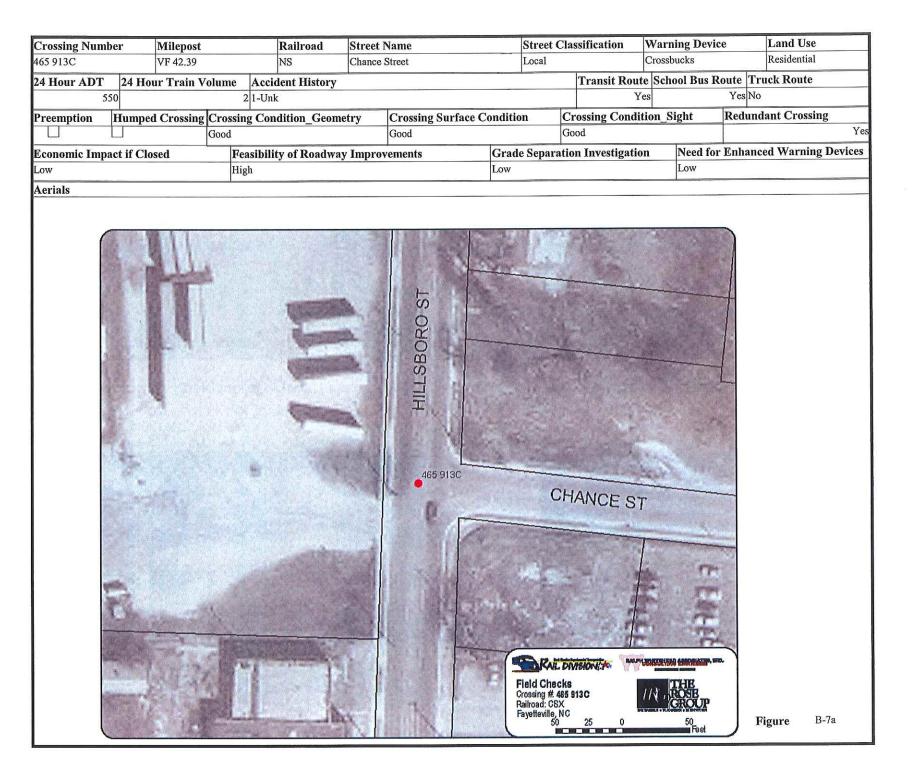
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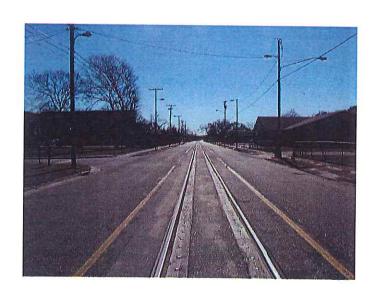
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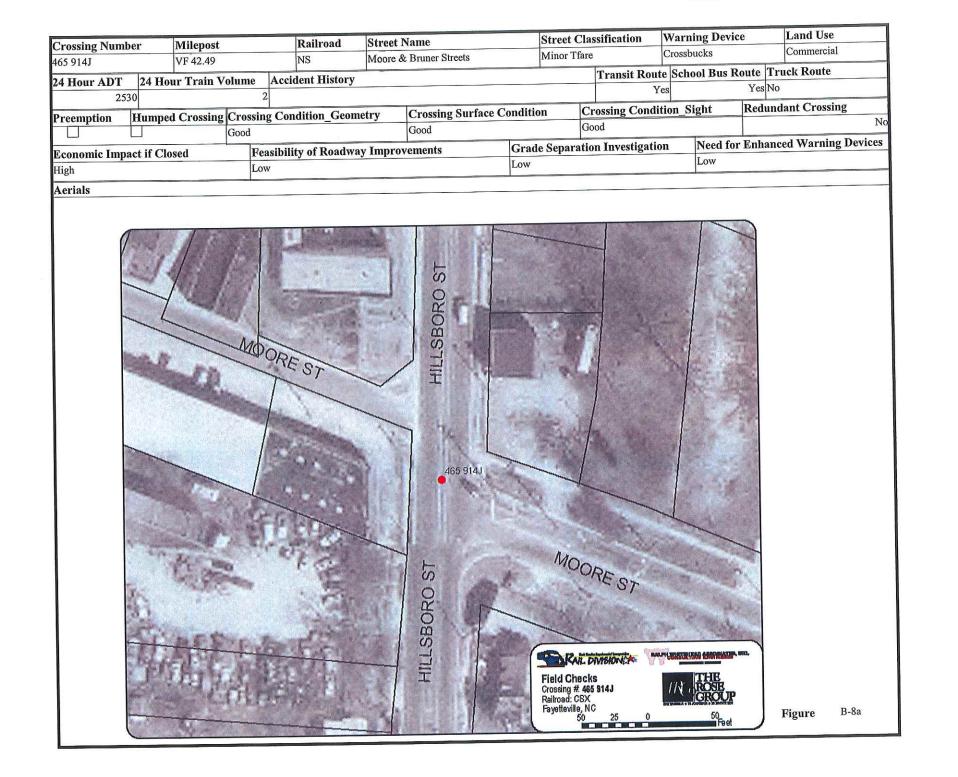
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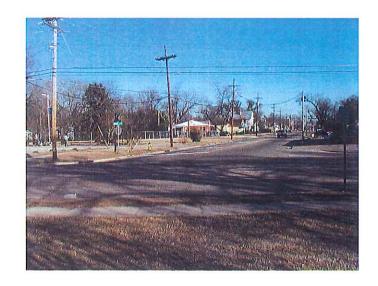
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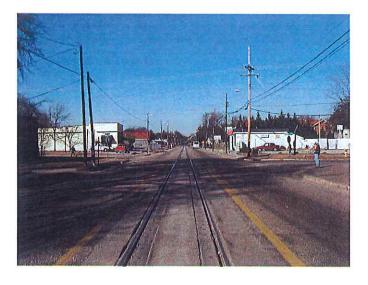
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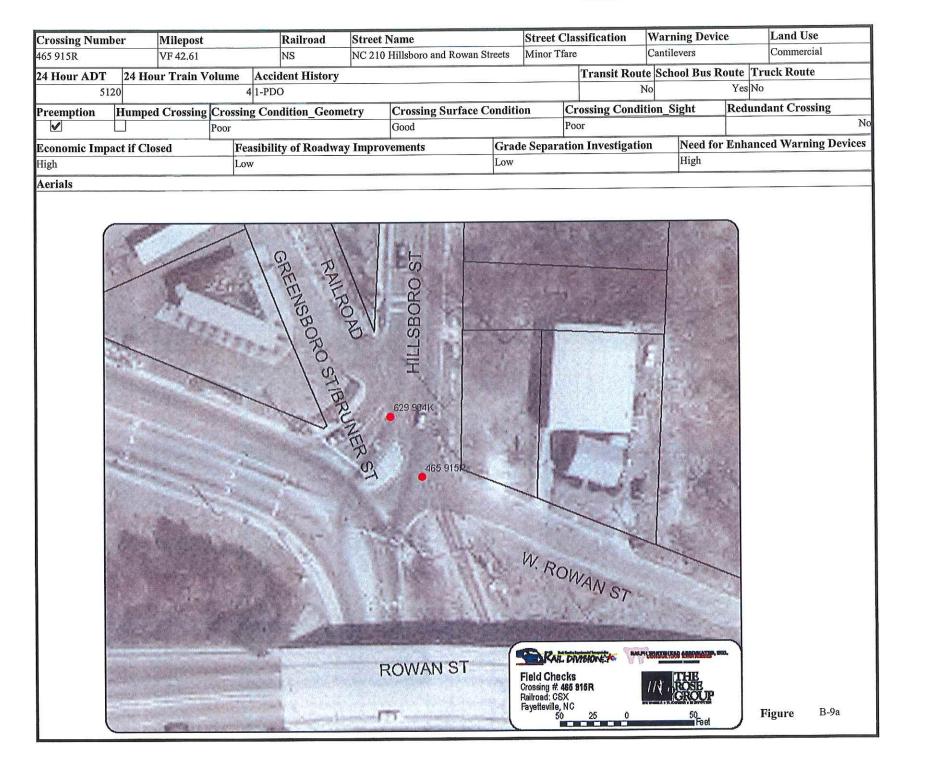


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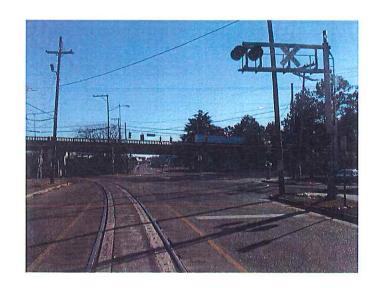


Looking South

Figure B-8b



Crossing# 465 915R (Hillsboro and Rowan Streets)



Looking South down Hillsboro Street



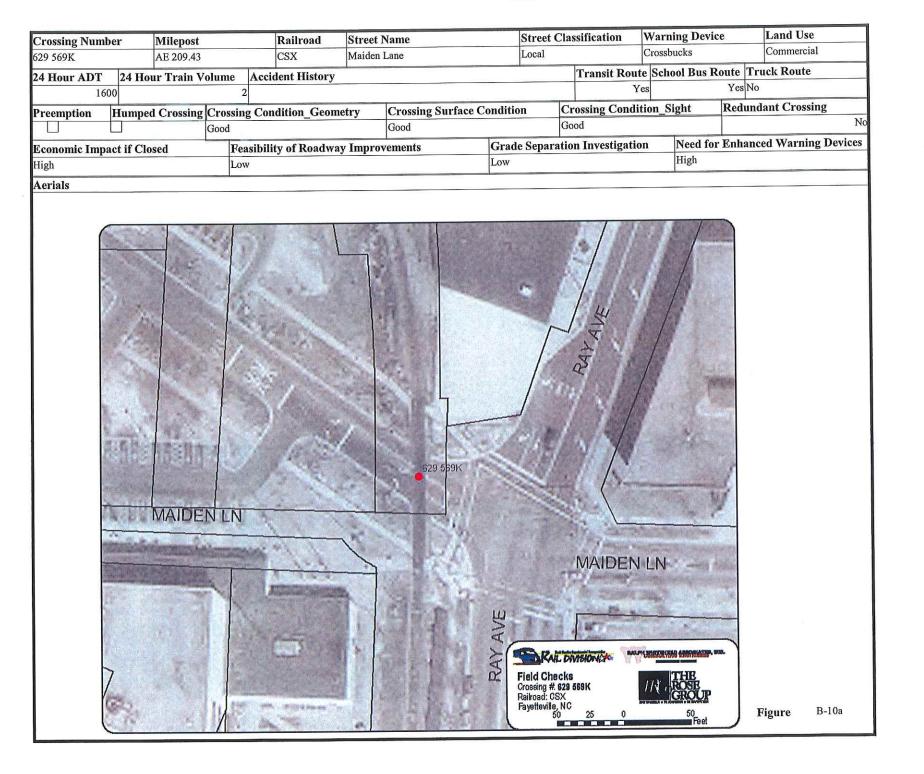
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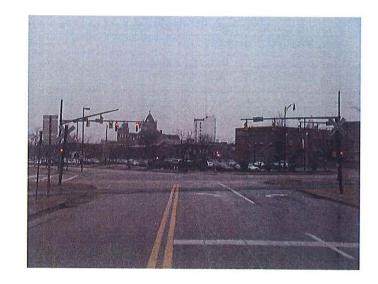
Looking East on Rowan Street



Looking West on Rowan Street



Crossing# 629 569K (Maiden Lane)



Looking East



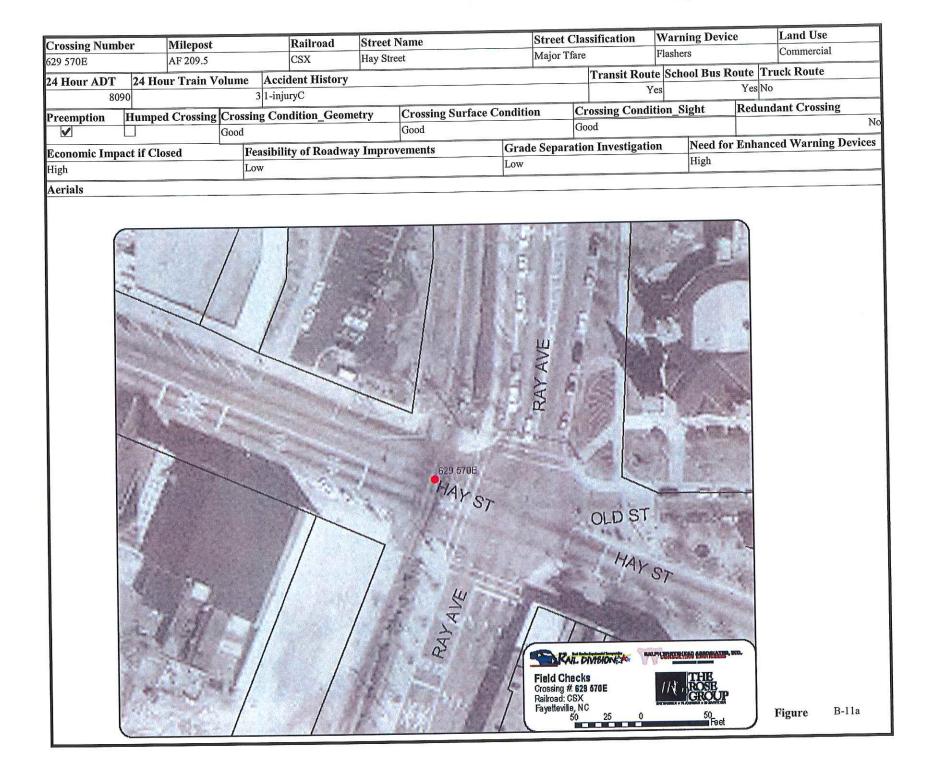
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Looking North



Looking South



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Looking East



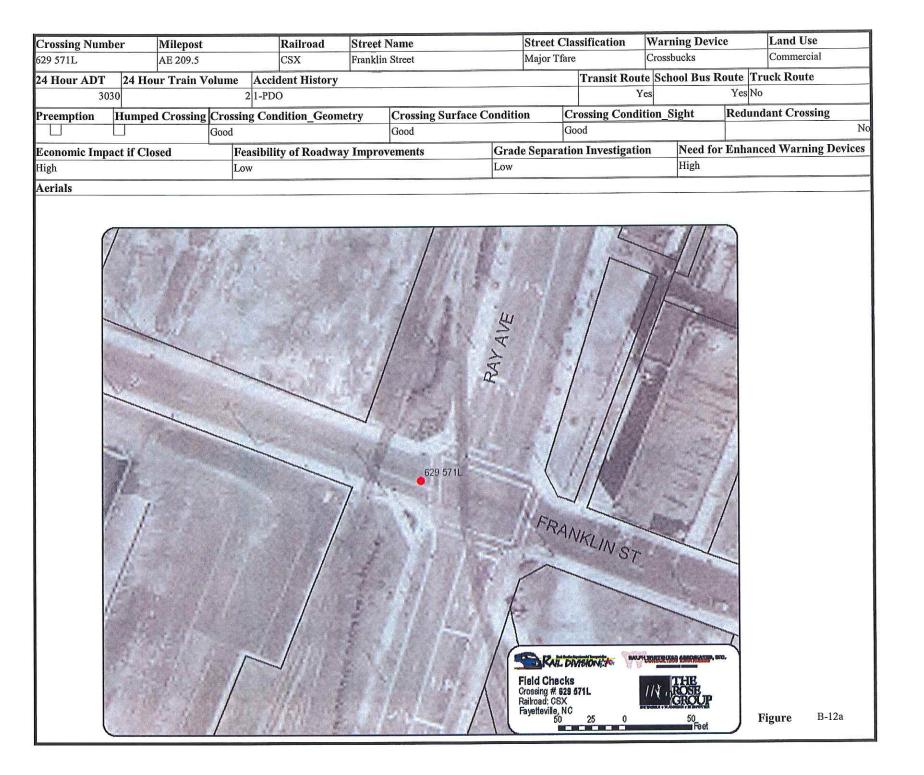
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Looking East



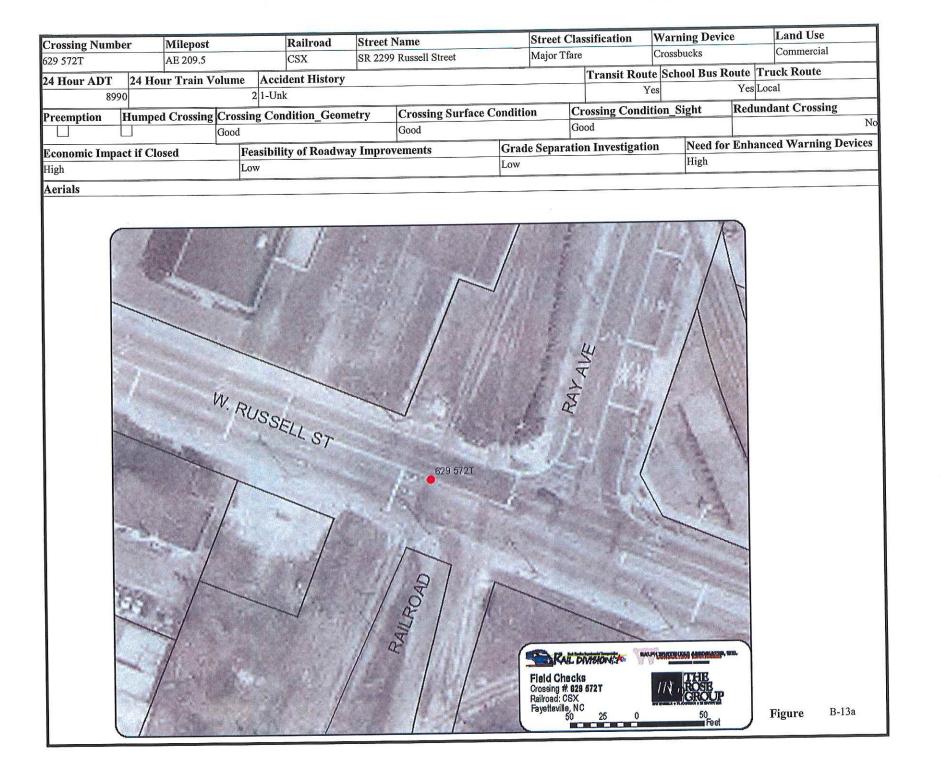
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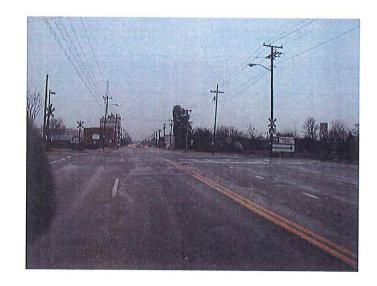
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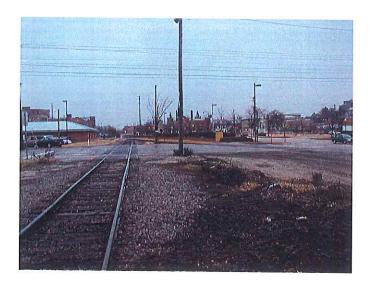
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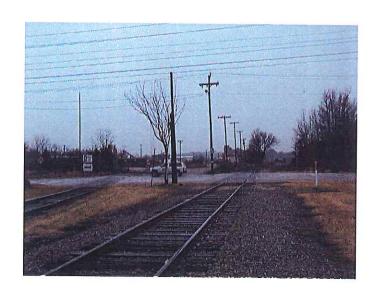
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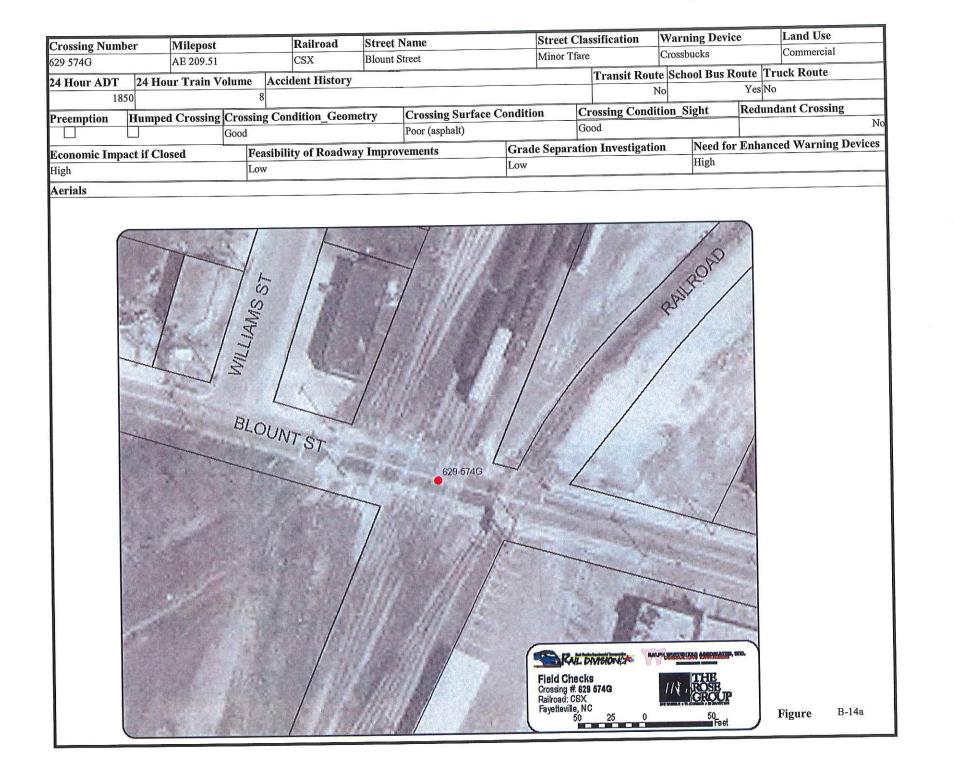
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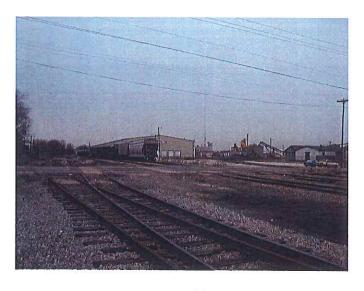
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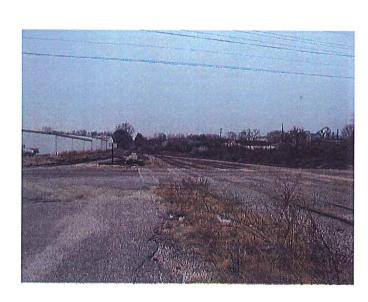
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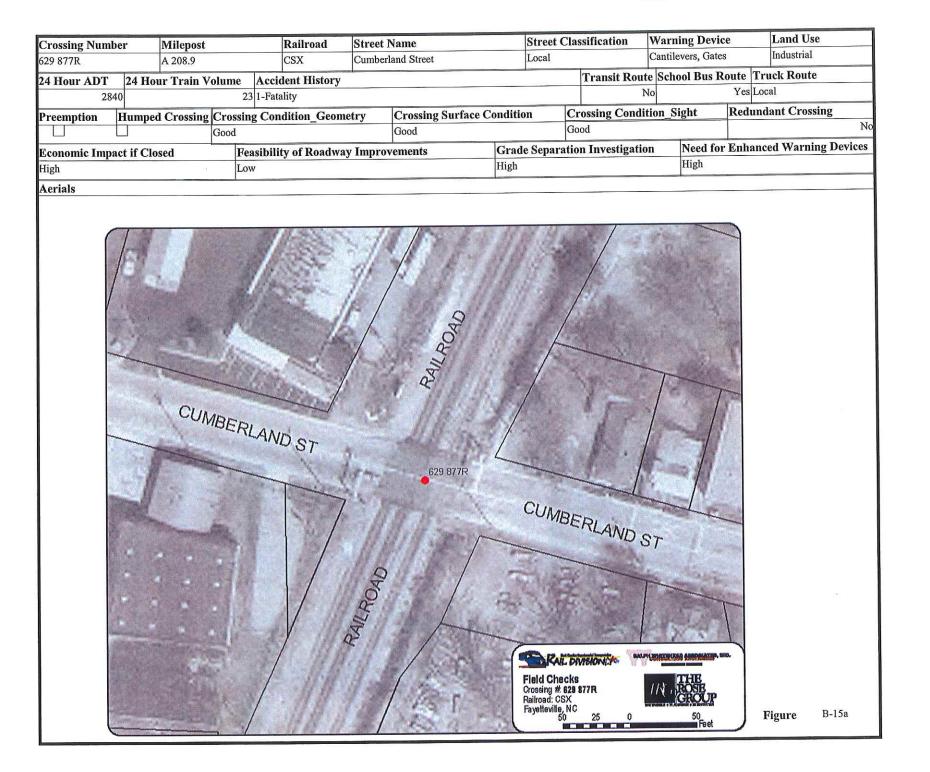


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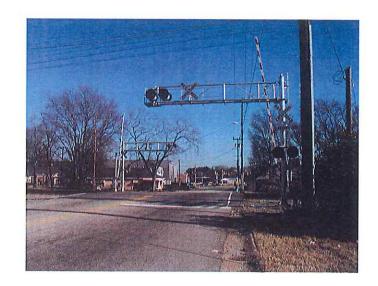


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Figure B-14b



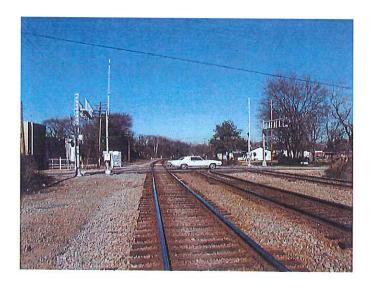
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Looking East



Looking West

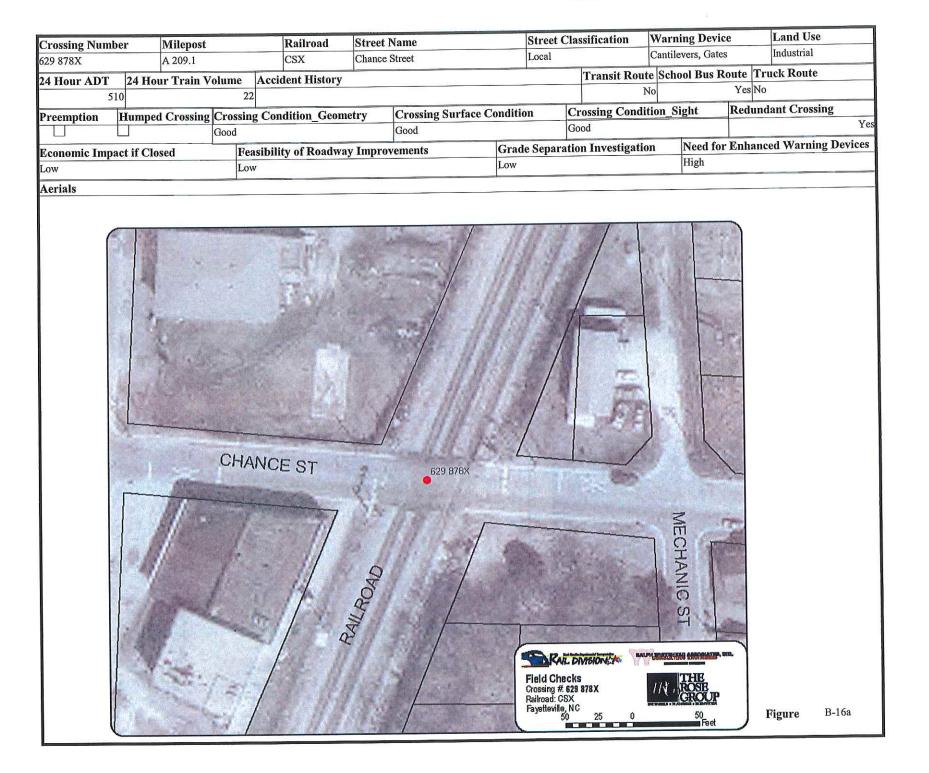


Looking North



Looking South

Figure B-15b



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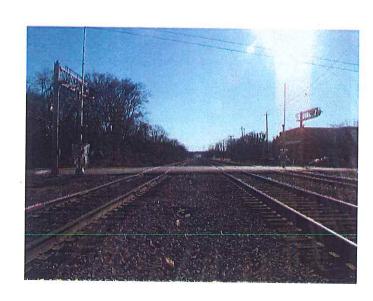
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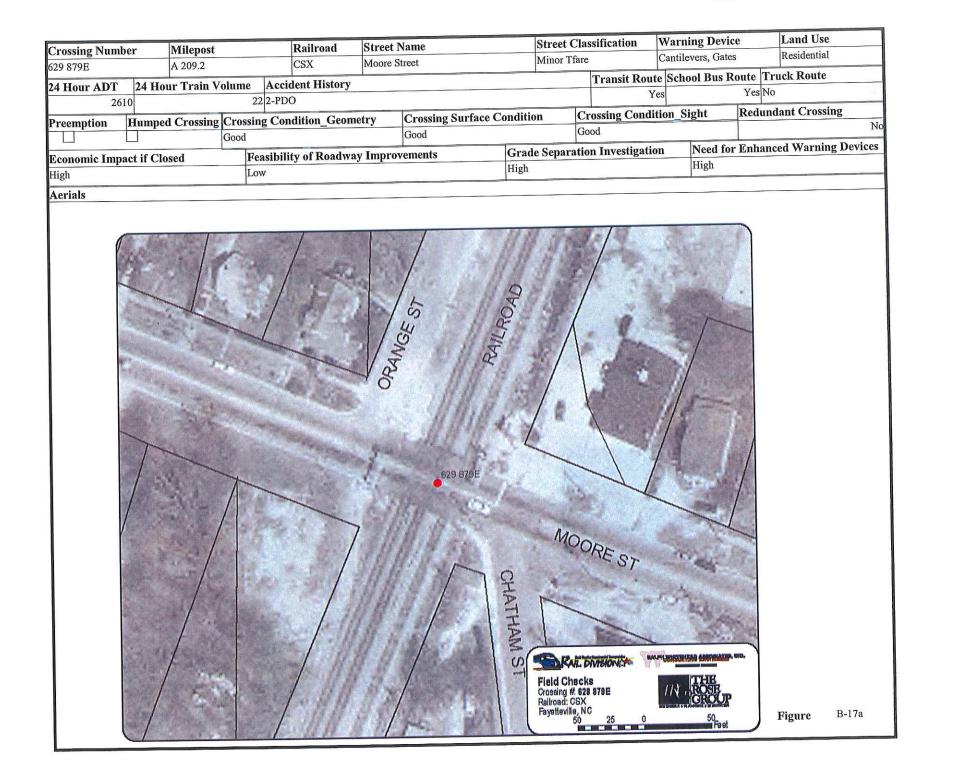
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Looking North



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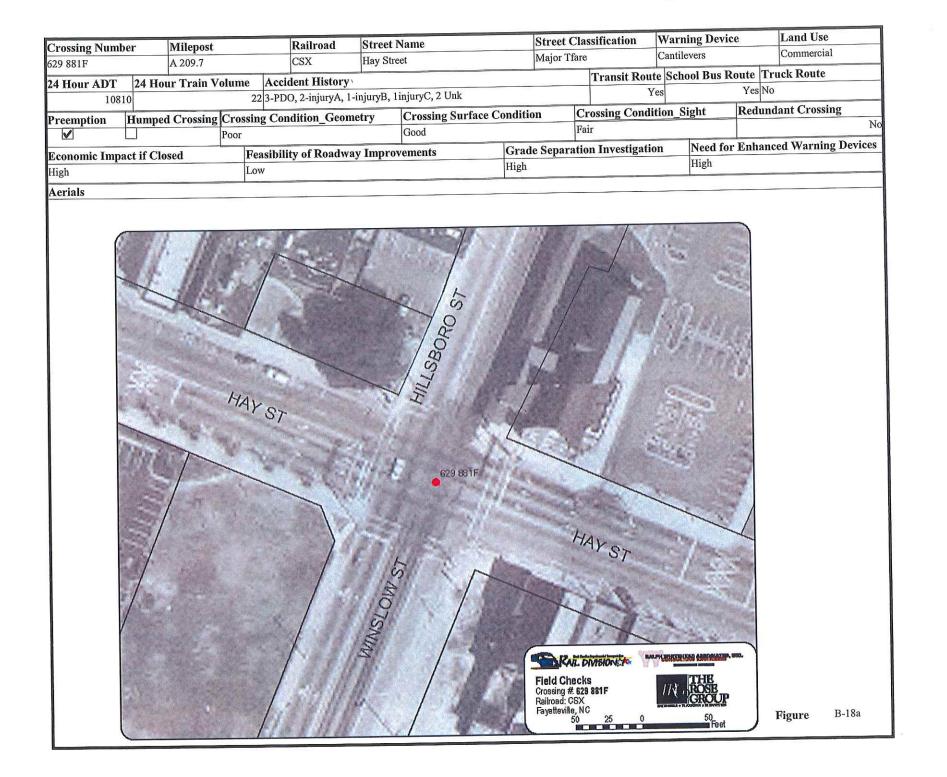
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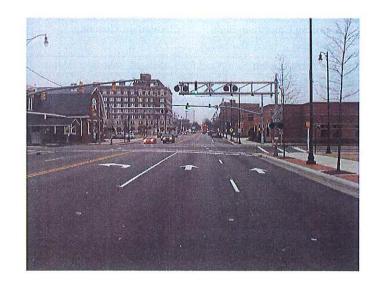
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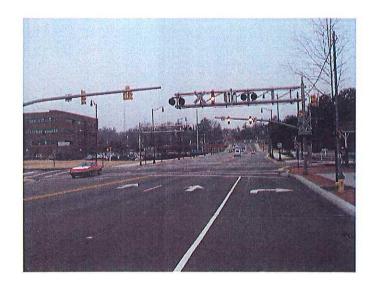
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Looking East



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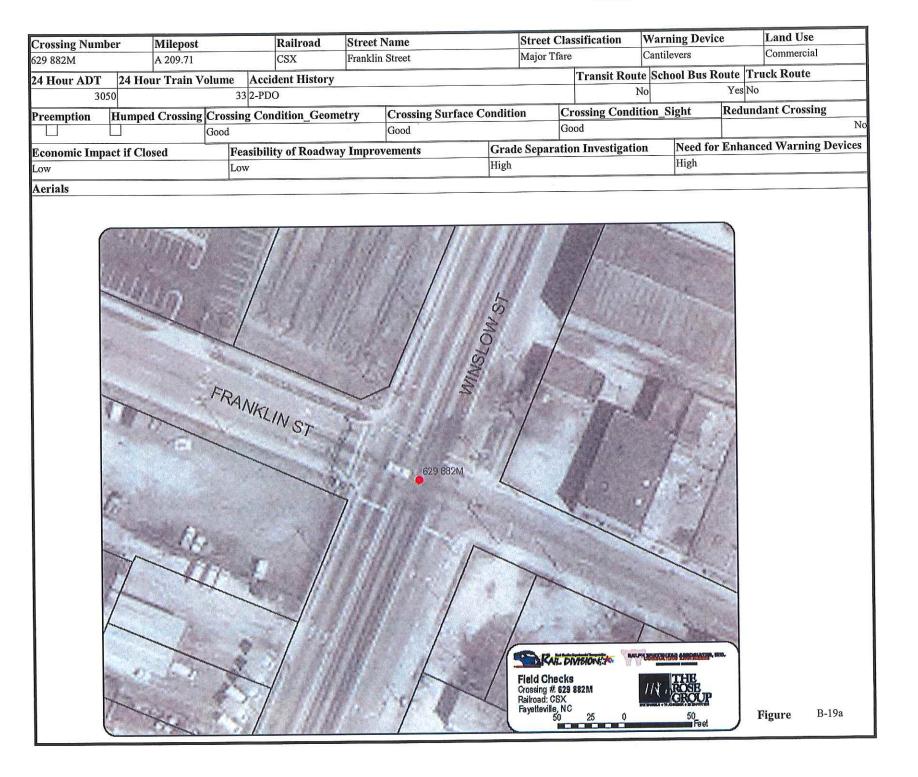


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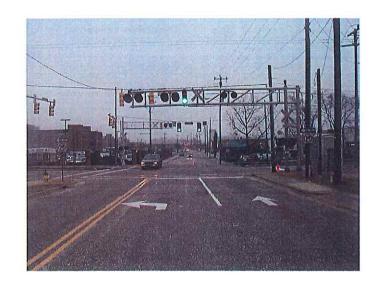


Looking South

Figure B-18b



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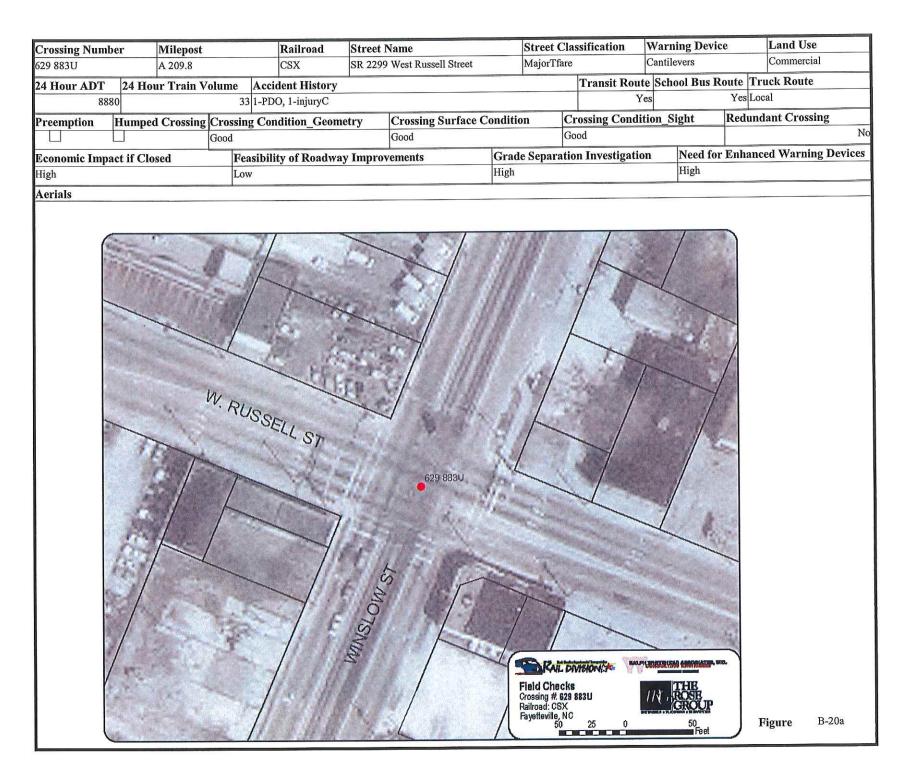
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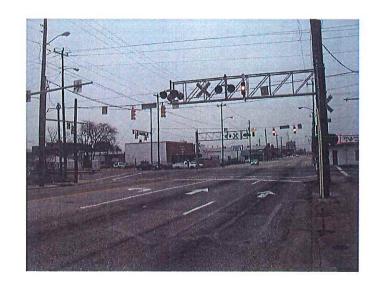
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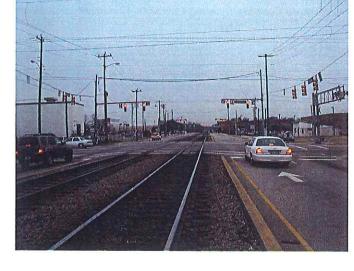
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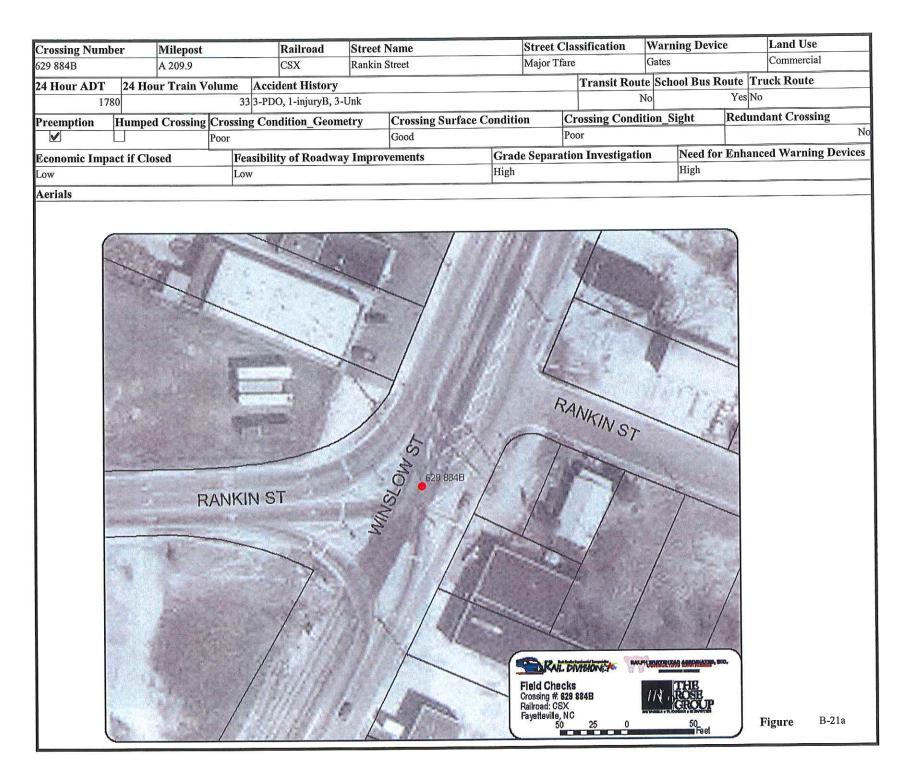
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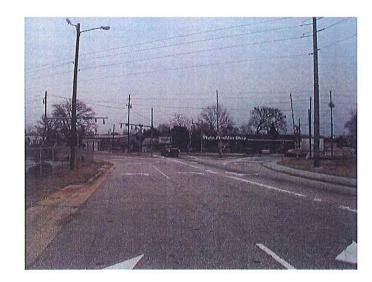
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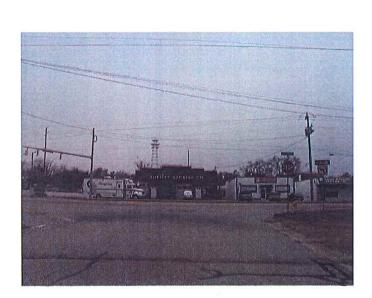
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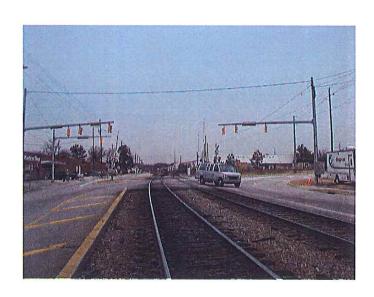
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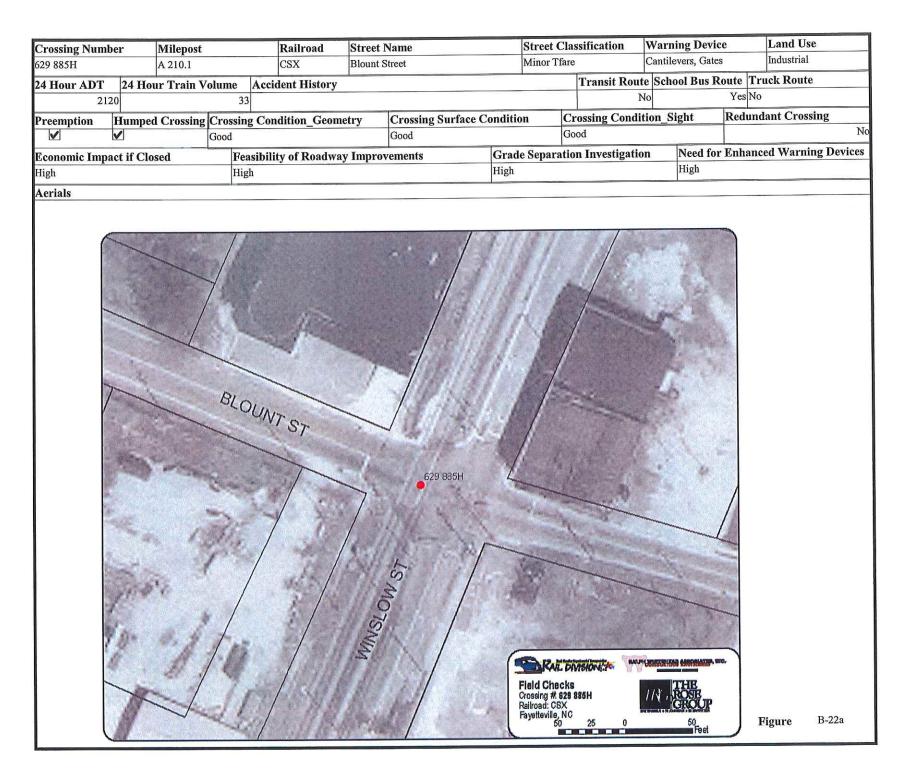
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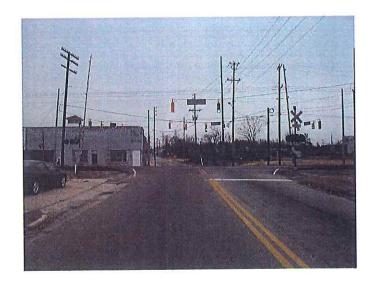
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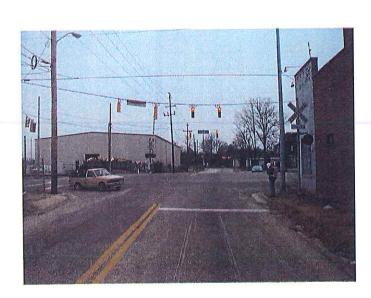
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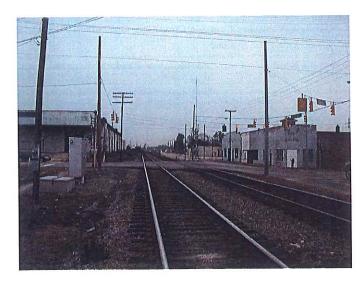
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Looking East



Looking West

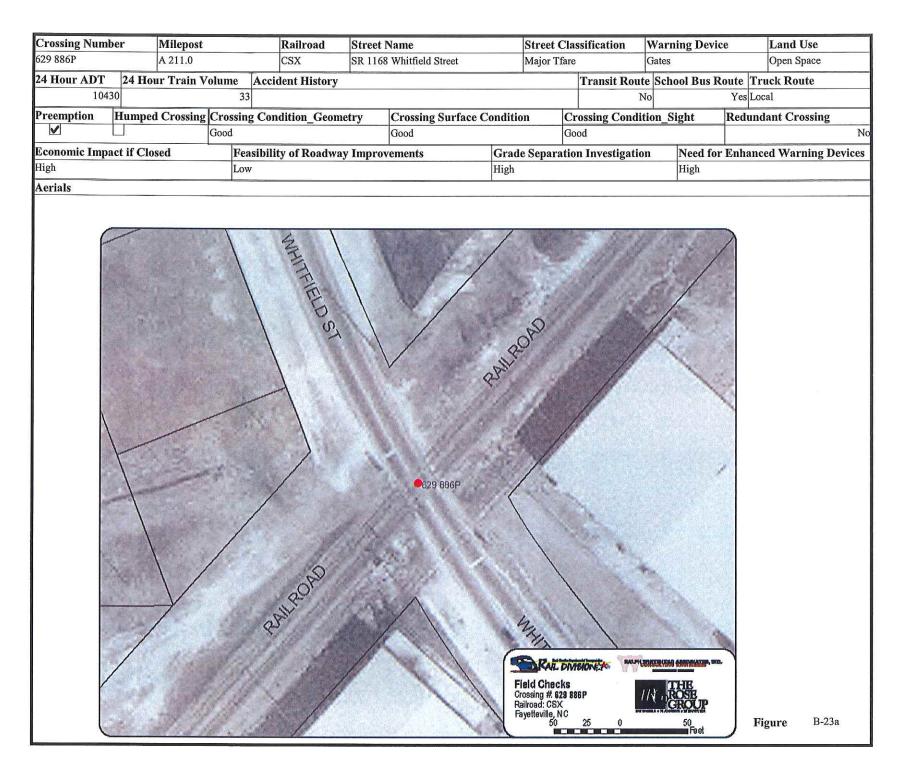


Looking North



Looking South

Figure B-22b



Crossing# 629 886P (Whitfield Street)



Looking East



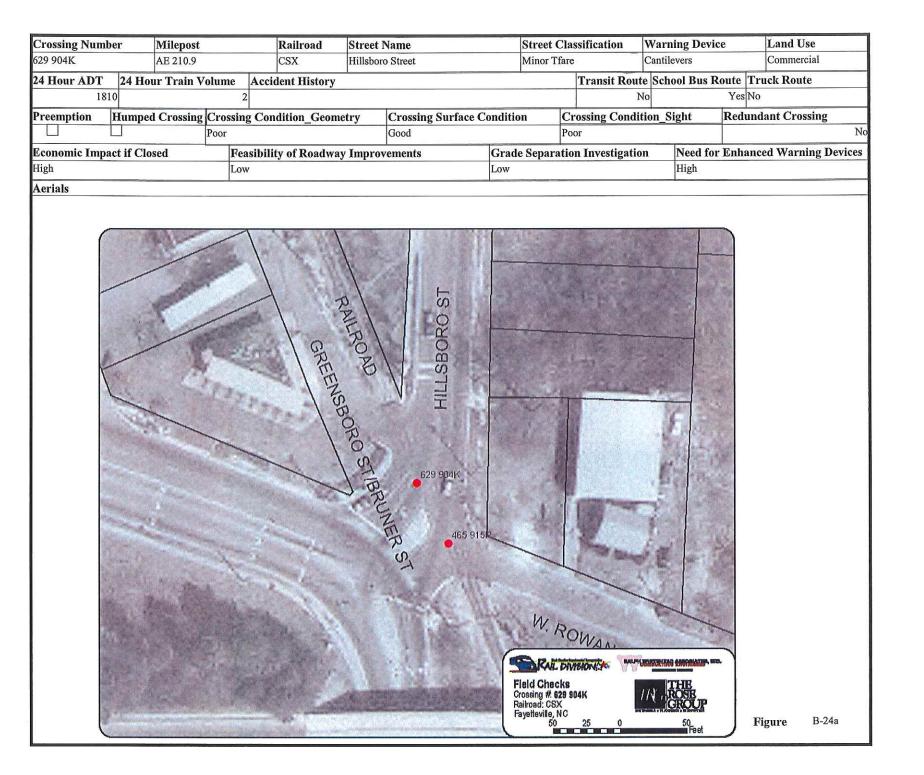
Looking North



Looking West



Looking South



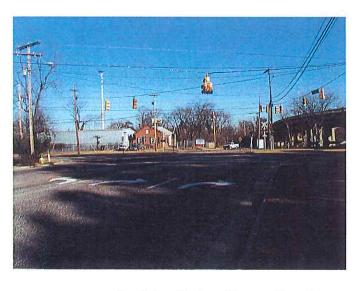
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Looking Southeast



Looking North

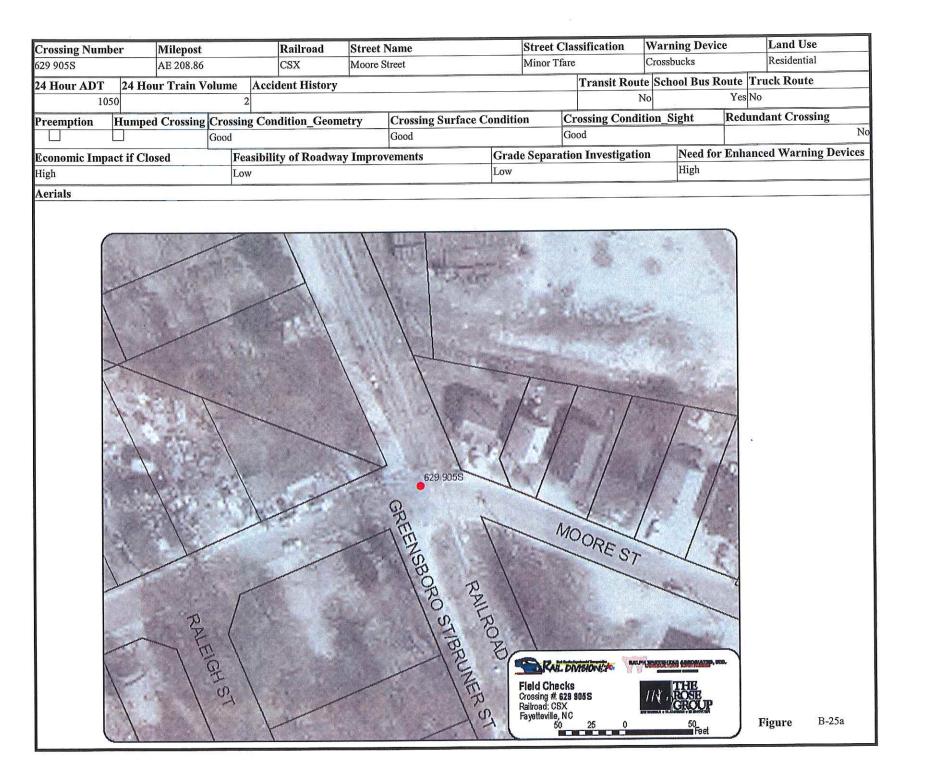


Looking East on Rowan Street

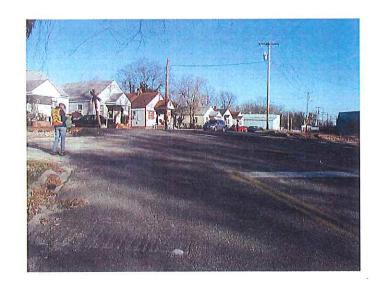


Looking West

Figure B-24b



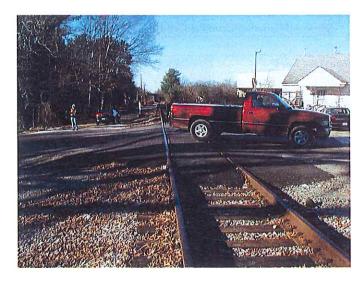
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Looking East



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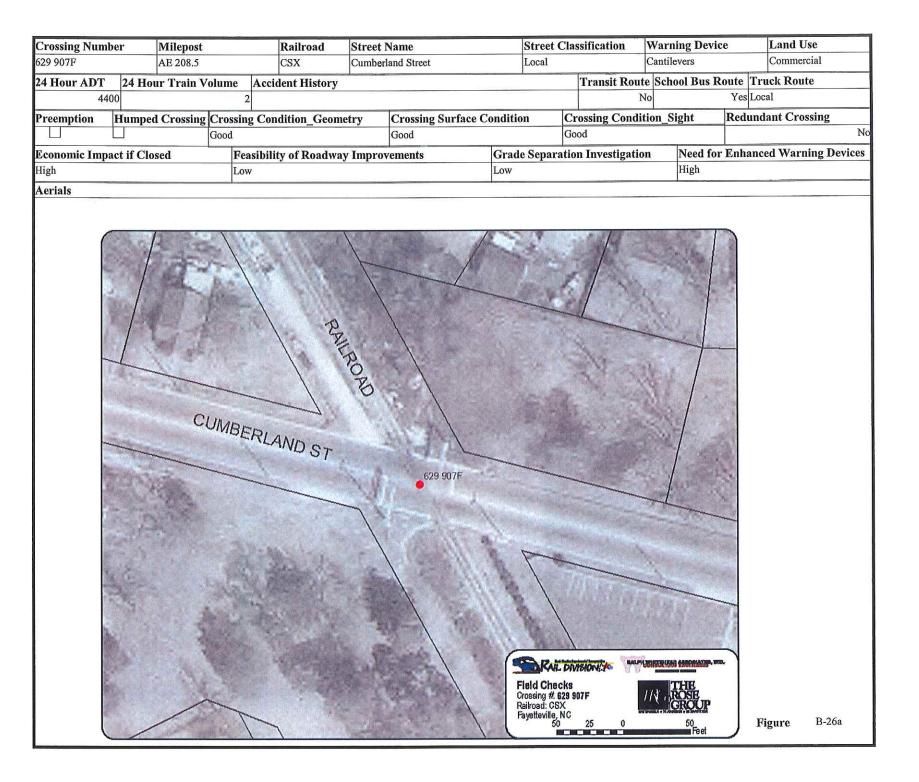


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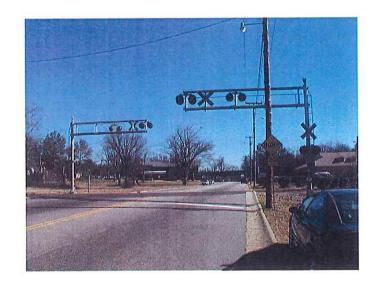


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Figure B-25b



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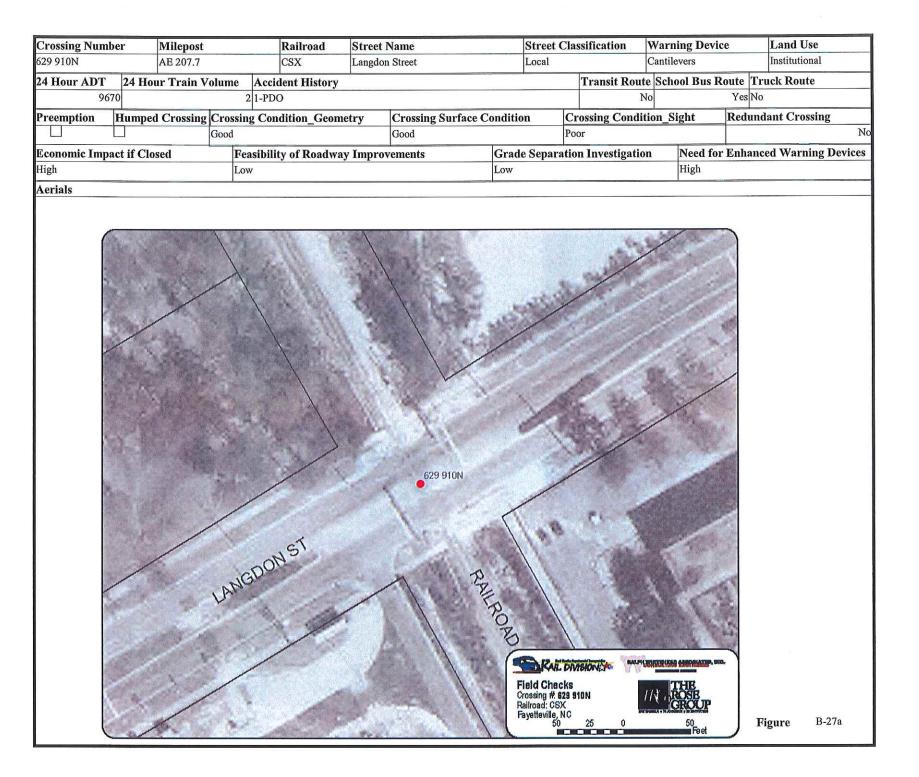
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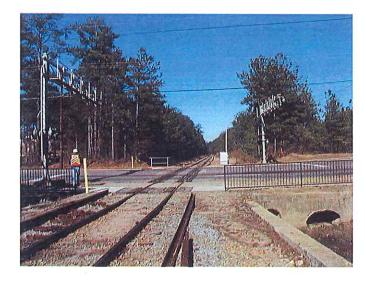
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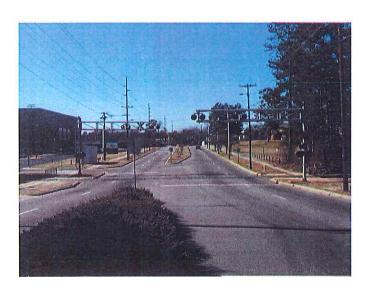
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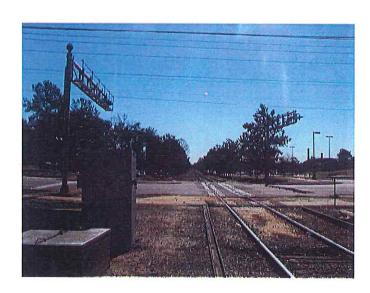
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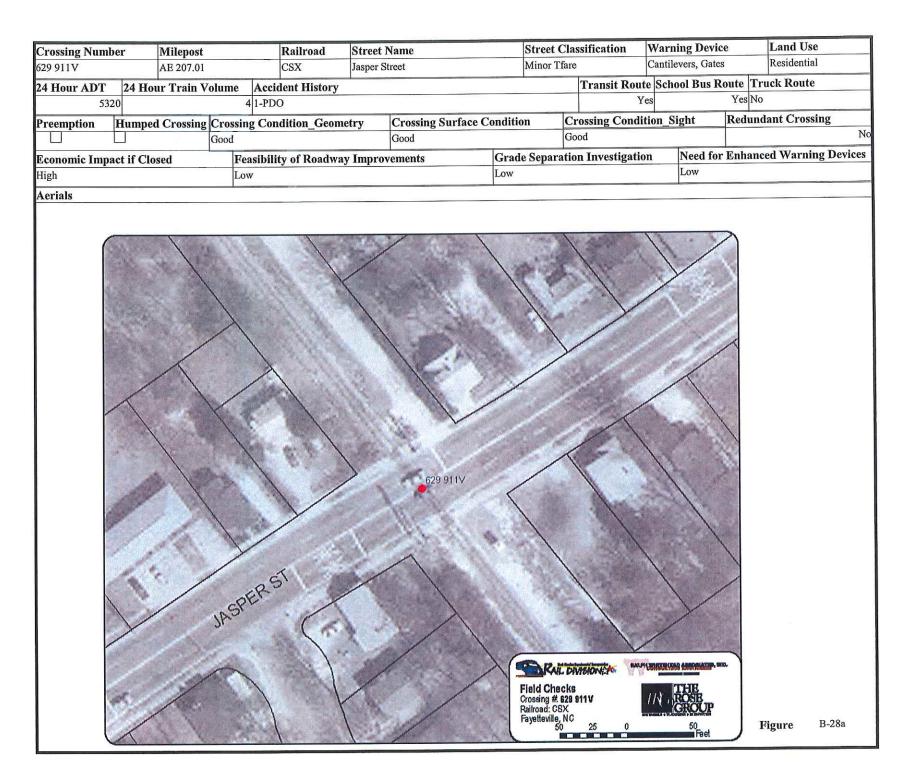
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Looking South



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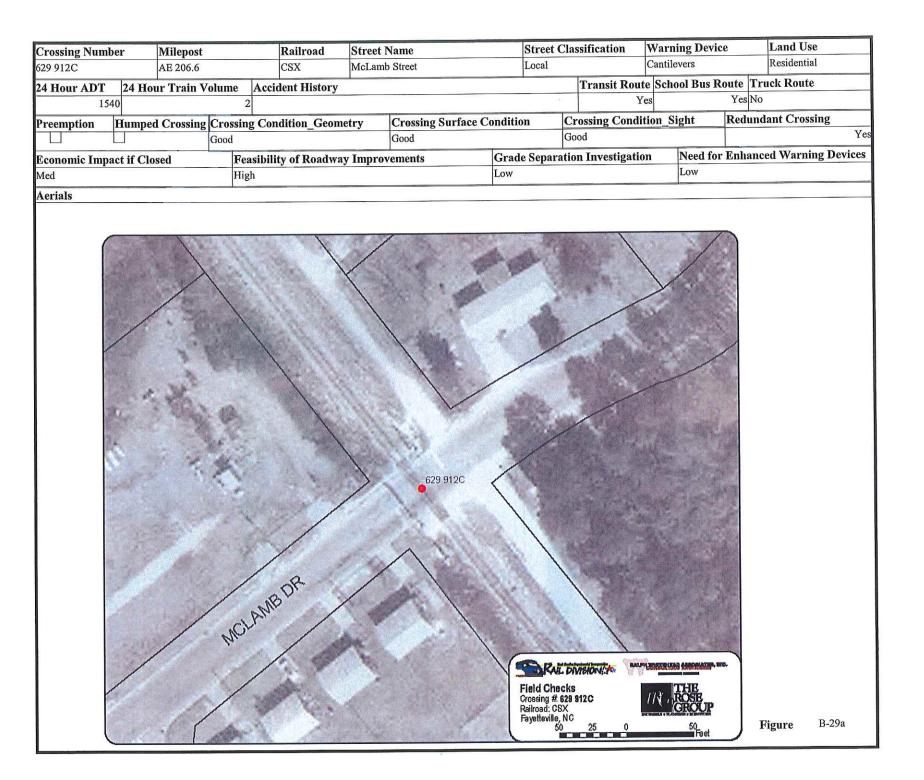
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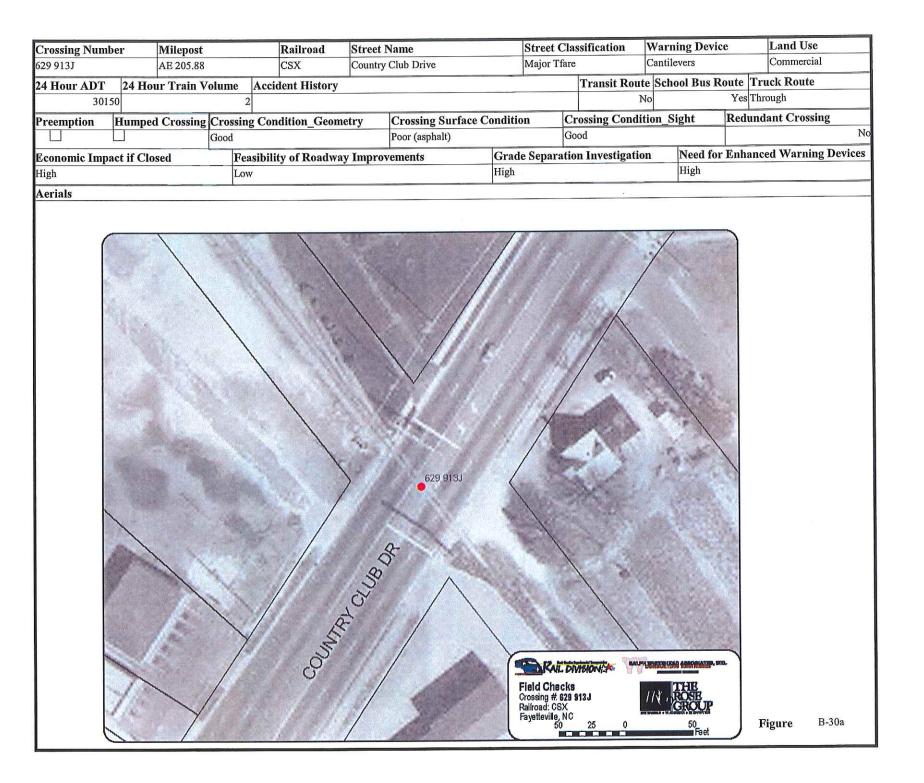
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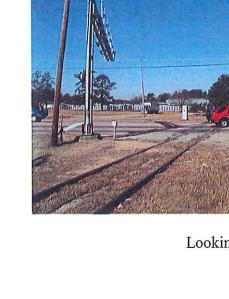
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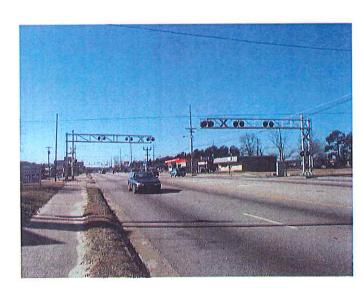
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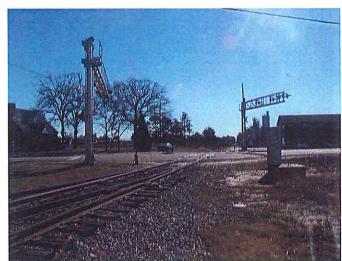
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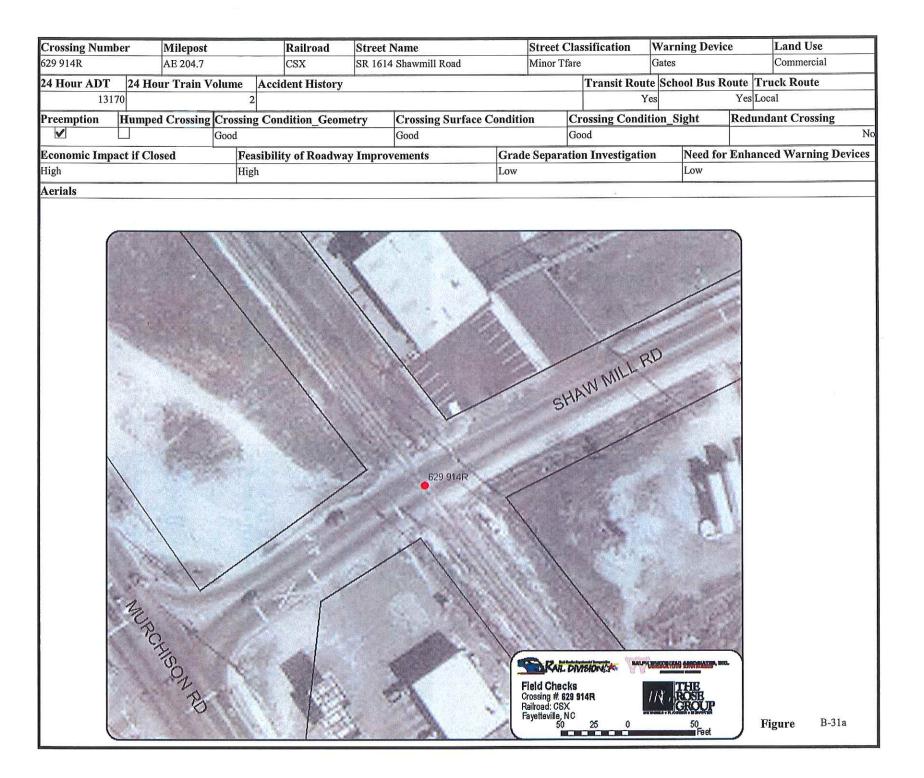
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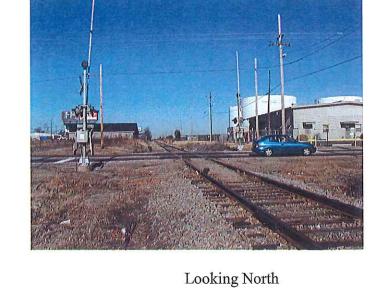
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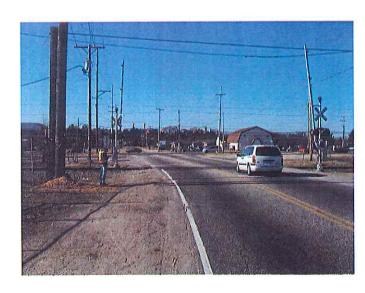


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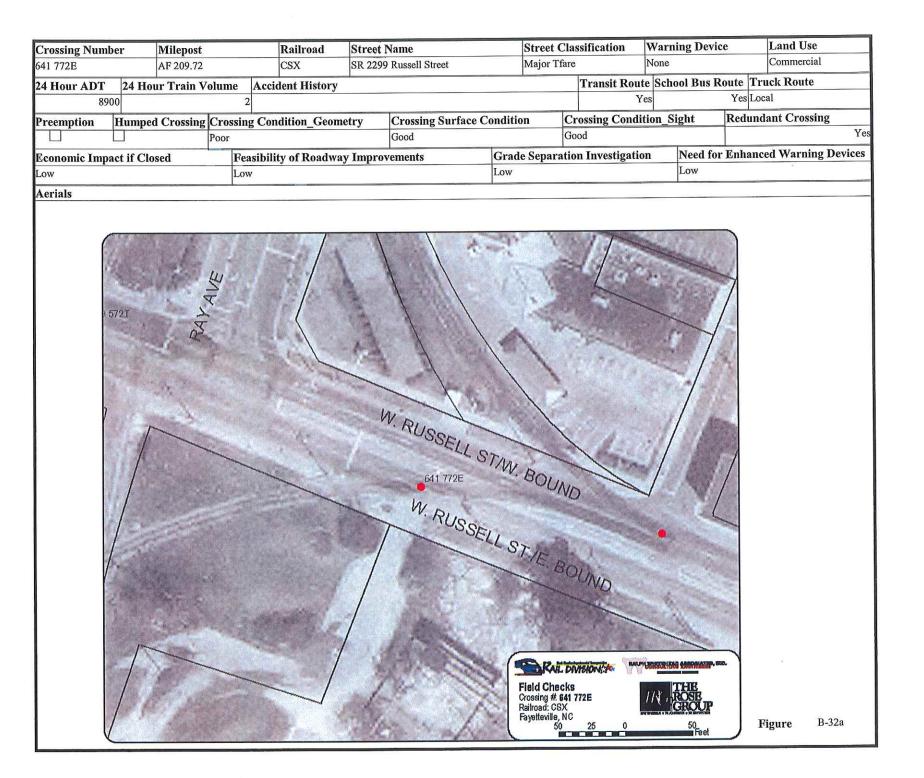




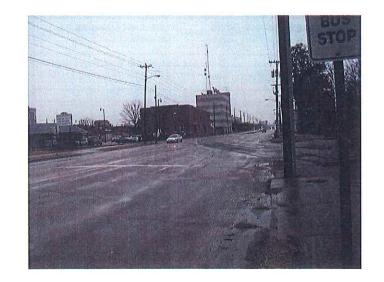
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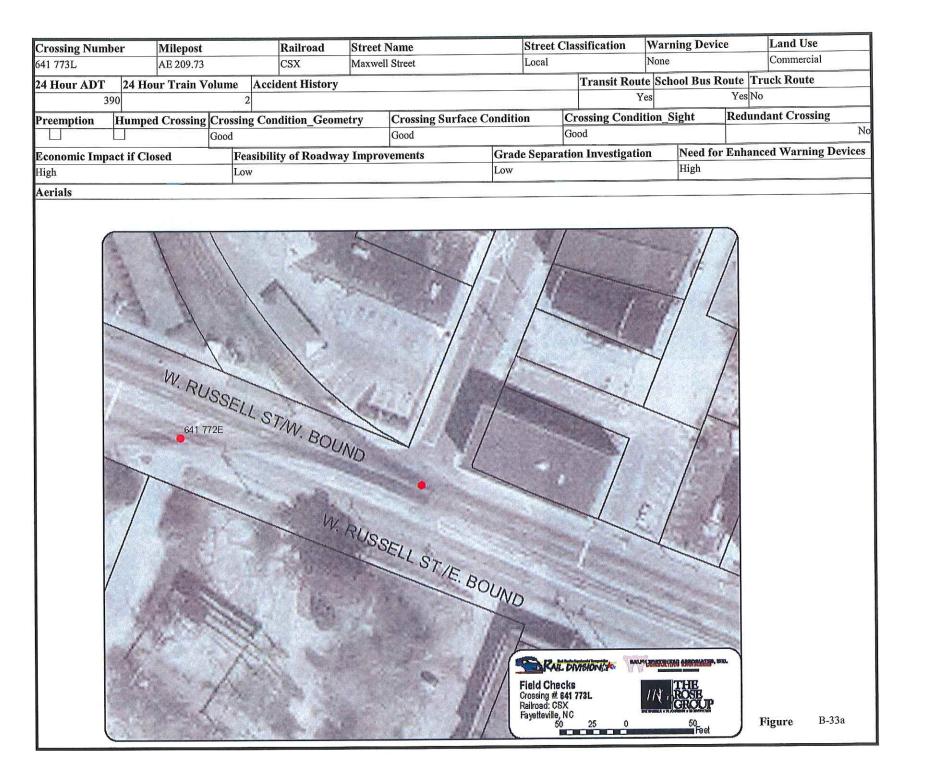
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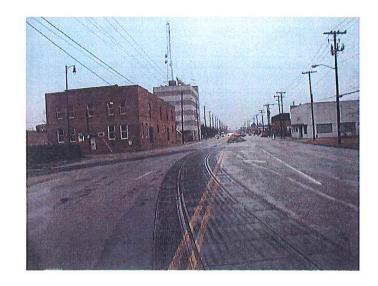
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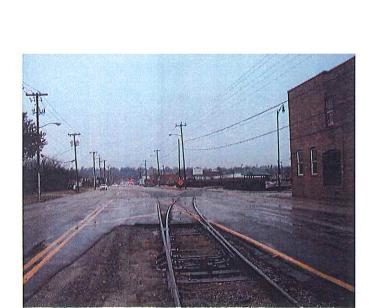
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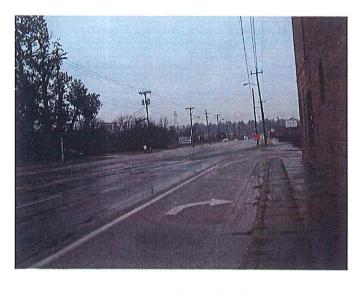
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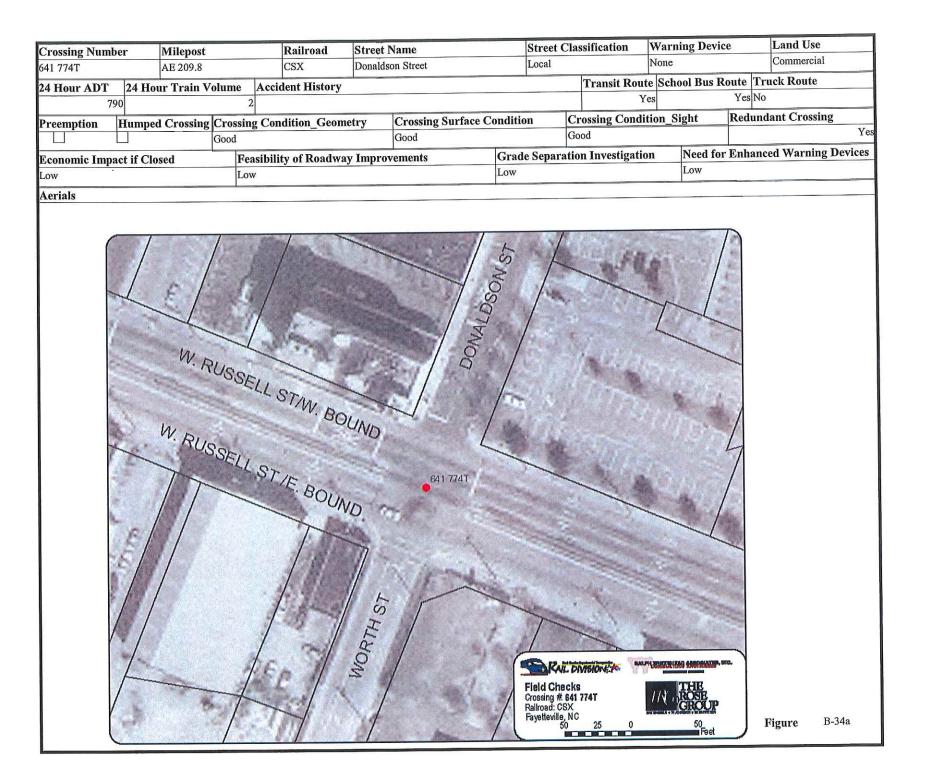
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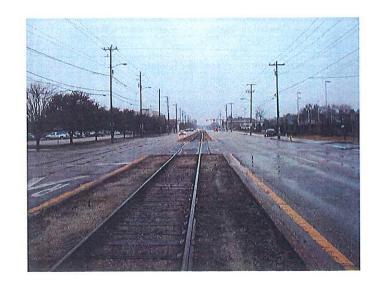
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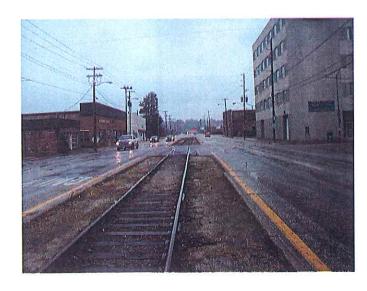
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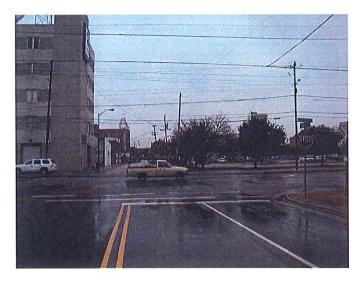
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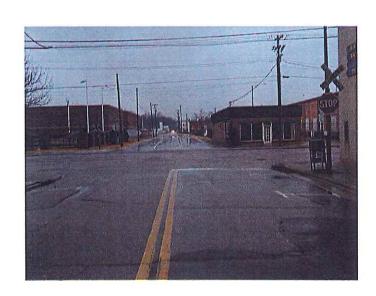
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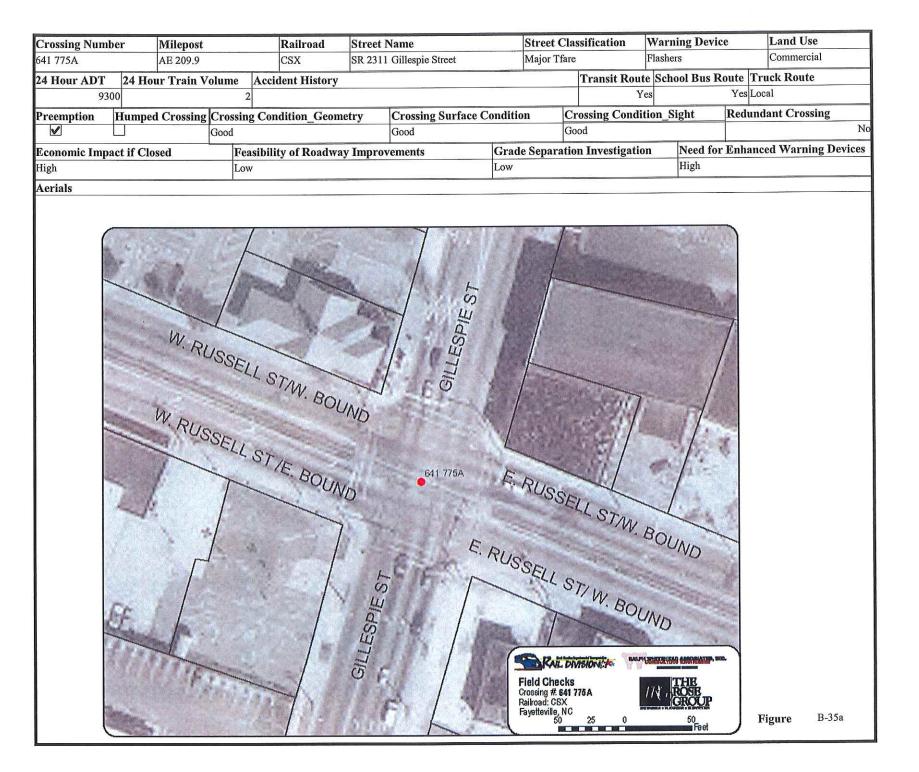
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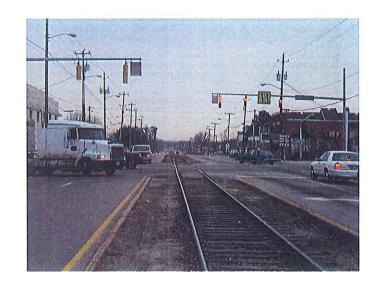
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Looking South



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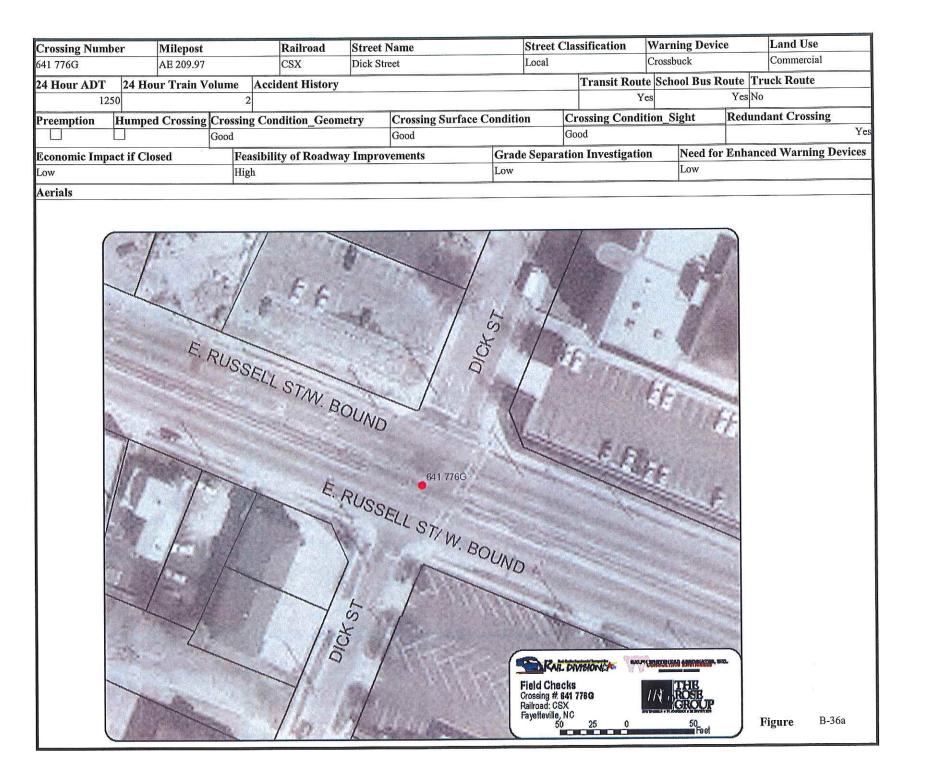
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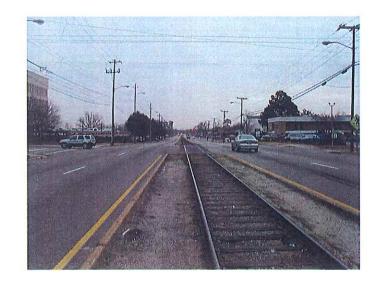
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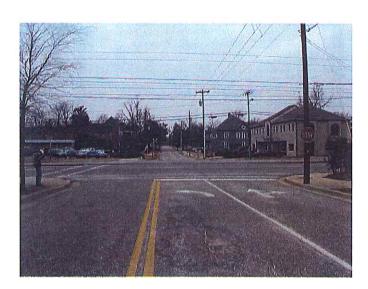
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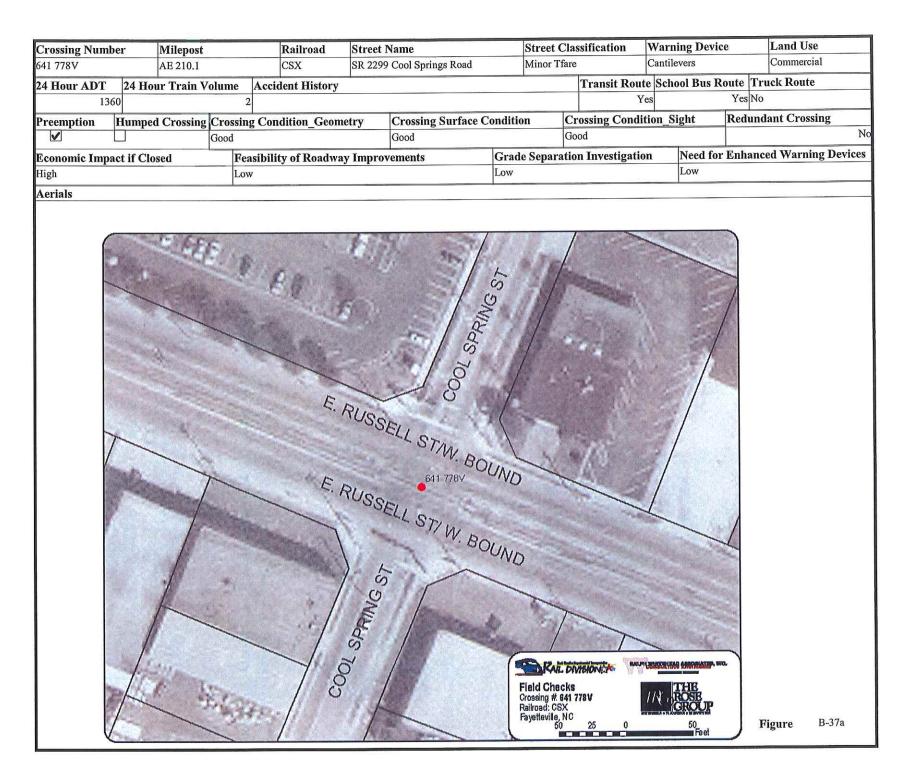


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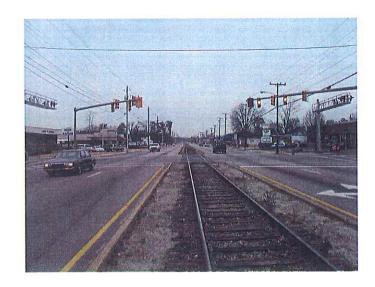


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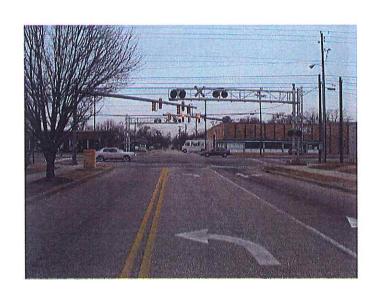
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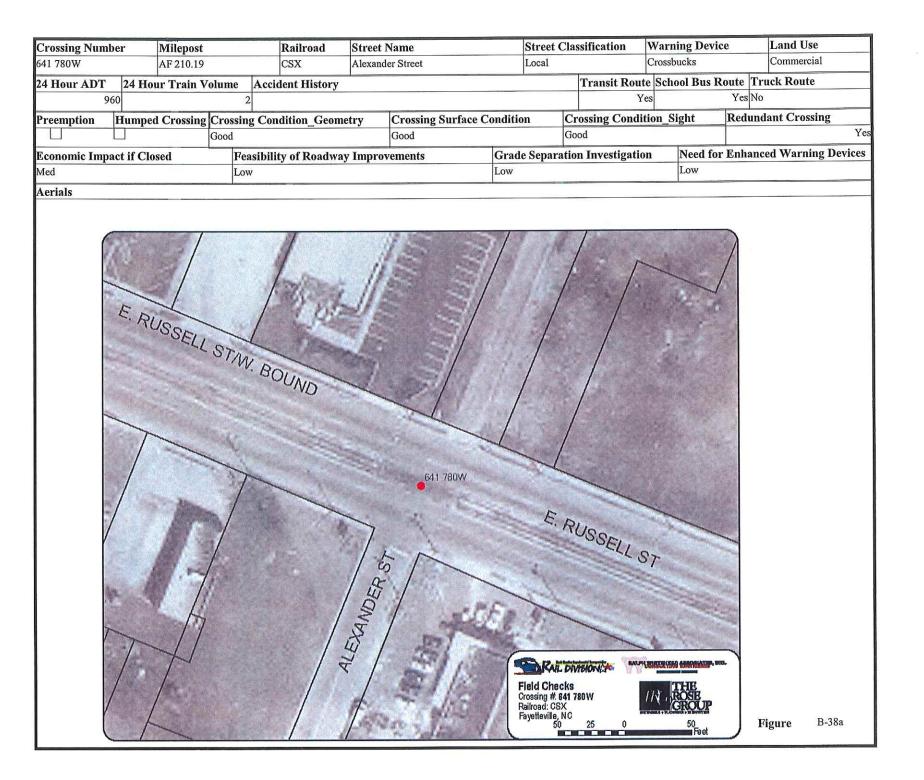
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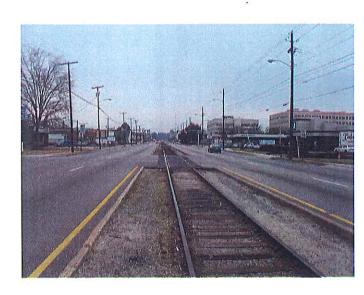
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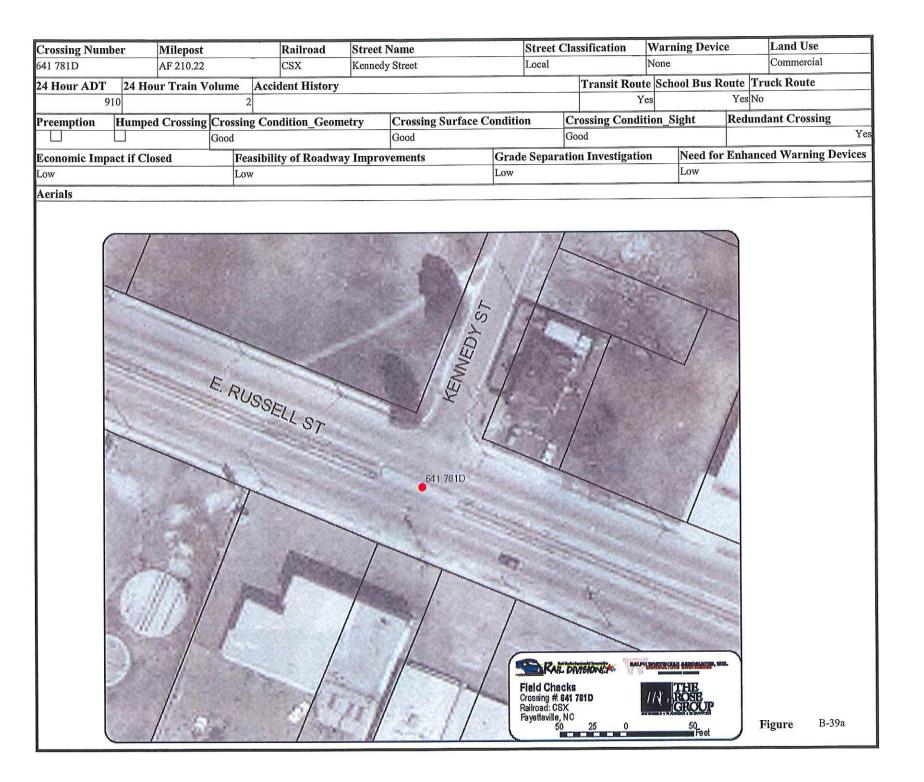
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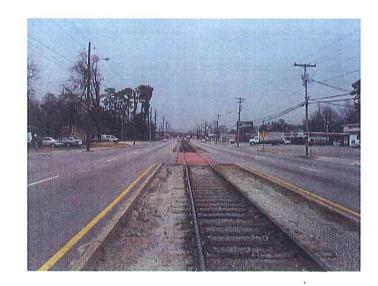
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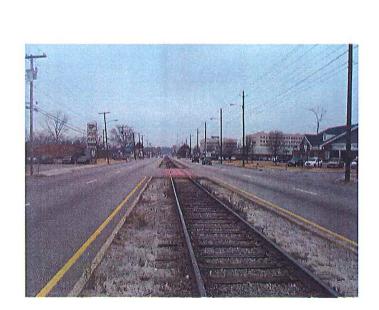
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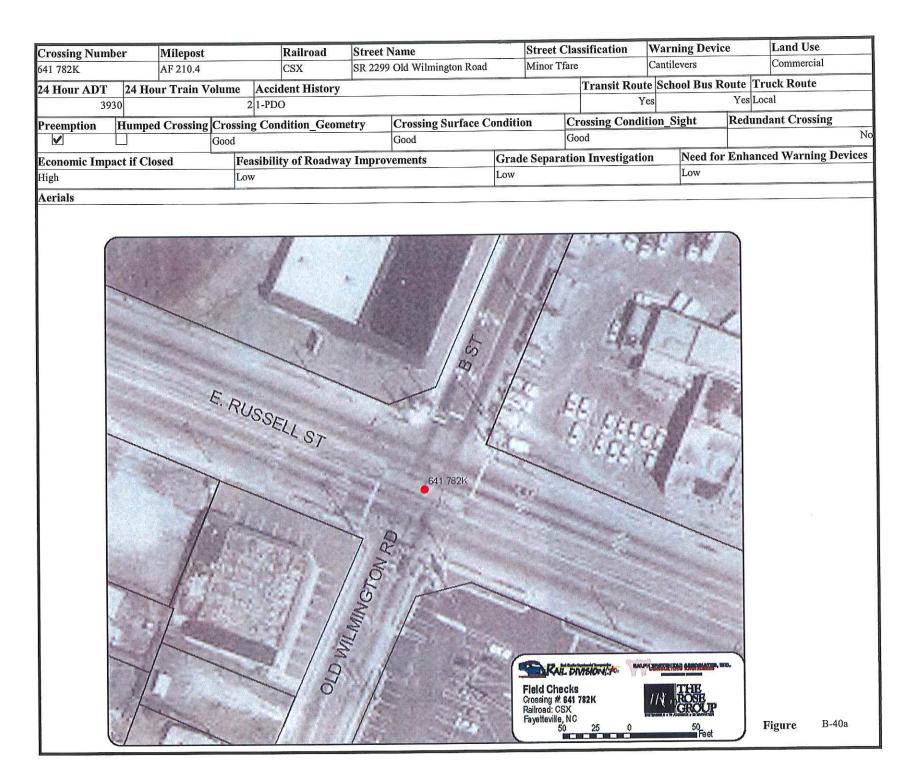


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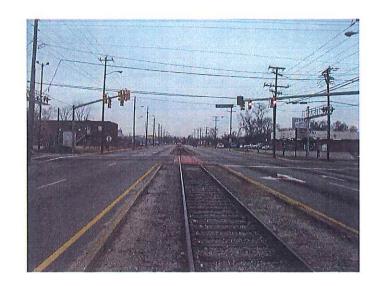


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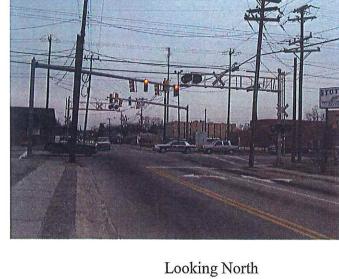
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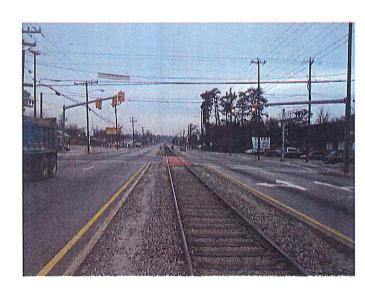


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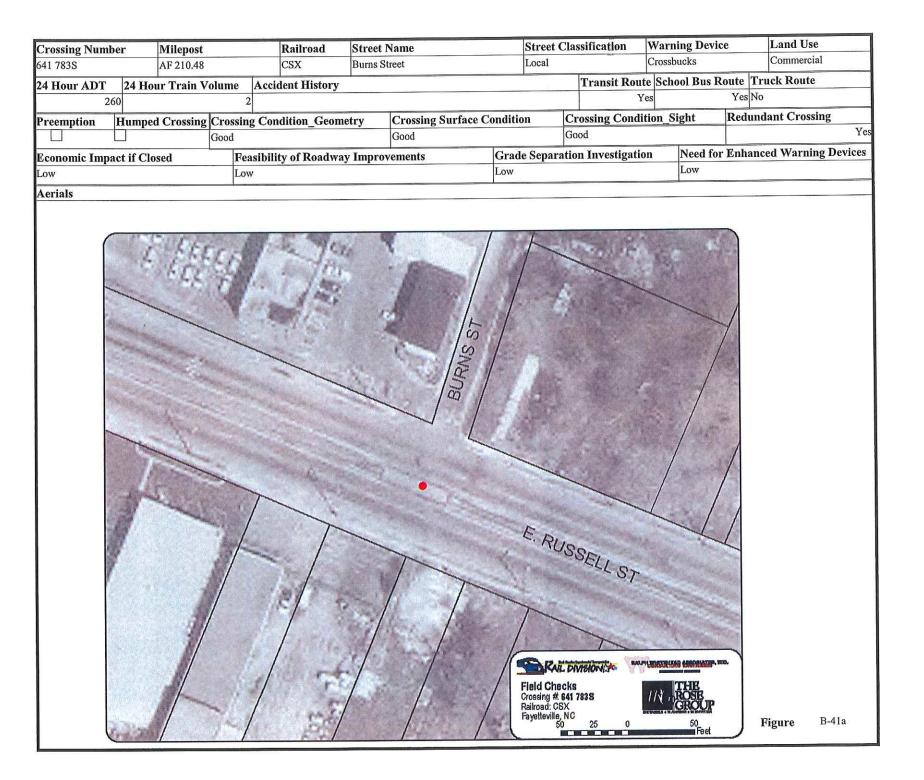




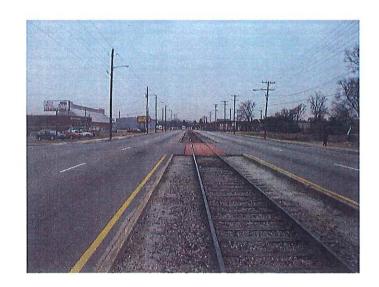
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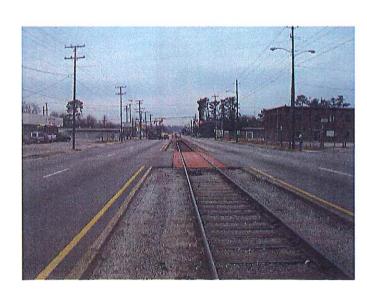
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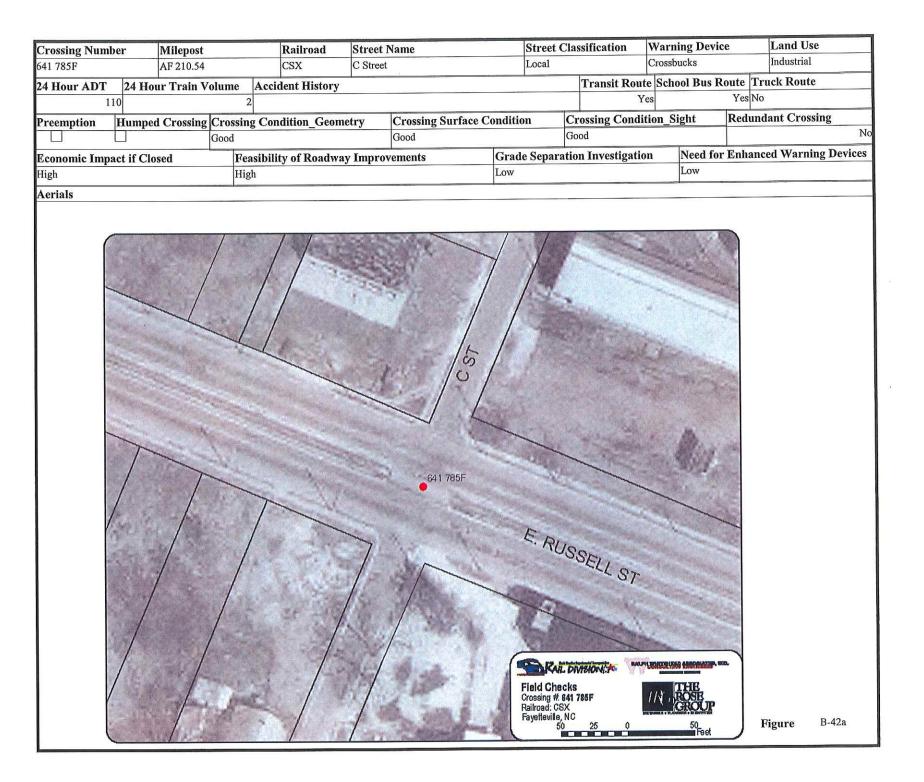
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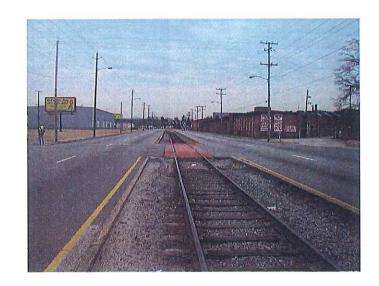
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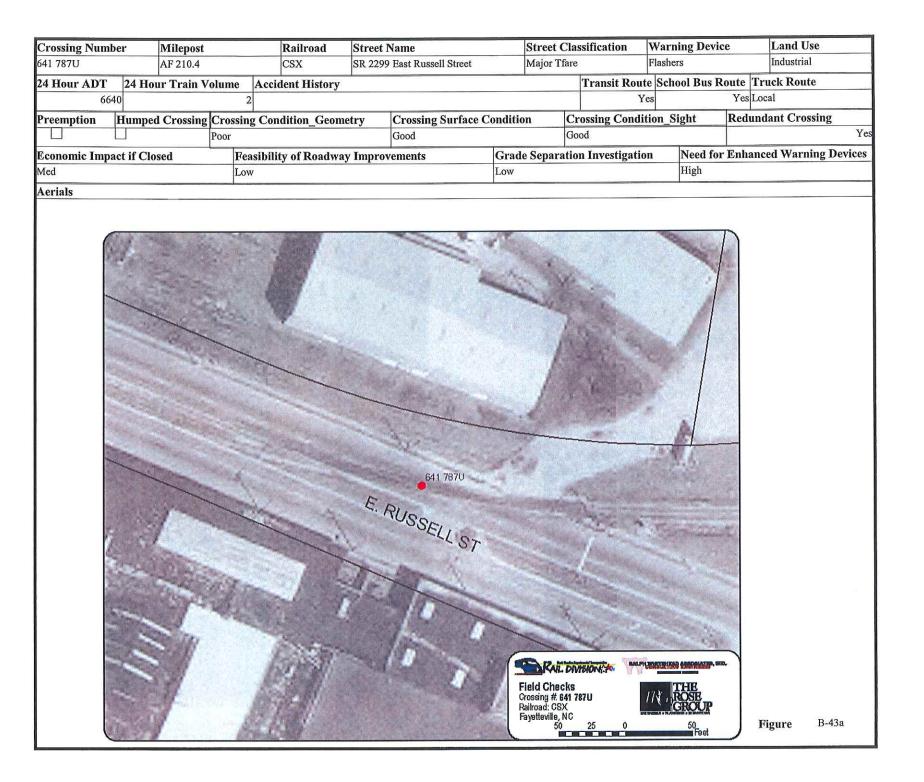
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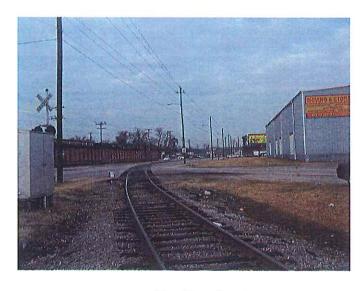
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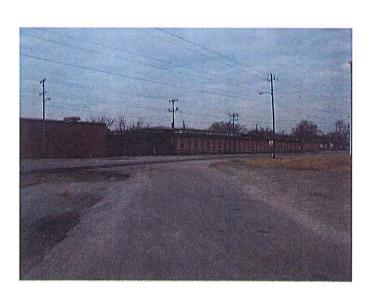
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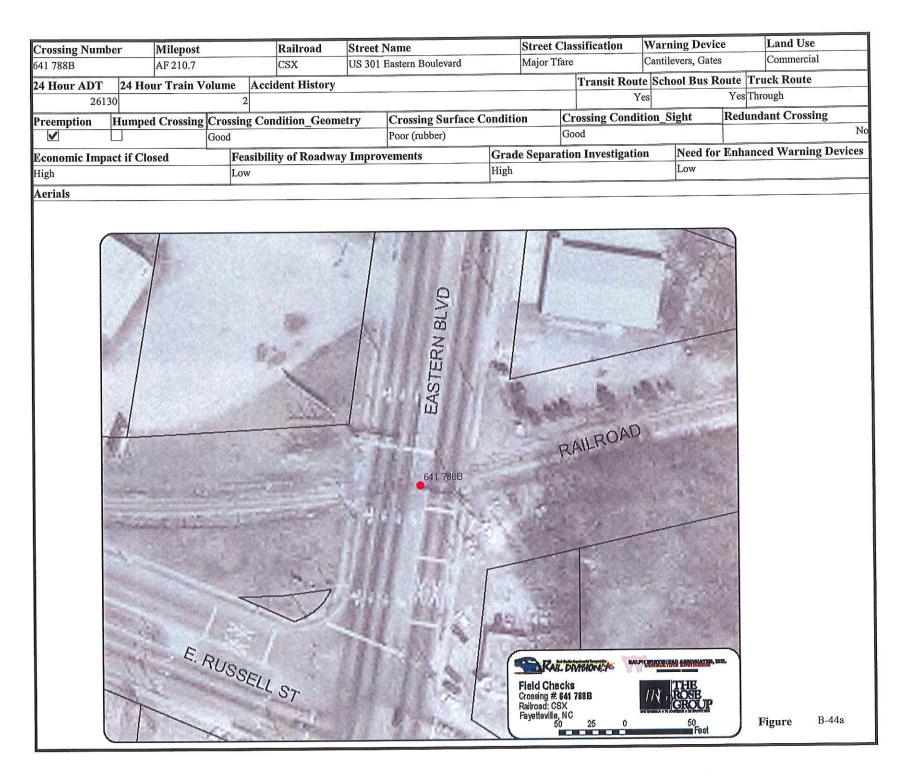


Looking Southwest



Looking South from driveway

Figure B-43b



Crossing# 641 788B (Eastern Boulevard)



Looking East



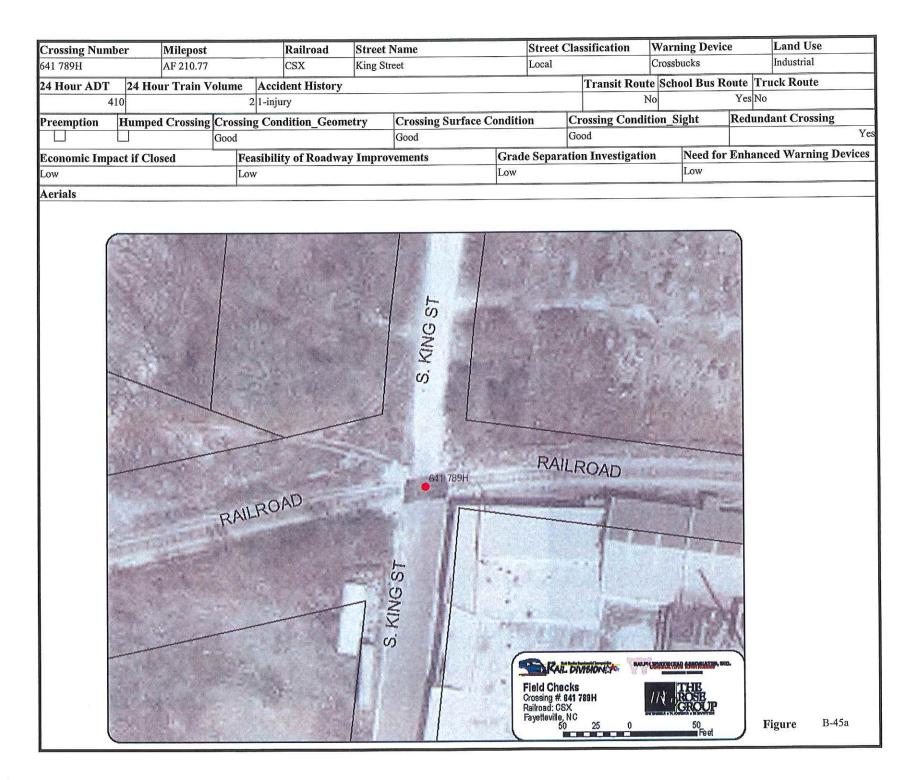
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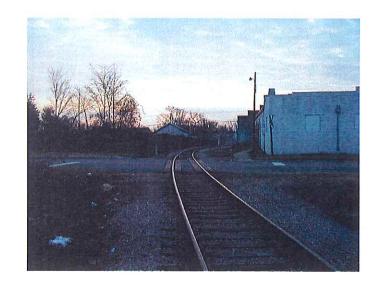
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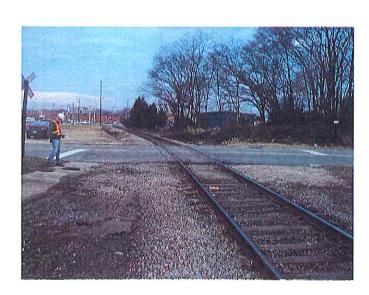
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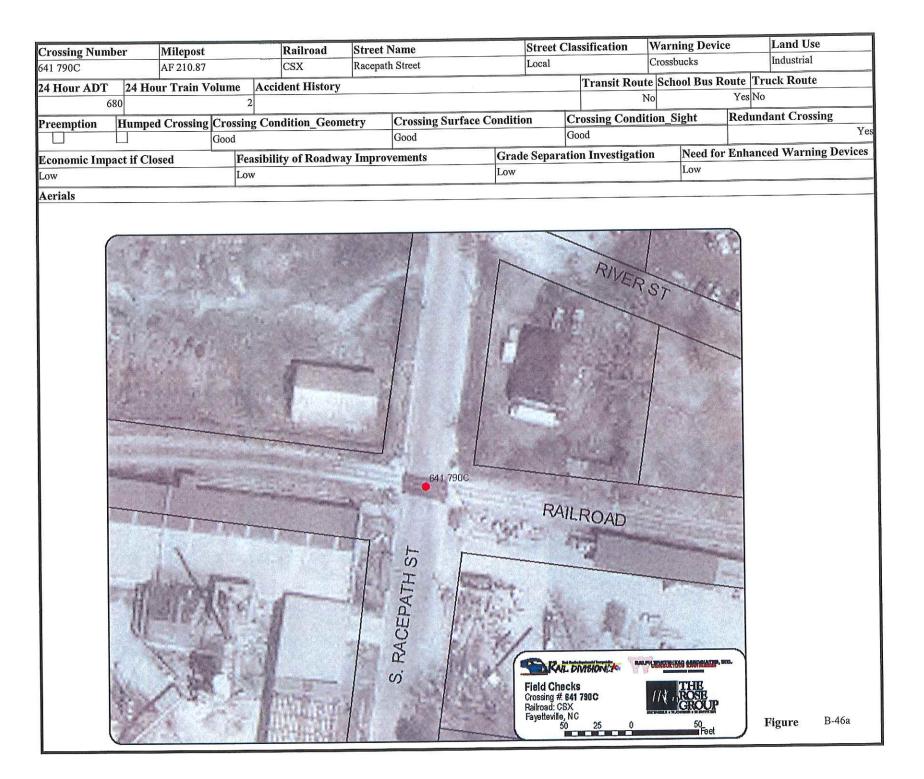
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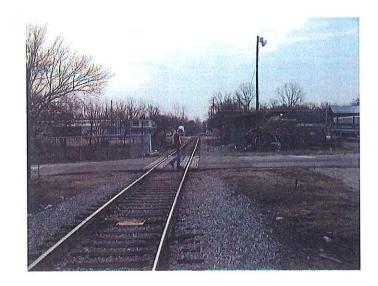
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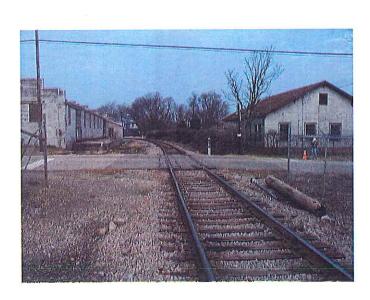
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Crossing# 641 790C (Racepath Street)



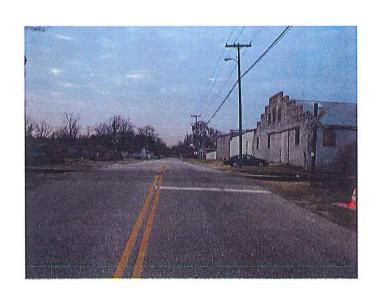
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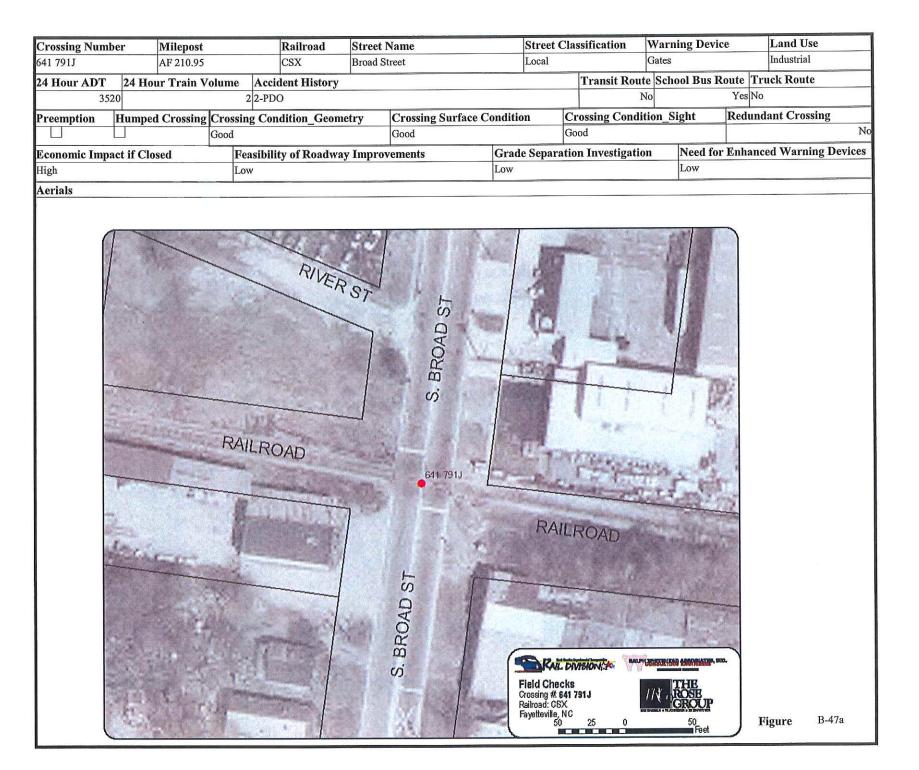
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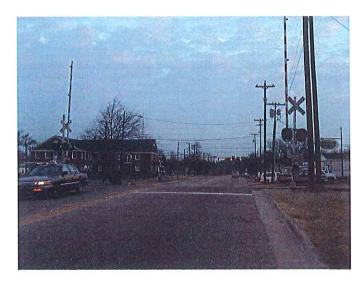
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Looking East



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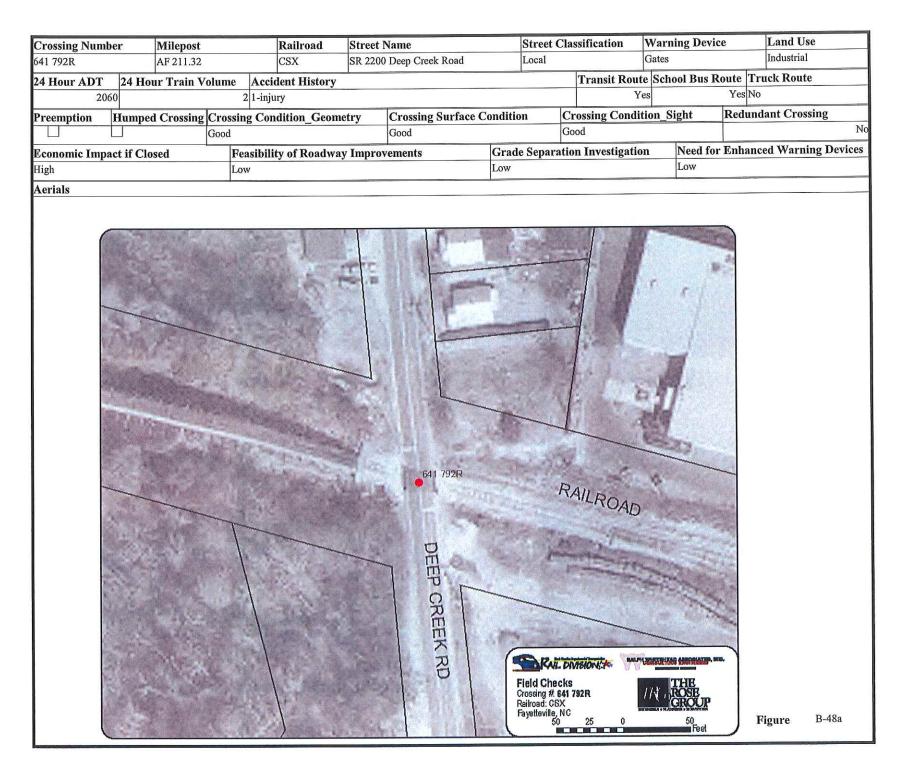


Looking North



Looking South

Figure B-47b



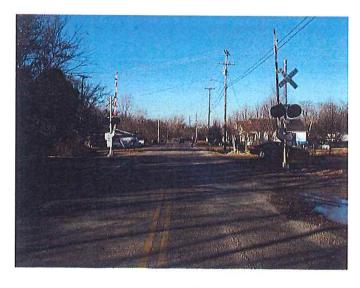
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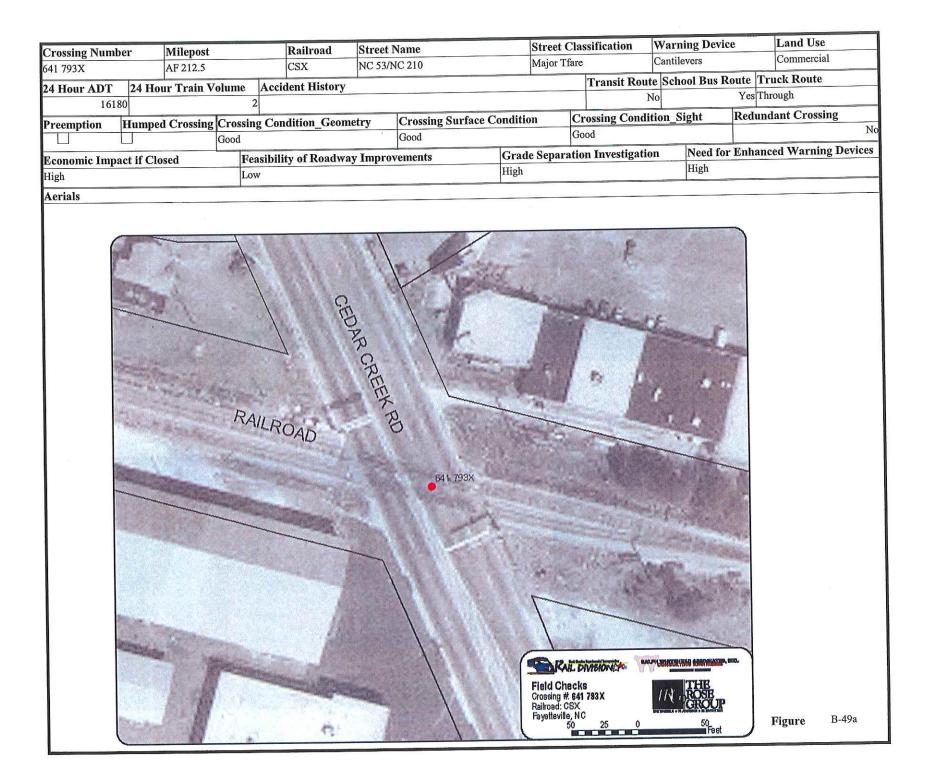
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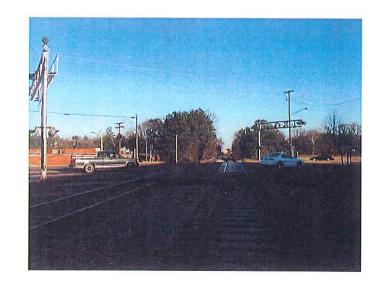
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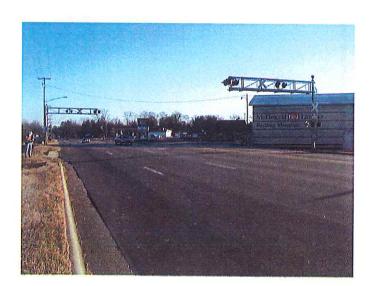
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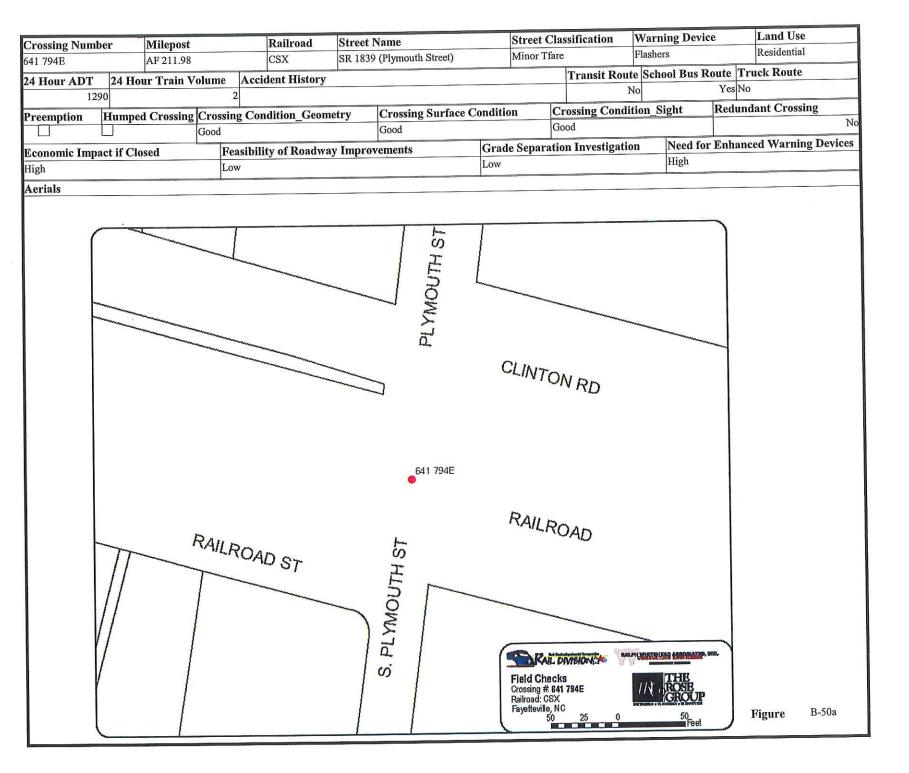
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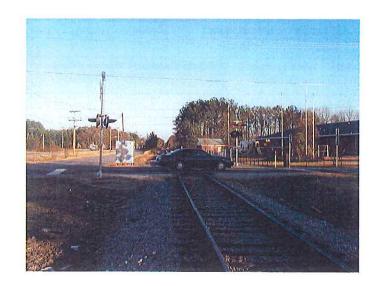


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Crossing# 641 794E (Plymouth Street)



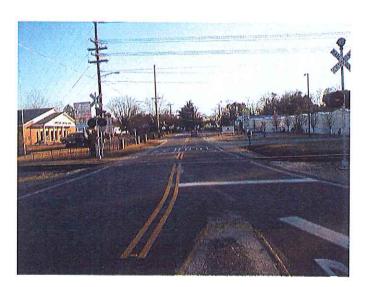
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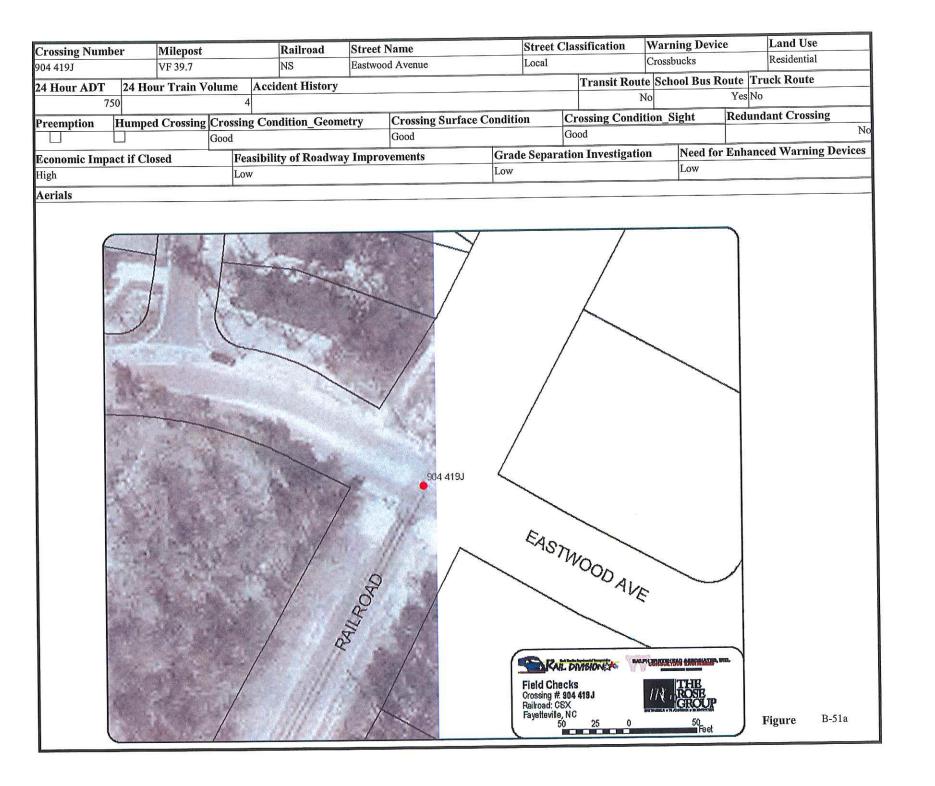
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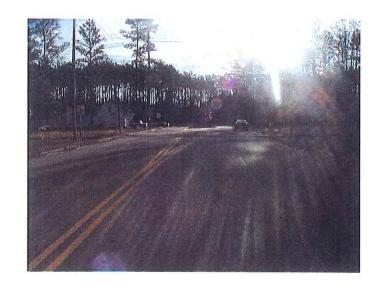
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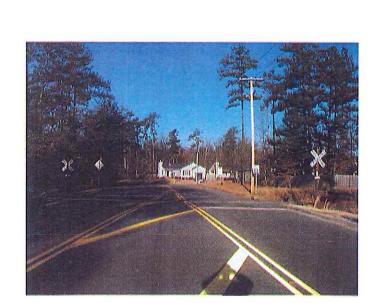
Looking South



Crossing# 904 419J (Eastwood Avenue)



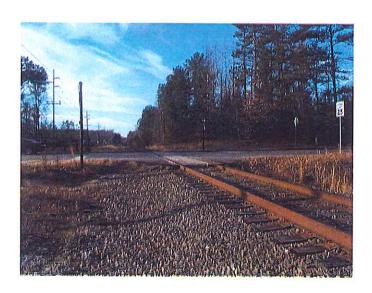
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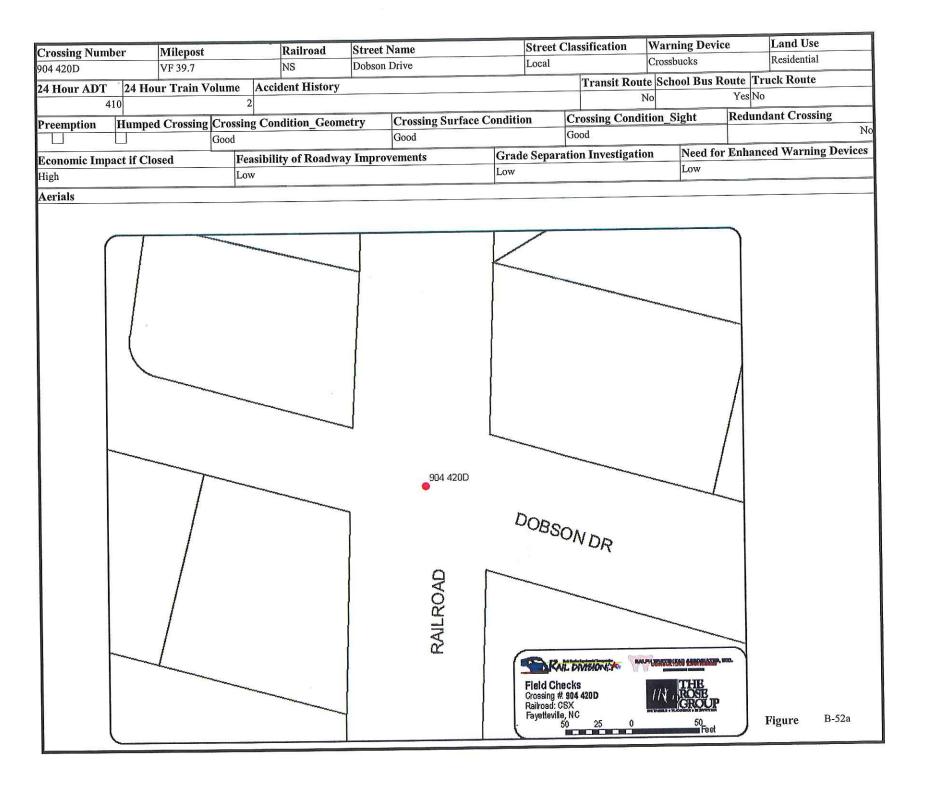


Looking North



Looking South

Figure B-51b



Crossing# 904 420D (Dobson Drive)



Looking East



Looking West



Looking North

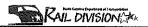


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Figure B-52b

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C. CROSSING ANALYSIS

1. Exposure Index

NCDOT uses an exposure index to determine if a grade separation structure is warranted at highway/rail grade crossings. The exposure index is calculated by multiplying the number of trains per day by the number of vehicles per day that use the crossing. As a general rule, grade separations should be considered in RURAL areas when the exposure index is 15,000 or more. In URBAN areas grade separations should be considered when the exposure index is 30,000 or more. Other factors that need to be considered in the feasibility of grade separations are:

- Accident history
- Topography
- Adjacent land use
- Construction impacts
- Costs

The exposure index was calculated for each of the 52 crossings for the year 2002 traffic volumes.

Table C-1 contains the exposure index calculations for each of the 52 crossings for 2002. Twelve (12) crossings exceeded the exposure index of 30,000 for the year 2002.

2. Delay Analysis

Level of Service is a measure of the operational efficiency of the highway/rail grade crossing. It is determined using procedures from the *Highway Capacity Manual* procedures. Level of service is expressed as a letter ranging from A (free flowing) to F (severely congested) and

is determined using the average delay for all vehicles. Table C-2 summarizes the average delay and corresponding level of service.

TABLE C-2 - LOS

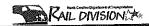
Level of Service	Avg. Delay/Vehicle (seconds)
Α	5.0
В	>5.0 to 15.0
С	>15.0 to 25.0
D	>25.0 to 40.0
E	>40.0 to 60.0
F	>60.0

The delay calculations are based on the methodology developed for the Proposed Conrail Acquisition Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) by the Surface Transportation Board's Sections of Environmental Analysis (SEA) and modified as needed for this project.

The following values were calculated for existing and future conditions.

- Blocked crossing time per train
- Event time
- Average delay per day
- Maximum vehicle queue
- Total stopped vehicle delay per day
- · Average delay for all vehicles
- Traffic level of service (LOS)

The level of service (LOS) for each of the 52 crossings was determined based on these computed values and the Highway Capacity Manual procedures. Table C-3



summarizes the delay and LOS results for the existing conditions.

The four following highway/rail grade crossings had a LOS F (> 60 seconds of avg. delay/vehicle) for the year 2002:

- Hay Street (Crossing # 629 881F)
- SR 2299 West Russell Street (Crossing # 629 883U)
- US 301 Eastern Boulevard (Crossing # 641 788B)
- NC 53/NC 210 (Crossing #641 793X)

3. Accident Analysis

Thirty-eight accidents involving train/vehicle collisions have been reported at 18 of the 52 crossings within the past ten years.

Accidents are summarized using the following classifications:

Fatality
Class A Injury – transported to hospital
Class B Injury – treated at scene
Class C Injury – complains of pain, no sign of injury
PDO – property damage only

Table C-4 summarizes the accident data for the past ten years.

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CROSSING NO.	STREET NAME	TRAINS/24 HOUR YEAR 2002	ADT	EXPOSURE INDEX YEAR 2002
, ROS	TRE	RAIN HOUF	2002 ADT	EXPOSU INDEX 2002
	Fayetteville City Park	2	430	
	Hofer Road	6	170	1,020
	North Drive	6	560	3,360
	US 401 Ramsey Street	2	38,860	77,720
	Hillsboro Street	2	3,860	7,720
465 912V	Cumberland Street	2	2,760	5,520
465 913C	Chance Street	2	550	1,100
465 914J	Moore & Bruner Streets	2	2,530	5,060
	NC 210 Hillsboro and Rowan			
465 915R	Streets	4	5,120	20,480
	Maiden Lane	2	1,600	3,200
	Hay Street	3	8,090	24,270
629 571L	Franklin Street	2	3,030	6,060
	SR 2299 Russell Street	2	8,990	17,980
	Blount Street	8	1,850	14,800
	Cumberland Street	23	2,840	65,320
		22	510	11,220
	Moore Street	22	2,610	57,420
629 881F	Hay Street	22	10,810	237,820
	Franklin Street SR 2299 West Russell Street	33 33	3,050	100,650
	Rankin Street	33	8,880	293,040
	Blount Street	33	1,780 2,120	58,740
	SR 1168 Whitfield Street	33	10,430	69,960 344,190
	Hillsboro Street	2	1,810	
	Moore Street		1,050	3,620
	Cumberland Street	2	4,400	2,100 8,800
	Langdon Street	2	9,670	19,340
	Jasper Street	4	5,320	21,280
	McLamb Street	2	1,540	3,080
	US 401	2	30,150	60,300
629 914R	SR 1614 Shawmill Road	2	13,170	26,340
641 772E	SR 2299 Russell Street	2	8,900	17,800
	Maxwell	2	390	780
	Donaldson Street	2	790	1,580
	SR 2311 Gillespie Street	2	9,300	18,600
	Dick	2	1,250	2,500
641 778V	SR 2299 Cool Springs Road	2	1,360	2,720
641 780W		2	960	1,920
	Kennedy	2	910	1,820
641 782K	SR 2299 Wilmington Street	. 2	3,930	7,860
	Burns	2	260	520
641 785F	C	2 2 2	110	220
	SR 2299 East Russell Street	2	6,640	13,280
	US 301 Eastern Boulevard		26,130	52,260
	King	2	410	820
641 790C 641 791J		2	680	1,360
	Broad Street SR 2200 Deep Creek Road	2	3,520	7,040
	NC 53/NC 210	2 2	2,060	4,120
	SR 1839 (Plymouth Street)		16,180 1,290	32,360
	Eastwood Avenue	2	750	2,580 3,000
	Dobson Drive	2	410	3,000 820

Crossing #	Street Name	No. Lanes (one- way direction)	ADT	Arrival Rate (Veh/Min) 2x uniform	Departure Rate	Trains per day	Train Speed (miles/hr)	Train Length (feet)	Crossing Blockage Time (min) T _c	Event (Queue) Time (min) T _e	Total Stopped Vehicle Delay Per Day (min/day) D _T	Number Vehicles Delayed/Day V _D	Max. Peak Hr. Queue (veh/lane) Q	Average Delay /Stopped Veh. (mins) D _{avg}	Avg. Delay/Veh. In Secs. (All Vehicles) Dv	SOT
		1.00	430	0.60	30.00	2	10,00	1,000	1.14	1.16	0.40	1	0	0.58	0.11	Α_
	Fayetteville City Park Hofer Road	1.00	170	0.24	30.00	6	10.00	1,000	1.14	1.15	0.46	11	0	0.57	0.33	A
	North Drive	1.00	560	0.78	30.00	6	10.00	1,000	1,14	1.17	1.59	3	22	0.58 -0.71	0.34	A
	US 401 Ramsey Street	2.00	38860	53.97	60.00	2	10.00	1,000	1.14	-1.42	54.58	-77 15	9	1.38	0.17	
	Hiffsboro Street	1.00	3860	5.36	30.00	2	5.00	1,000	2.27	2.77	20.53 13.01	10	6	1.30	0.57	A
	Cumberland Street	1.00	2760	3.83	30.00	2	5.00	1,000	2.27	2.33	2.08	2	1 7	1.17	0.45	A
	Chance Street	1.00	550	0.76	30.00	2	5.00 5.00	1,000	2.27	2.57	11.64	9	6	1.29	0.55	Α
465 914J	Moore & Bruner Streets	1.00	2530	3.51	30.00		5.00	1,000	2.6.1	2	11,00					1
I	NC 210 Hillsboro and Rowan	1.00	5120	7.11	30.00	4	5.00	1,000	2.27	2.98	63.10	42	12	1.49	1.48	Α
	Streets	1.00	1600	2.22	30.00	2	15,00	9,000	6.82	7.36	60.25	16	11	3.68	4,52	A
	Maiden Lane	2.00	8090	11.24	60.00	3	15.00	9,000	6.82	10.90	1001.41	184	28	5.45	14.85	В
	Hay Street Franklin Street	1,00	3030	4.21	30.00	2	10.00	9,000	10.23	11.90	297.77	50	31	5.95	11.79 25.58	B D
	SR 2299 Russell Street	2.00	8990	12.49	60.00	2		9,000	10,23	17.52	1915.99	219	46	8.76 5.59	41.70	E
	Blount Street	1.00	1850	2.57	30.00	8	,	9,000	10.23	11.19	642.93	115 356	19 19	3.93	59.06	Ē
	Cumberland Street	1.00	2840	3,94	30.00	23		9,000	6.82	7.85	1397.76 68.39	33	2	2.09	16.09	c
	Chance Street	1.00	510		30.00	22		9,000	4.09	4.19	431.69	186	11	2.33	19.85	Ċ
629 879E	Moore Street	1.00	2610		30.00	22		9,000	10.23	20.47	34613.07	3381	55	10.24	384.23	F
	Hay Street	2.00	10810		60.00	33		9,000	4.09	4.76	793.01	333	12	2.38	31.20	D
629 882M	Franklin Street	1.00	3050	4.24	30.00	3.	23.00	0,000	7.00	 	1					
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	Rankin Street Blount Street	1,00	2120		30.00	33		9,000	2.92	3.24	255.02	157	6	1.62	14.43	C
	SR 1168 Whitfield Street	1.00	10430			33		9,000	2,56	4.94	2921.50	1182	27	2.47	33,61 10,38	B
	Hillsboro Street	1.00	1810	2.51	30.00		10.00	9,000		11.16	156.62	28 16	19	5.58 5.37	9.63	В
	Moore Street	1,00	1050				10.00	9,000		10.75	84.26 504.03	78	45	6.42	13.75	В
629 907F	Cumberland Street	1.00	4400				10.00	9,000		12.84 18.52	2302.56	249	49	9.26	28.57	Ď
	Langdon Street	2.00	9670				2 10.00 4 10.00	9,000		13.57	1360.50	201	27	6.78	30.69	D
	Jasper Street	2.00	5320				4 <u>10.00</u> 2 <u>10.00</u>	9,000		11.01	129.70	24	16	5.51	10.11	В
	McLamb Street	1.00	1540 30150				2 10.00	9,000		-25,84	13977.19		154	-12.92	55.63	E
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	SR 1614 Shawmill Road SR 2299 Russell Street	2.00	890				2 10.00	9,000	10.23	17.39	1870.02	215	46	8.70	25.21	D
641 773L	Maxwell	2.00	39				2 10.00	9,000		10.42	29,38	6	2	5.21	9.04	B
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TABLE C-4 - Accident Summary

Crossing	Railroad	Street Name	Total # of	# of	# of Class A	# of Class B	# of Class C	# - 4 000	Halm	B
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465 906S	NS	US 401 Ramsey Street	3					2	1	vehicles did not stop
465 913C	NS	Chance Street	1						1	
465 915R	NS	NC 210 Hillsboro and Rowan Streets	1					1		vehicle did not stop
629 570E	CSX	Hay Street	1				1			vehicle did not stop
629 571L	CSX	Franklin Street	1					1		vehicle stopped on crossing
629 572T	CSX	SR 2299 Russell Street	1						1	vehicle did not stop
629 877R	CSX	Cumberland Street	1	1						vehicle drove around gates
629 879E	CSX	Moore Street	2					2		vehicles stopped on crossing
629 881F	CSX	Hay Street	9		2	1	1	3	2	vehicles did not stop or vehicles stoppped on crossing
629 882M	CSX	Franklin Street	2					2		vehicles did not stop or vehicles stoppped on crossing
629 883U	CSX	SR 2299 West Russell Street	2				1	1		vehicles did not stop
629 884B	CSX	Rankin Street	7			1		3	3	vehicles stopped on crossing
629,910N	CSX	Langdon Street	1					1		vehicle did not stop
629 911V	CSX	Jasper Street	1					1		vehicle did not stop
641 782K	CSX	SR 2299 Wilmington Street	1					1		vehicle did not stop
641 789H	ĆŞX	King	1						1,	vehicle did not stop
641 791J	CSX	Broad Street	2					2		vehicle did not stop and vehicle stoppped on crossing
641 792R	CSX	SR 2200 Deep Creek Road	1						1.	

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D. SAFETY AND MOBILITY ISSUES

There are several methods available to enhance railroadcrossing safety. This chapter discusses some of these methods in more detail.

1. Vehicles Queueing Across Railroad Tracks

The presence of nearby traffic signals, intersections, or parallel roadways can result in queues of stopped vehicles extending onto or across a highway/rail crossing. During the site inspections there were no crossings that had queueing of vehicles across the tracks when trains were present.

2. Traffic Signal Preemption

Standard practice (based on *The Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices*) requires that traffic signals located within 200 feet of a highway/rail at-grade crossing be coordinated with the crossing's train detection and warning system to preempt normal operations of the traffic signal. The following locations within the study area currently have traffic signal preemption:

- NC 210 Hillsboro and Rowan Streets (Crossing # 465 915R)
- Hay Street (Crossing # 629 570E)
- Hay Street (Crossing # 629 881F)
- Rankin Street (Crossing # 629 884B)
- Blount Street (Crossing Number 629 885H)
- SR 1168 Whitfield Street (Crossing # 629 886P)
 - SR 1614 Shawmill Road (Crossing # 629 914R)
 - SR 2311 Gillespie Street (Crossing # 641 775A)
 - SR 2299 Cool Springs Road (Crossing # 641 778V)

- SR 2299 Wilmington Street (Crossing # 641 782k)
- US 301 Eastern Boulevard (Crossing # 641 788B)

The following crossings are currently scheduled for signal improvements and are found in the NCDOT's 2004-2010 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP):

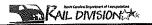
- Hillsboro Street (Crossing # 465 911N, Z-4406AD)
- Cumberland Street (Crossing # 465 912V, Z-4406AE)
- NC 210 Hillsboro and Rowan Streets (Crossing # 465 915R, Z-3144B)
- Hay Street (Crossing # 629 570E, Z-4106D)
- Franklin Street (Crossing # 629 571L, Z-3344C)
- Hillsboro Street (Crossing # 629 904K, Z-3144B)
- US 401 (Crossing # 629 913J, Z-4406E)

The following crossings are recommended, as part of this study, for traffic signal improvements:

- Blount Street (Crossing # 629 885H)
- Langdon Street (Crossing # 629 910N)
- SR 2311 Gillespie Street (Crossing # 641 775A)

3. Humped Crossings

A "humped" crossing exists where the elevation of the railroad is significantly higher than the crossing roadway, causing vehicles to ascend on one side of the tracks and descend on the other. The severity of this condition can range from discomfort at normal speeds, to "bottoming out" of vehicles with long wheelbases or low clearances. This dragging can damage vehicles, or cause them to become stuck on the crossing, creating a serious hazard. Routine track maintenance tends to exacerbate the problem over



time, as track ballast work typically adds about three inches per occurrence. Over a ten-year period, the railroad may rise as much as one foot as a result of this routine maintenance.

Crest vertical curves across the tracks that do not create a need for the driver to reduce speed are not considered to be a humped profile. The combination of short crest and sag vertical curves caused by a buildup of the ballast and raising of the track create a need to reduce speed across the crossing. The following crossing has a humped profile:

Blount Street (Crossing # 629 885H)

4. Grade Crossing Condition

A poor grade crossing surface can result in a rough, uneven ride. This can increase wear and tear on vehicles, potentially create a traffic safety hazard, and may add to congestion by reducing travel speeds. The crossing materials used on these grade crossings include asphalt, concrete slab, and rubber. Even though some materials provide a slightly improved ride and longer term maintenance, the main safety issue is the condition of the crossing. The following crossings have surfaces that are deemed to be in substandard condition:

- Blount Street (Crossing # 629 574G)
- US 401 (Crossing # 629 913J)
- US 301 Eastern Boulevard (Crossing # 641 788B)

5. Vehicles Driving Around Automated Gates

Several situations can lead to the circumvention of automated gates by motorists:

- · Gates are lowered, but no train is visible
- Gates fail, and remain in the lowered position
- Gates are lowered and train is visible, but motorist is too impatient to wait

It was noted in the NCDOT and FRA accident reports that one accident had occurred within the last ten years at the following location due to vehicles driving around automated gates:

Cumberland Street (Crossing # 629 877R)

The remainder of the accidents in Fayetteville were attributed to either vehicles not stopping at highway/rail grade crossings or vehicles being stopped on the tracks.

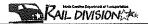
6. Improved Signs and Markings

The effectiveness of required warning signs, markings, signals, and other devices depends heavily on proper installation and maintenance by state and municipal transportation departments and the railroads. Sign improvements are recommended at the following location:

Fayetteville City Park (Crossing # 465 903W)

7. Roadway Grade Separation

To fully eliminate the potential for train/vehicle collisions while still maintaining access across the tracks, construction of grade separations should be evaluated. However, modifications to mainline railway grades or profiles are severely constrained by strict design standards. Highway overpasses of railroads require a vertical clearance of 23 feet, while railroad overpasses of highways typically require 16 to 17 feet. Due to sight



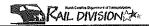
distance requirements for safe stopping, a "crest" curve on a roadway overpass is longer than a "sag" curve at a comparable underpass, thereby involving a longer approach distance. This can have important implications with respect to property access and street network connectivity. Other considerations include visual and noise impacts of roadway overpasses, especially in neighborhoods, downtowns, or historic areas.

Using the NCDOT *Exposure Index (EI)* formula, the following 12 crossings exceed the relevant threshold for urban conditions (30,000) that result from multiplying the number of vehicles per day by the number of trains per day (See Table D-1):

TABLE D-1 – Exposure Index

	- Exposure inc			
Street	Crossing #	2002 EI		
US 401 Ramsey St.	465 906S	77,720		
Cumberland St	629 877 R	65,320		
Moore St.	629 879E	57,420		
Hay St.	629 881F	237,820		
Franklin St.	629 882M	100,650		
SR 2299 W. Russell St.	629 883U	293,040		
Rankin St.	629 884B	58,740		
Blount St.	629 885H	69,960		
SR 1168 Whitfield St.	629 886P	344,190		
US 401	629 913J	60,300		
US 301 Eastern Blvd.	641 788B	52,260		
NC 53/NC 210	641 793X	32,360		

There are many factors that need to be considered along with the exposure index when looking at grade separations. These include accident history, topography, adjacent land uses, construction impacts, and costs. The following crossing is being recommended, as part of this study, for further investigation to determine the feasibility for a grade separation:

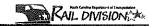


 SR 2299 West Russell Street (Crossing # 629 883U)

8. Community Services

Hospitals, schools, fire and rescue stations, and parks have been located as part of this study to determine the potential impacts on Fayetteville residents who would be affected by changes in the crossing status of the 52 existing highway/rail grade crossings. The studies included a field survey in the vicinity of the identified rail crossings and an investigation of all adjacent neighborhoods on foot and photography to establish general demographic patterns in the neighborhoods. Community facilities and/or other features that may have a focal role in the neighborhood or add to the sense of community are identified.

This study is intended only to provide basic data, to assist in deciding the need for additional studies; it will not include any statistical analysis of demographic data, or attempt to analyze the ramifications of proposed highway/rail grade crossing modifications on the communities identified.



E. SYSTEM ENHANCEMENT OPTIONS

1. Grade Separation Structures

Many factors must be considered before suggesting grade separation, including:

- Traffic volumes (both vehicle and train)
- Accident history
- Topography
- Adjacent land use
- Construction impacts
- Costs

a. Traffic Volumes

An exposure index is employed by NCDOT as one factor in determining whether or not grade separation should be considered in place of highway/rail crossings. This index is calculated by multiplying the number of trains per day by the number of crossing vehicles per day, in the design year. Current policy identifies an exposure index of 15,000 as the threshold for considering grade separation in rural areas. In urban areas, an exposure index of 30,000 or greater identifies a potential grade separation. Using this formula in Fayetteville, twelve locations currently exceed the exposure index. (See Table C-1 in Section C).

b. Accident History

In some cases, the accident history of a low-volume crossing may contribute to justification of a grade

separation, even with a low exposure index. If the crossing cannot be closed, or other safety provisions made, a physical separation between the road and tracks may be the only feasible solution.

c. Topography

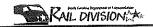
The relationship between elevations and slopes in the vicinity of the crossing greatly influence the viability of constructing a grade separation. Where existing topography facilitates a highway overpass, minimizing earthwork and ROW requirements, the cost of grade separation can be significantly reduced. When topography is relatively flat, costs (and other impacts) can escalate significantly.

d. Adjacent Land Use

In heavily developed areas, such as a central business district (CBD) impacts to the existing land use may be severe enough that it results in grade separations being considered not feasible. Costs for right-of-way acquisition and socio-economic impacts associated with loss of business and jobs can result in less than a favorable project benefit-cost ratio.

e. Construction Impacts

While the impacts of constructing a new grade separation can be significant, retrofitting a grade separation to comply with current design criteria is typically more disruptive during and after construction. Visual, noise, and access degradation can be severe, and the separation may require the relocation of businesses or dwellings. Other potential impacts can



involve wetlands/woodlands, historic/archaeological sites, and hazardous materials.

f. Costs

Grade separation structures represent substantial, long-term infrastructure investments, often exceeding several million dollars. Careful analysis and planning is required to insure that this alternative is the most cost-effective and beneficial solution.

2. Crossing Protection Device Upgrades

The most common, and cost-effective, way to increase the safety at a railway crossing is to upgrade existing warning devices at the crossing. Typical warning devices include signs, gate arms, flashing lights and bells. *Passive* devices, such as advanced warning signs and crossbucks, merely warn the motorist of the existence of a railroad crossing. These devices are most suitable where train and traffic volumes and speeds are low, and where sight distance is adequate. *Active* devices that warn motorists of approaching trains include flashing lights, bells, and automated gates. Such devices are usually employed at locations exhibiting higher volumes or speeds, or greater potential for accidents. The hierarchy of standard warning treatments, from least to most protected is:

- 1. Unmarked:
- 2. Railroad crossbucks;
- 3. Standard STOP signs (limited sight distance) and crossbucks;
- 4. Flashing signals and bells;
- 5. Flashing signals, bells and gates.

a. Advanced Crossing Protection Devices

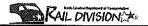
The NCDOT Rail Division and Norfolk Southern Railway have been testing advanced crossing protection devices on the main line from Raleigh to Charlotte since 1995. These devices are most appropriate where high-volume multi-lane roadways cross railroad main lines, and where significant numbers of motorists are ignoring or circumventing existing warning devices. The advanced warning devices being considered are described below, along with some initial NCDOT Rail Division test results from Charlotte, NC.

b. Median Barriers

Median barriers consist of markers mounted on raised islands along the roadway centerline to discourage motorists from driving in opposing travel lanes to "go around" lowered gate arms. Median treatments typically extend 70 feet to 100 feet back from the gates, but may be precluded by driveways or intersecting roads within this distance.

c. Four-Quadrant Gates

This crossing treatment requires an additional gate on each approach, completely "sealing" the crossing. Several measures are employed to prevent vehicles from becoming "trapped" inside the gates, including careful timing of the gates to allow traffic to clear; providing 16 feet of clearance between track center and gates; leaving adequate space between gate tips for a vehicle to "squeeze" out; and use of breakaway arms. In tests at the Sugar Creek Rd. crossing in Charlotte, four-quadrant gates alone reduced violations



by 86%; in combination with median barriers, the reduction in violations rose to 98%.

c. Long Gate Arms

Extra-long arms cover at least ¾ of the crossing width. When tested at the Orr Road crossing in Charlotte, the installation of long gate arms reduced crossing violations by 67%.

d. Articulated Gates

Articulated gates are hinged arms that unfold to cover at least ¾ of crossing width. They are typically warranted where overhead obstructions prevent the use of long gate arms. Articulated gates installed at Orr Road in Charlotte reduced crossing violations by 78%.

e. Remote Video Detection

The Crossing Law Enforcement and Research of (CLEAR) Violations program employs video cameras to monitor selected crossings. The recordings provide information on crossing operations, violations, and accidents for both enforcement and research purposes.

f. Crossing Consolidation & elimination

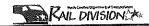
Many low-volume crossings are unnecessary due to the availability of alternative access across the tracks. These alternative crossings can often be made safer, since many low-volume crossings lack adequate warning devices. Resources are not available to upgrade warning devices on all existing crossings, and grade separation would be even less feasible. Therefore, consolidation and closure of these minor crossings is an effective strategy in terms of both costs

and safety benefits. Typically, a crossing is considered redundant (and therefore a candidate for elimination) if it is within ¼-mile of another crossing connected to the same street network.

Crossing consolidations eliminate the potential for train/vehicle collisions. Crossing-related installation and maintenance costs are reduced, and by concentrating traffic at fewer, higher-volume crossings, more expensive active warning treatments and roadway improvements can be justified.

Crossings with high potential for elimination include:

- Redundant crossings near parallel crossings or grade separations, or where traffic can be safely and efficiently diverted to another crossing;
- Skewed crossings, or those where sight distance is limited by horizontal/vertical curvature, vegetation, or permanent obstructions;
- Crossings with a history of frequent accidents;
- Crossings adjacent to a newly constructed crossing or grade separation;
- Private crossings with no identifiable owner, or where the owner is unwilling or unable to fund crossing upgrades (and where alternative access is reasonably available); Since NCDOT does not currently have jurisdiction over private crossings, closing of these crossings is determined by the railroad and property owner if identified.
- Complex crossings that cannot be effectively served by warning devices due to multiple tracks, extensive switching operations, etc.



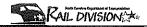
g. Roadway Improvements

Roadway improvements can reduce both accident potential and traffic delay at railroad crossings. Realignment and re-grading can improve visibility and reduce the time required to traverse a crossing. Additional lanes significantly increase capacity, reducing the residual delay following a crossing event. New roadways can provide alternative routes, allowing crossings to occur at more desirable locations, and potentially eliminate the number of crossing trips.

h. Traffic Signals

Traffic signals are not specifically intended as warning devices at railroad crossings. However, when an highway/rail grade crossing is located near a signalized intersection (typically within 200 feet), special steps should be taken to insure that vehicles do not get trapped on the tracks due to queues resulting from a red signal. The normal sequence of traffic signal indications should be preempted by the approach of a train, eliminating the possibility of entrapment due to conflicting traffic and railroad crossing signals. Ideally, the preempted signal phasing should be designed to allow non-conflicting movements to proceed during a train crossing, thereby minimizing overall traffic delay.

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F. PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT

A Public Involvement program was established as part of this study. This program involved:

- Two Stakeholder Group Meetings
- Four Public Meetings
- One Public Hearing

1. Stakeholders Meeting #1

A stakeholders committee was established so key individuals could participate and provide critical input on reaching consensus on grade crossing recommendations. The following agencies participated on the Stakeholder Committee:

- City of Fayetteville Planning
- City of Fayetteville Police
- City of Fayetteville Fire
- City of Fayetteville Traffic
- Cumberland County Schools
- NCDOT Division 6
- CSX Transportation
- Norfolk Southern Railroad

The first stakeholder meeting was held on April 23, 2003. The purpose of this meeting was to present to the committee the preliminary recommendations and receive comments before going to the public meetings.

The committee requested one modification to the initial grade crossing recommendations. The City is currently extending Ray Avenue and requested gates at Crossing

#629 572T (Russell Street, See Figure B-13a and Figure G-13).

2. Public Meetings

Four public meetings were held throughout the City in June and July 2003. The meeting schedule was as follows

- June 25, 2003 (4:00-7:00 PM) Smith Recreation Center
- June 26, 2003 (4:00-7:00 PM) City Hall
- July 9, 2003 (4:00-7:00 PM) Smith Recreation Center
- July 10, 2003 (4:00-7:00 PM) City Hall

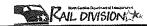
The objective of the public meetings was to present the recommendations and potential affect on traffic movements resulting from improvement scenarios under consideration for each of the 52 crossings and to receive public comment on the recommendations.

3. Stakeholders Meeting #2

The second meeting of the Stakeholder Committee was on August 25, 2003. The purpose of this meeting was to discuss the comments received from the public on the recommendations and to finalize the recommendations to be carried forward into the implementation phase.

4. Newsletters

The first newsletter was created and distributed at the public meetings. This newsletter discussed the phases of a Traffic Separation Study (TSS), described the public



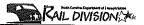
involvement program, and presented the preliminary list of recommendations.

The second newsletter summarized the discussions and actions that took place at the second stakeholders committee meeting. This newsletter was mailed out to all of the citizens that attended the public meetings, as well as all of the stakeholders.

5. Public Hearing

The final recommendations were presented at a Public Hearing held in conjunction with the City of Fayetteville's City Council Meeting on October 27, 2003. A formal presentation of the project was made and staff was available to answer questions from the Council and the general public. The City Council approved all of the final recommendations.

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G. RECOMMENDATIONS

1. Highway/Rail Grade Crossing Recommendations

This section describes the recommendations on a crossing-by-crossing basis. Relevant information, data, and findings are included for each. Conceptual designs were placed on aerials for specific recommendations and can be found in Figures G-1 to G-52. Table G-1 summarizes all of the highway/rail grade crossing recommendations, including estimated costs.

For the purposes of this report, recommendations are classified as follows:

- Near-Term (0-2 years)
- Mid-Term (2-5 years)
- Long-Term (5-10 years)

2. Railroad Realignments

The primary objective of these improvements is to eliminate the highway/rail grade crossings and the interference that now exists between railroad operations and vehicular traffic on Hillsboro, Hay, Franklin, and Russell Streets. The following track improvements are included as long-term recommendations:

- Construct a connection track from the Norfolk Southern Main Track to Milan Yard and expand yard facilities at Milan Yard. This would allow the track to be removed from Hillsboro Street. (See Figure G-53)
- Construct a connection track from the CSX Main line across Hillsboro Street to the CSX A & Y line that leads into Fort Bragg. This connection will take the train

traffic on the CSX A & Y Line over to Milan Yard thereby eliminating trains from going into downtown Fayetteville. (See Figure G-53)

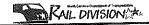
3. Winslow Street Improvements

The grade separation potential of West Russell Street and the closing of the highway/rail grade crossing at Rankin Street would allow a number of improvement opportunities along Winslow Street, between Hay Street and Blount Street.

If Russell Street is grade separated, the highway/rail grade crossing at Franklin Street could be closed. This would allow the western side of Winslow Street to change its traffic flow to run one-way in the opposite direction. This would make Winslow act as a two way street. There is also potential for on-street parking, continuous sidewalks, and streetscaping along the corridor. (See Figures G-54 and G-55)

4. Franklin Street Improvements

Franklin Street is currently a one-way street between Gillespie Street and Dick Street. If this final section of Franklin Street was converted to a two-way street and the traffic signal at the Gillespie Street/Franklin Street intersection was modified to allow the two-way operation; this improvement would give vehicles currently using Russell Street an alternative option. This would be beneficial in reducing the number of vehicles that would be traveling on Russell Street and that are using the grade crossings along Russell Street in this area, such as Dick Street. (See Figure G-36)



5. Benefit/Cost Ratios

Benefit/cost ratios were determined using the Federal Railroad Administration's "GradeDec 2000 System for Grade Crossing Investment Analysis." GradeDec determines the effects rail corridor investments will have on safety, and highway delay and queuing. Improvements will result in the following economic benefits:

- Improvements in safety and reduced accident cost;
- Reduced travel time costs;
- Improved air quality;
- Reduced vehicle operating costs; and
- Network benefits.

The program was used to evaluate the rail lines separately and with all combined as a regional model. The benefit/cost ratio is based on a factor of 1.00 with a benefit of \$1.00 for every \$1.00 spent. The following results are based on our recommendations outlined in this section:

- Near Term Recommended Improvements Average Benefit/Cost Ratio = 1.37
- All Recommended Improvements (Near, Mid, and Long Term)
 Average Benefit/Cost Ratio = 0.76

Figures G-56 and G-57 contain the results of the benefit/cost calculations.

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1	465 903W	Fayetteviile City Park	Add signage for pedestrians		600.00	
2	465 904D	Hofer Drive	Add private access gate for city employees only	\$ \$	9,000.00	
3	465 905K	North Street	No Action		9,000.00	
4	465 906S	US 401 Ramsey Street	No Action			·
5	465 911N	Hillsboro Street	Current Project: construct signal and gates (Z-4406AD)			
6	465 912V	Cumberland Street	Current Project: construct signal and gates (Z-4400AD)	-		
7	465 913C	Chance Street	Close crossing and channelize Chance St. to right-in/right-out	 	40 000 00	
8	465 914J	Moore & Bruner Streets	No Action	\$	12,000.00	
9	465 915R	NC 210 Hillsboro and Rowan Streets	Current Project: add gates to crossing (Z-3144B)	-		<u> </u>
10	629 569K	Maiden Lane	Add gates	s	445 000 00	
11	629 570E	Hay Street	Current Project: construct signal and gates (Z-4106D)	+*	145,000.00	
12	629 571L	Franklin Street	Current Project: construct signal and gates (2-41000)	-		
13	629 572T	SR 2299 Russell Street	Add gates	 	445 000 22	
14	629 574G	Blount Street	Add gates	\$	145,000.00	
15	629 877R	Cumberland Street	Add 4 quadrant gates		145,000.00	
16	629 878X	Chance Street	Close crossing	\$	220,000.00	
17	629 879E	Moore Street	Add 4 quadrant gates	\$	12,000.00	
18	629 881F	Hay Street	Add gates	\$	220,000.00	
19	629 882M	Franklin Street	Add 4 quadrant gates and signal preemption	\$	145,000.00	
20	629 883U	SR 2299 West Russell Street	Add 4 quadrant gates and signal preemption	\$	220,000.00	
21	629 8848	Rankin Street	Close crossing and change traffic patterns on Winslow Street	\$	220,000.00	
22	629 685H	Blount Street	Add 4 quadrant gates and adjust vertical profile of the roadway	\$	225,000.00	
23	629 886P	SR 1168 Whitfield Street	Add 4 quadrant gates	\$	220,000.00	
24	629 904K	Hillsboro Street	Current Project: construct signal and gates (Z-3144B)	\$	220,000.00	<u> </u>
25	629 905S	Moore Street	Add gates			
26	629 907F	Cumberland Street	Add gates	\$	145,000.00	
27	629 910N	Langdon Street	Add gates Add gates and upgrade traffic signal on Murchison Road	\$	145,000.00	<u> </u>
28	629 911V	Jasper Street	No Action	\$	185,000.00	
29	629 912C	McLamb Street	No Action	↓		
30	629 913J	US 401	Current Project: add gates (Z-4406E)	<u> </u>		<u> </u>
31	629 914R	SR 1614 Shawmill Road	No Action	<u> </u>		
32	641 772E	SR 2299 Russell Street	Remove crossing	-		
33	641 773L	Maxwell	Add flashers and cantilevers	\$	12,000.00	
34	641 774T	Donaldson Street	Close crossing	\$	160,000.00	
35	641 775A	SR 2311 Gillespie Street	Upgrade traffic signal to current NCDOT standards	\$	12,000.00	<u> </u>
36	641 776G	Dick	No Action	\$	40,000.00	ļ <u></u>
37	641 778V	SR 2299 Cool Springs Road	No Action	 		Make Franklin two-w
38	641 780W	Alexander	No Action	<u> </u>		
39	641 781D	Kennedy	Close crossing	<u> </u>		ļ
40	641 782K	SR 2299 Wilmington Street	No Action	\$	12,000.00	
41	641 783S	Bums	Close crossing	<u> </u>		
42	641 785F	C	Make improvements to intersection	\$	12,000.00	
43	641 787U	SR 2299 East Russell Street		\$	50,000.00	
44	641 788B	US 301 Eastern Boulevard	Close median crossing and add gates in WB direction No Action	\$	32,000.00	
45	641 789H	King	Close crossing			
46	641 790C		Close crossing Close crossing	\$	12,000.00	
47	641 791J	Broad Street	No Action	\$	12,000.00	
48	641 792R	SR 2200 Deep Creek Road				
49	641 793X		No Action	<u> </u>		
50	641 794E	SR 1839 (Plymouth Street)	Add gates and median barrier. Upgrade traffic signal and cantilevers	\$	225,000.00	
51	904 419J	Eastwood Avenue	Add gates	\$	20,000.00	
52	904 419J 904 420D	Dobson Drive	No Action	<u> </u>		
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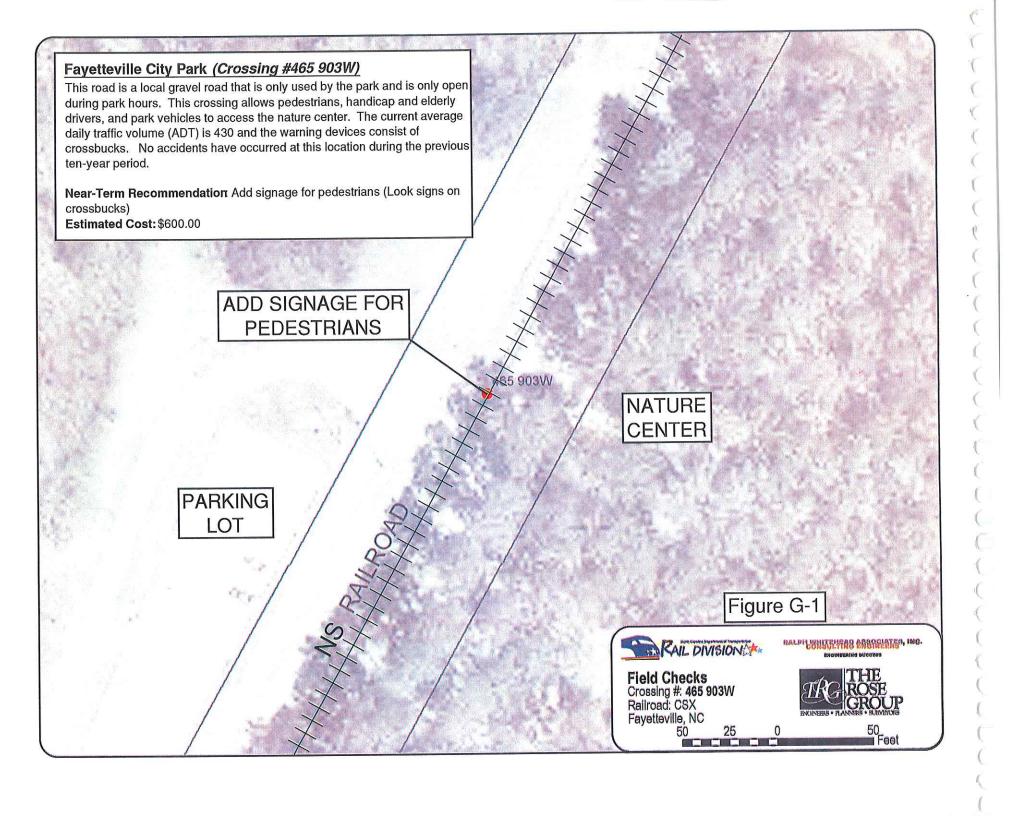
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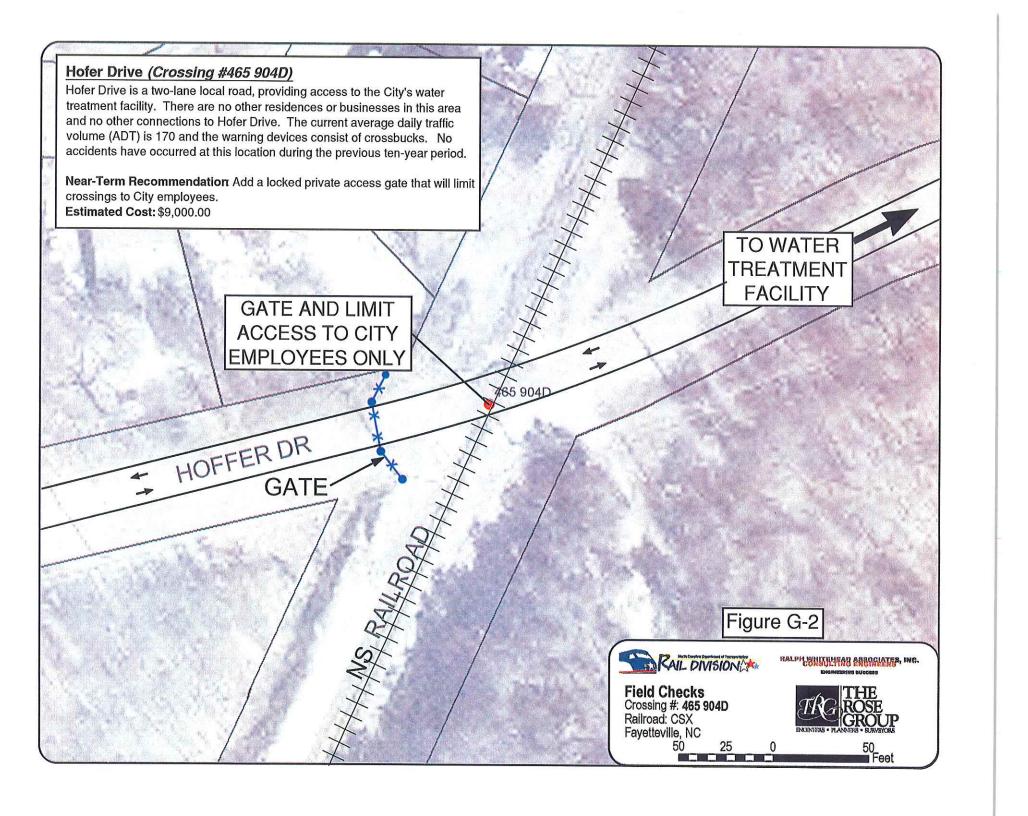
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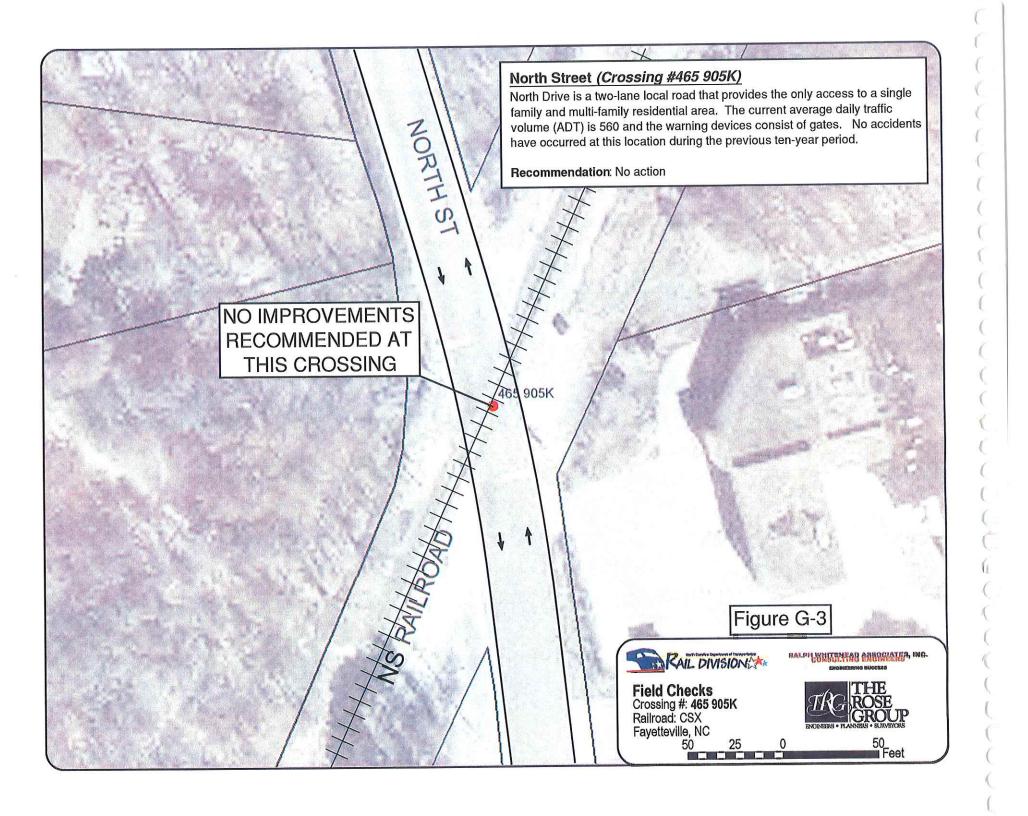
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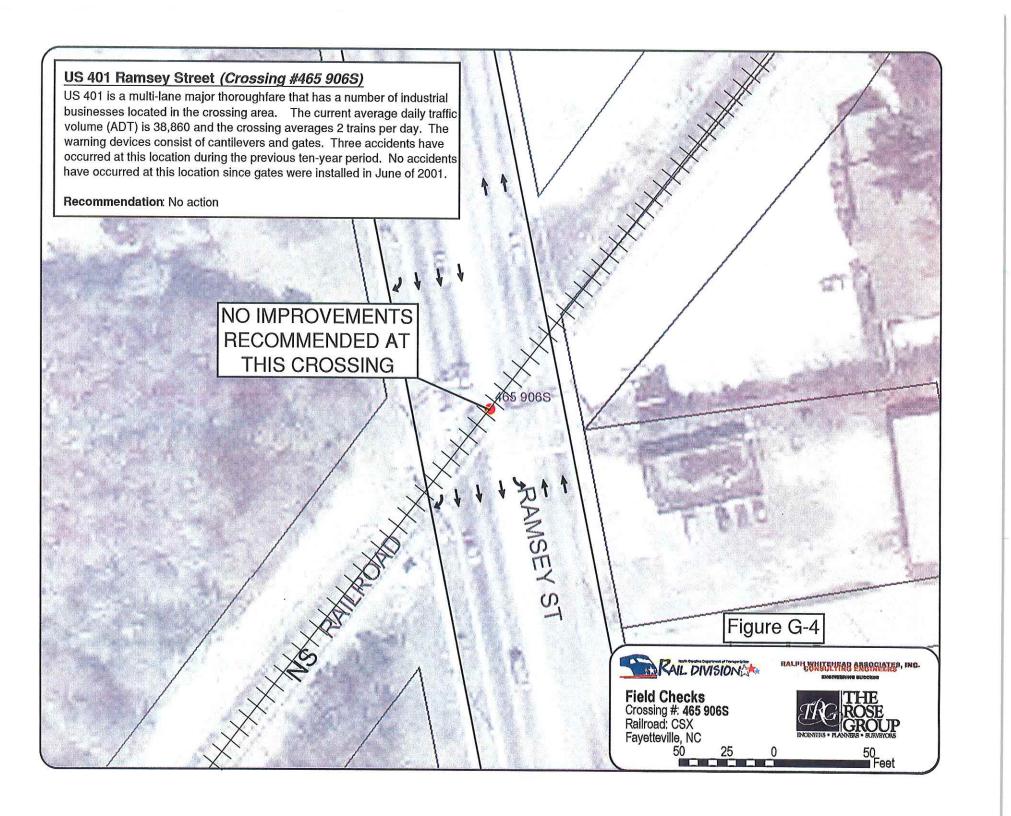
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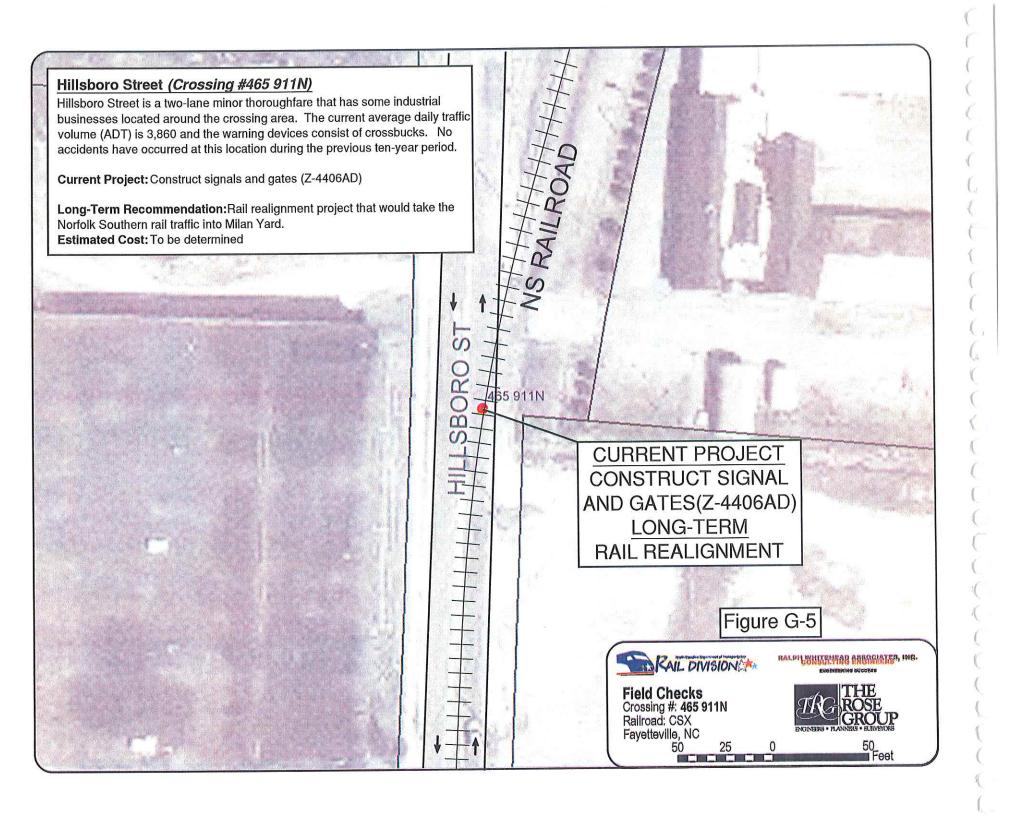
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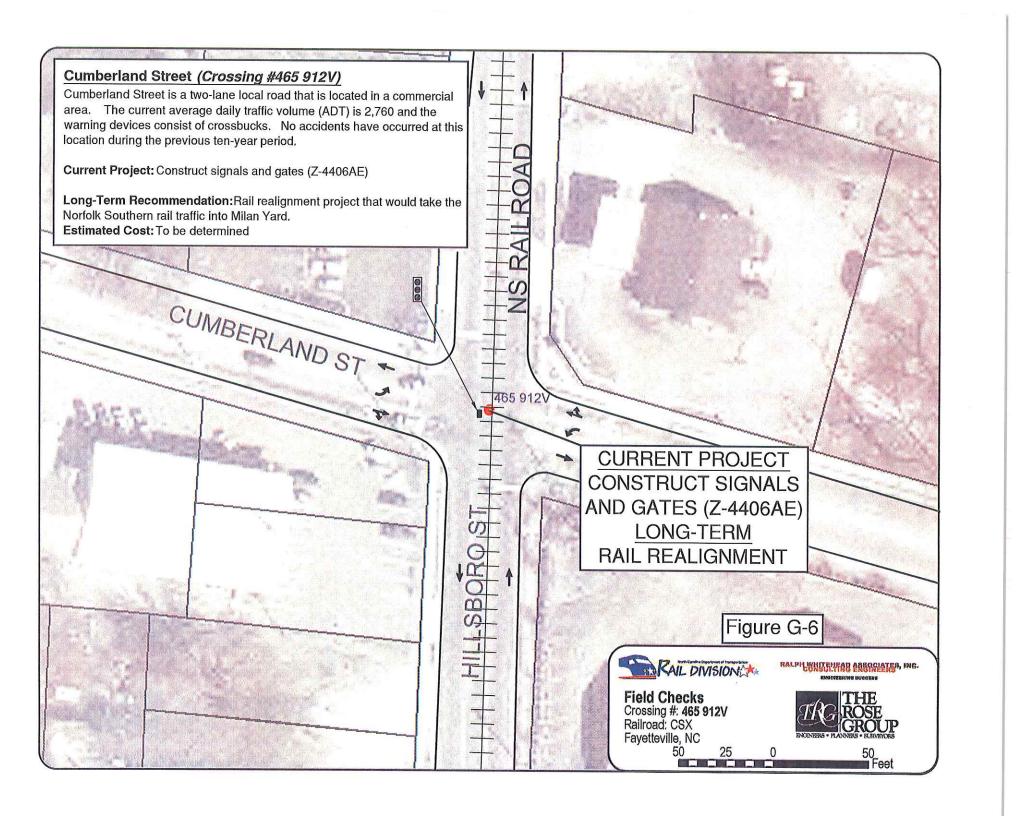


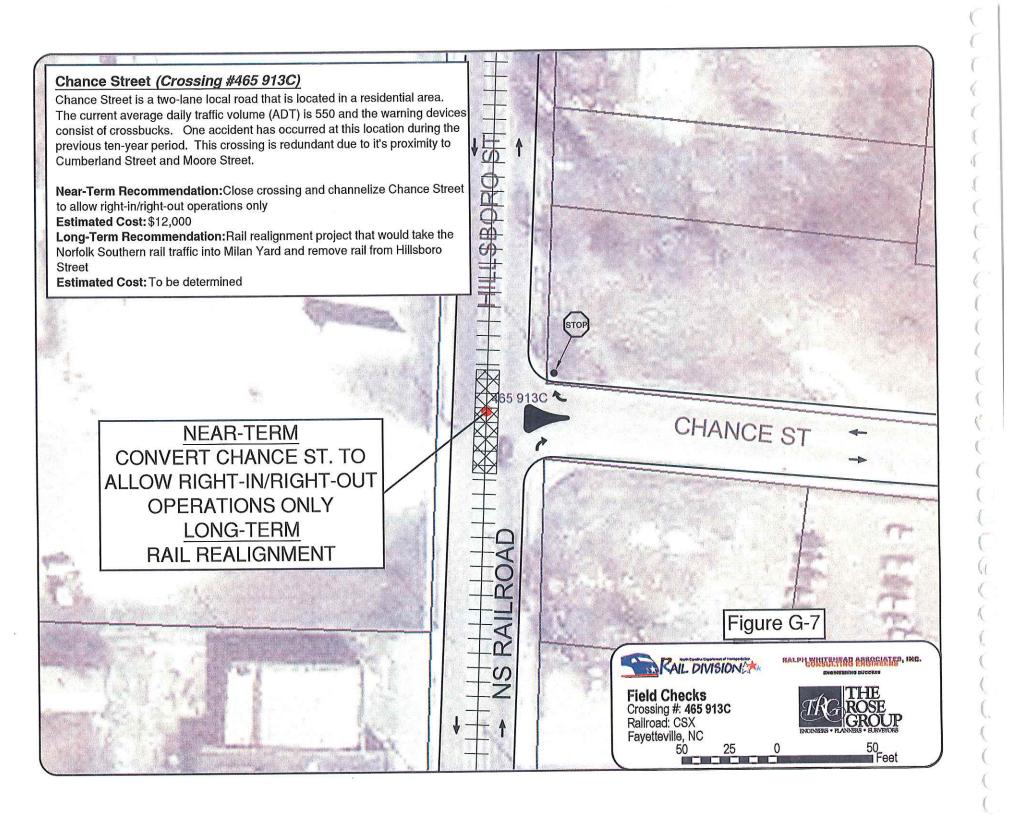


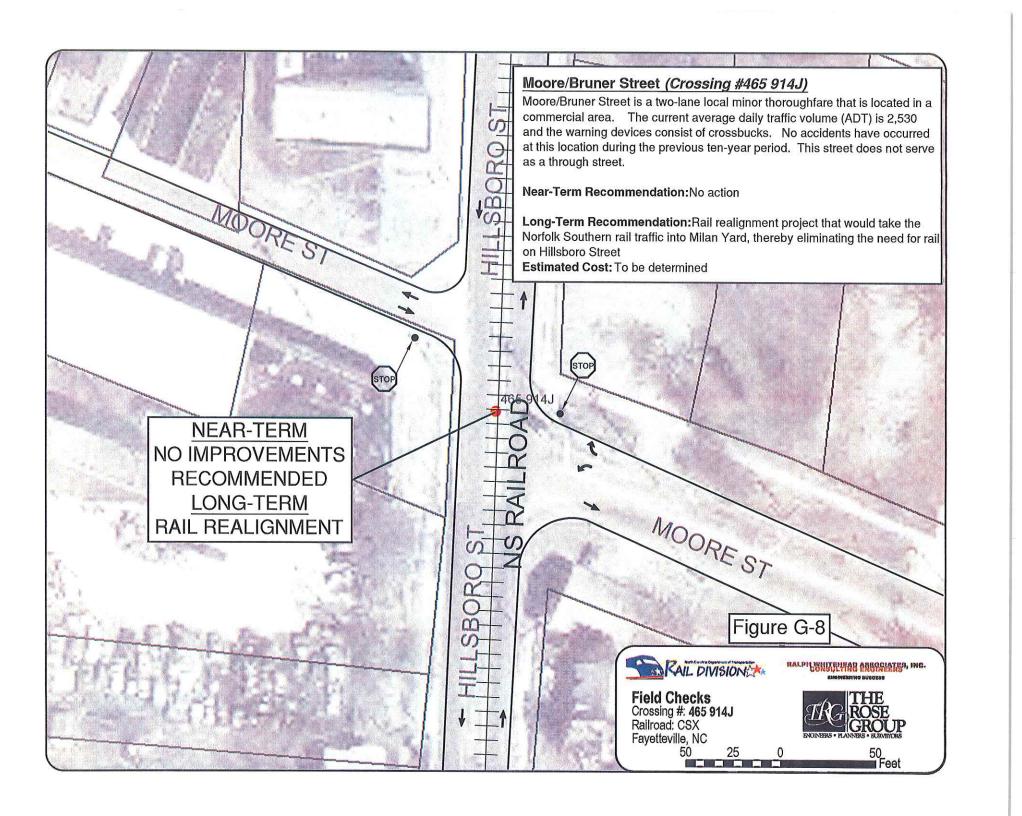


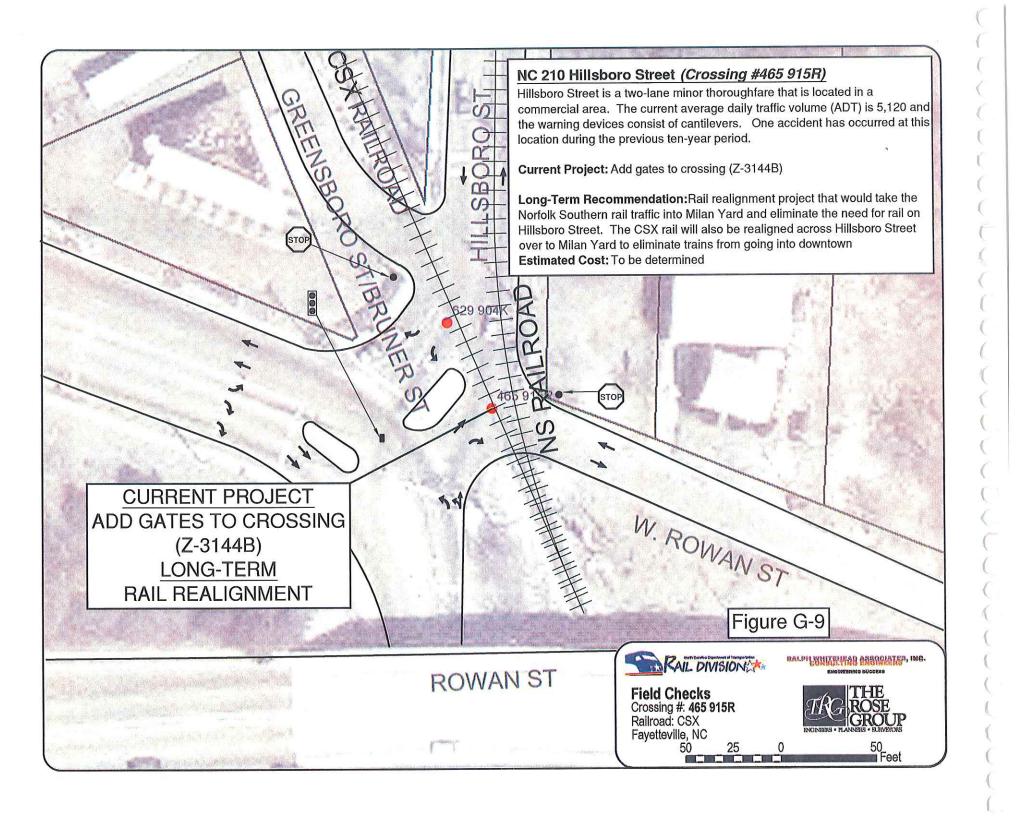


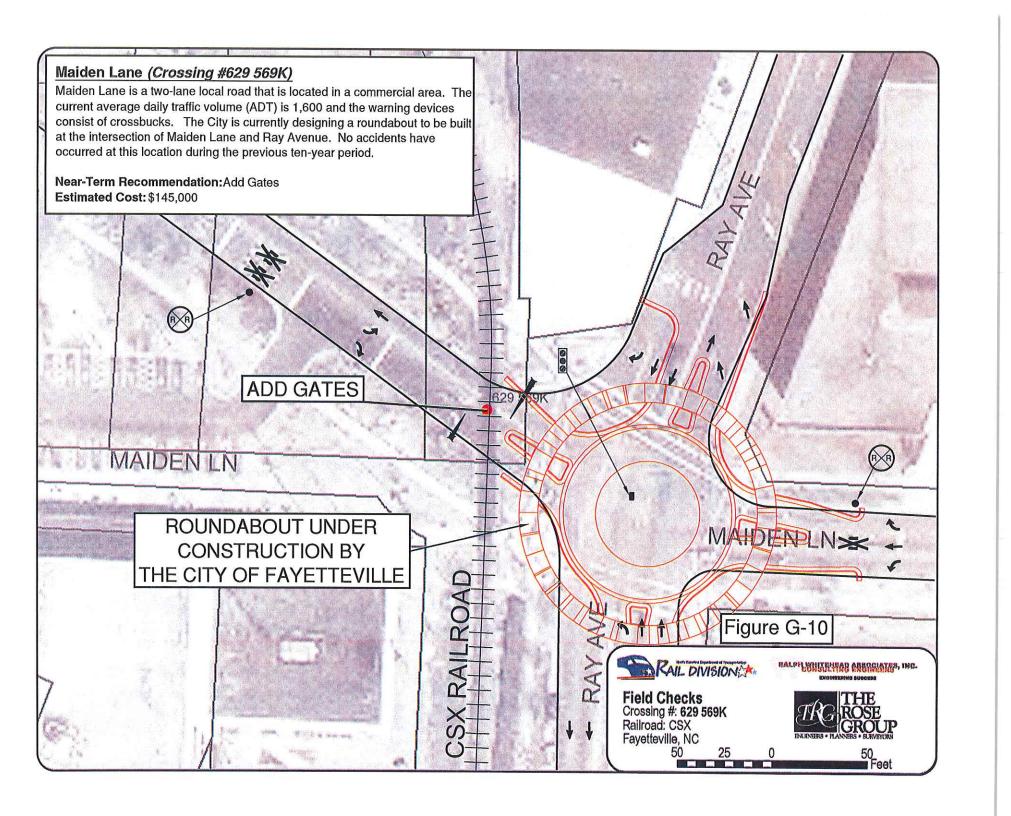


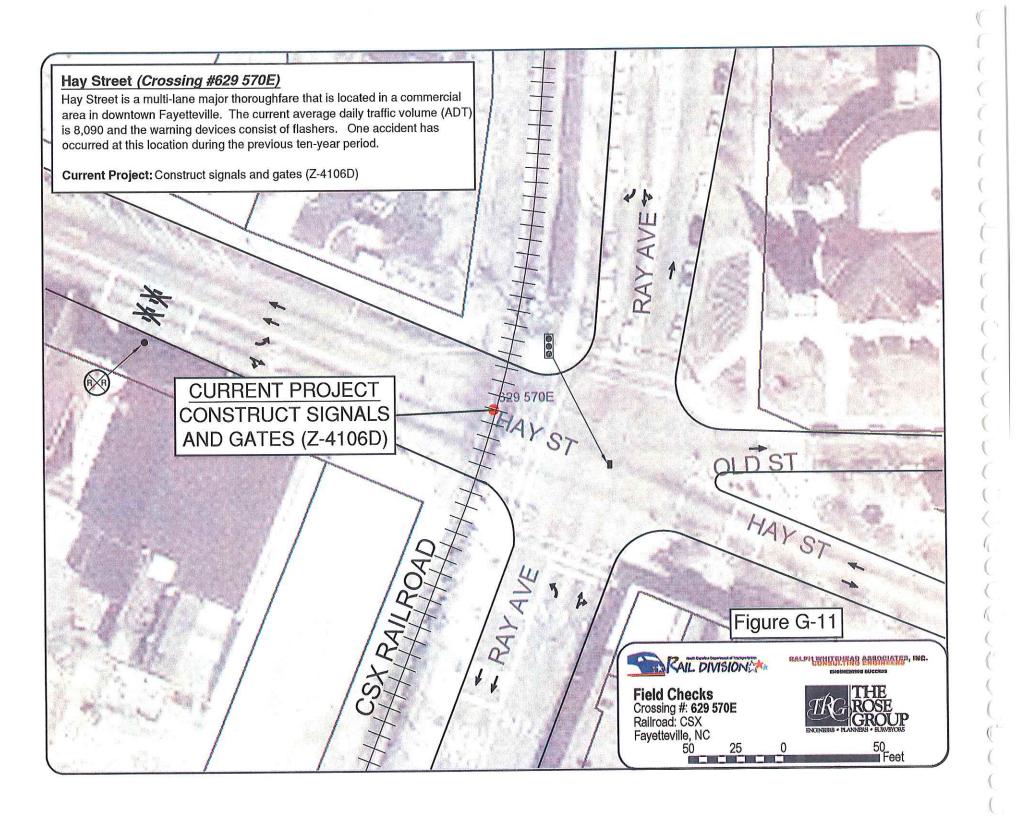


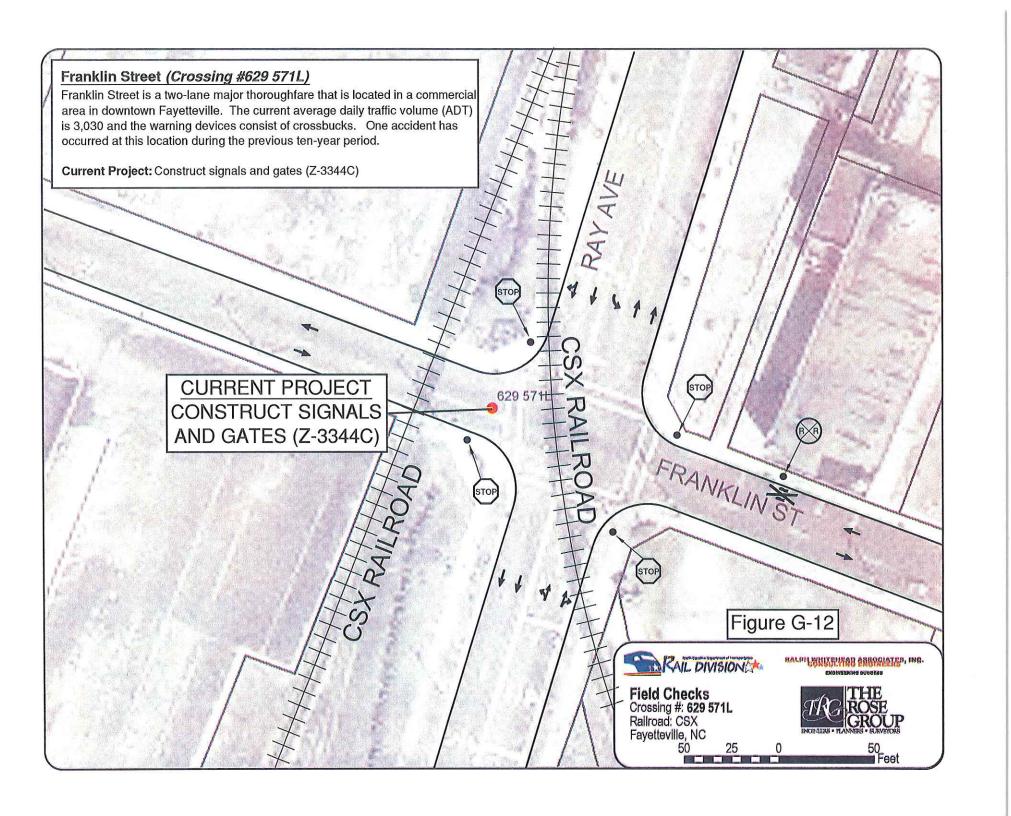


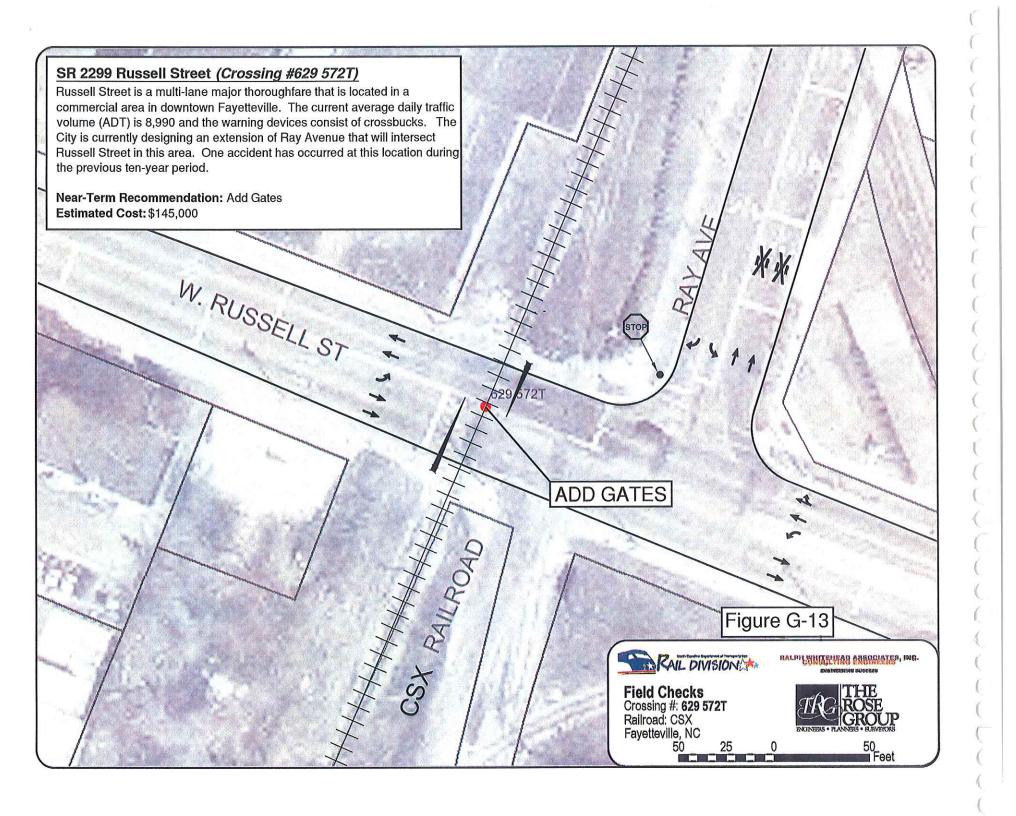


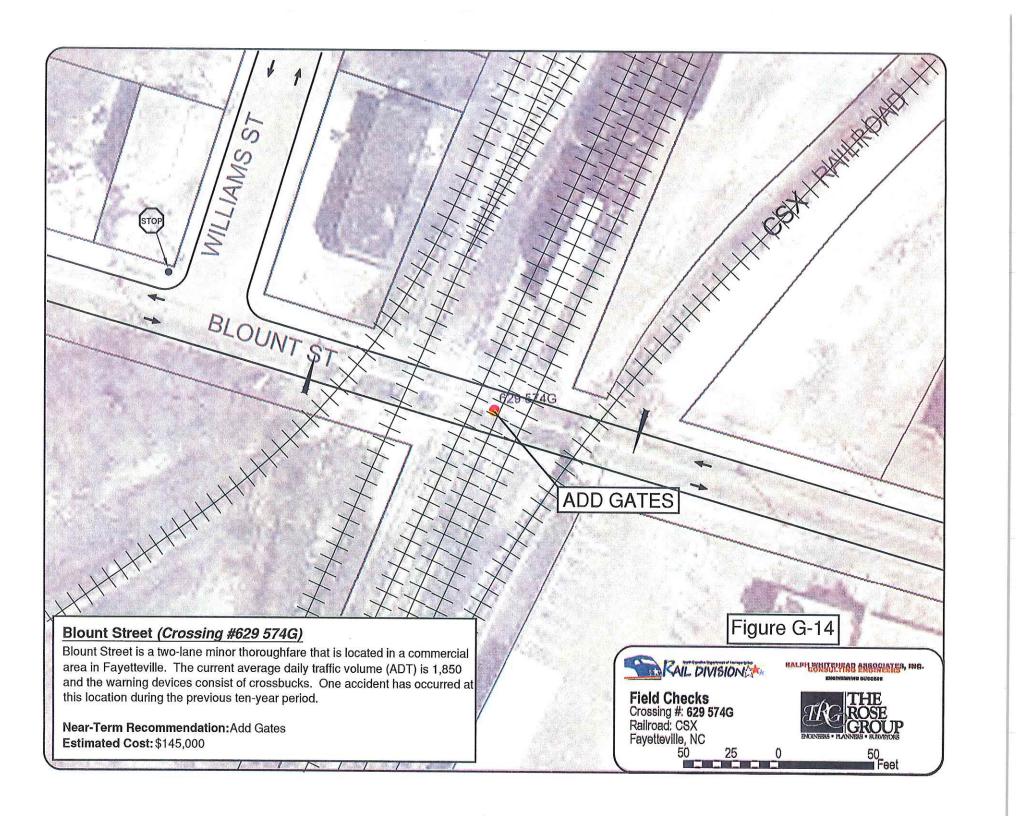


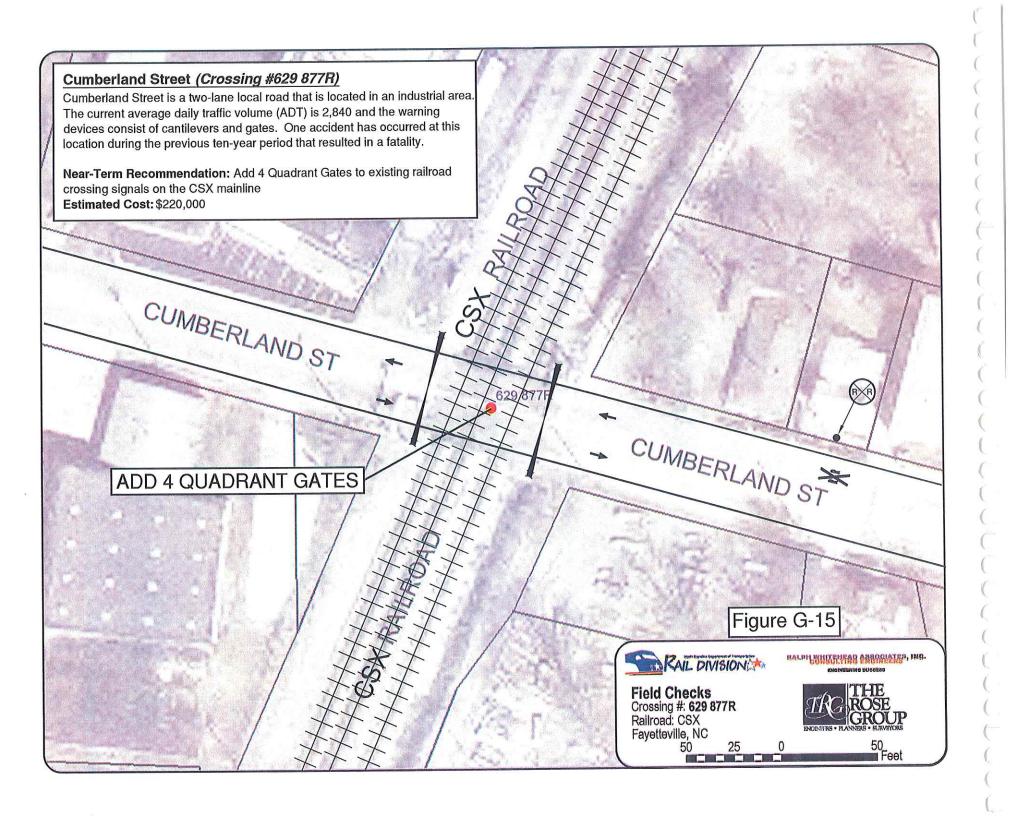


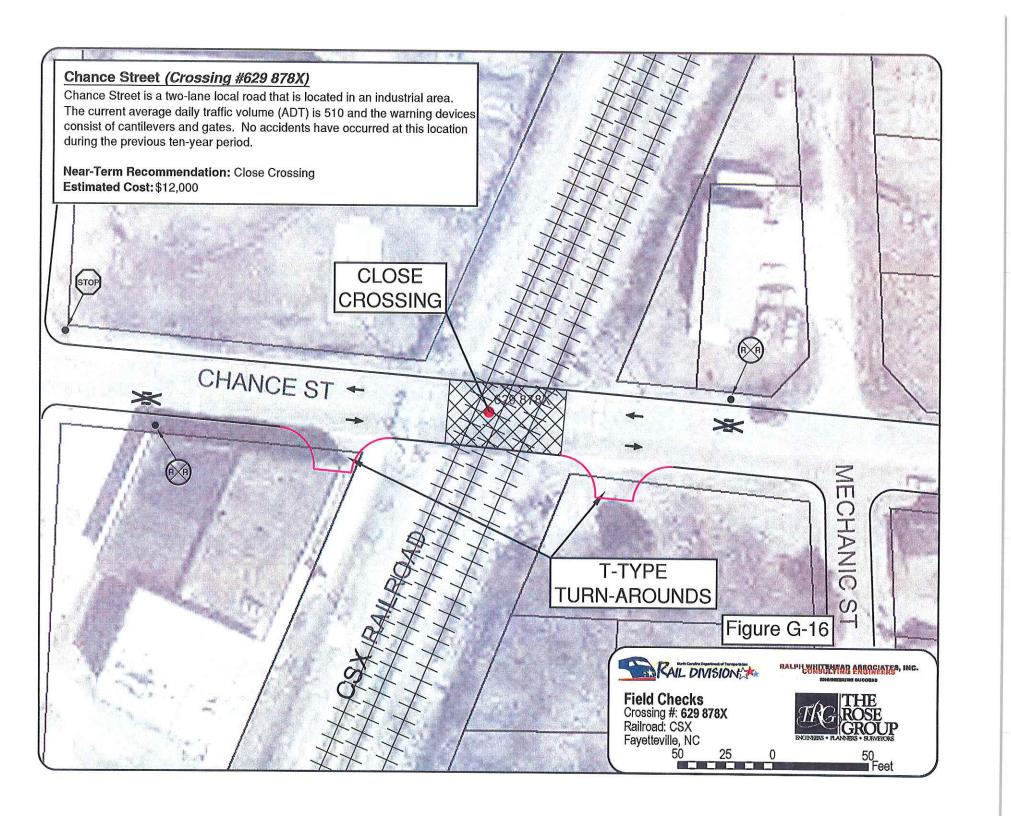


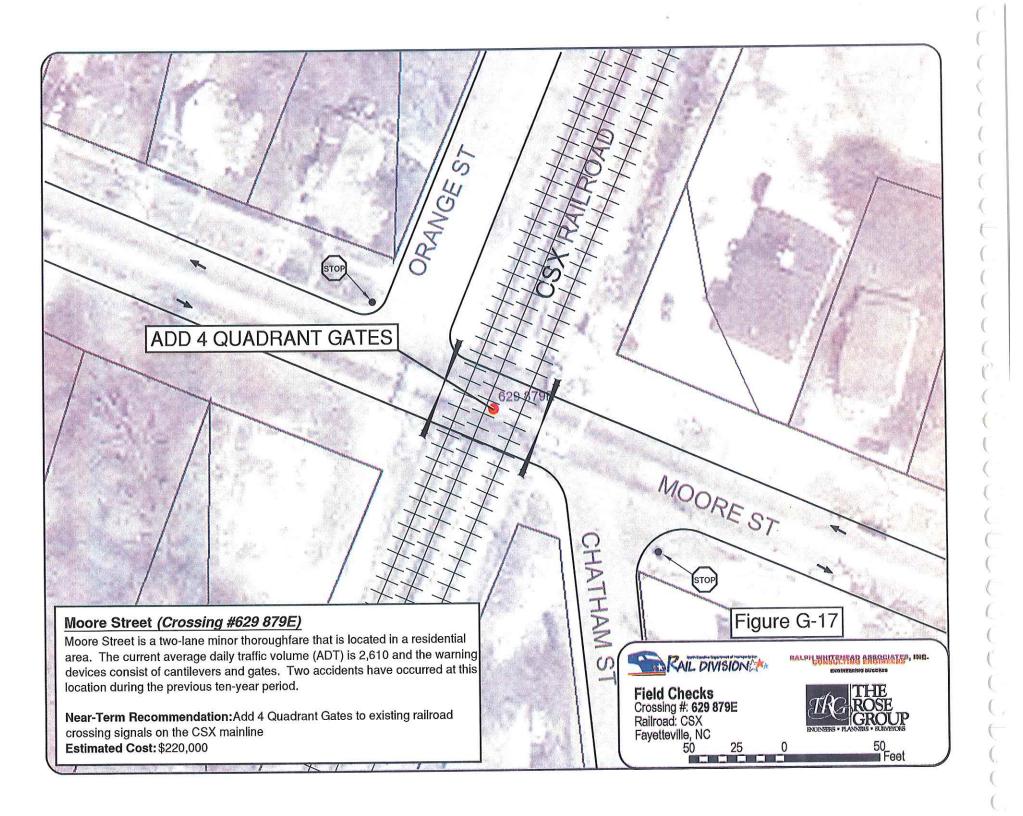


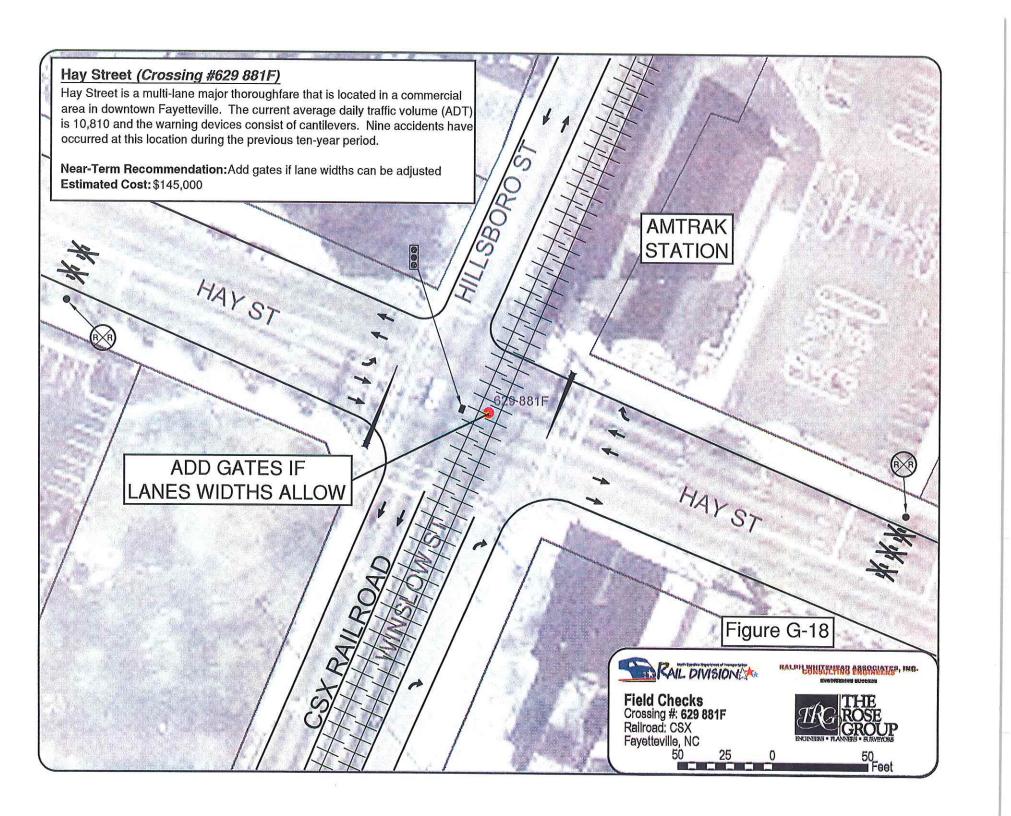


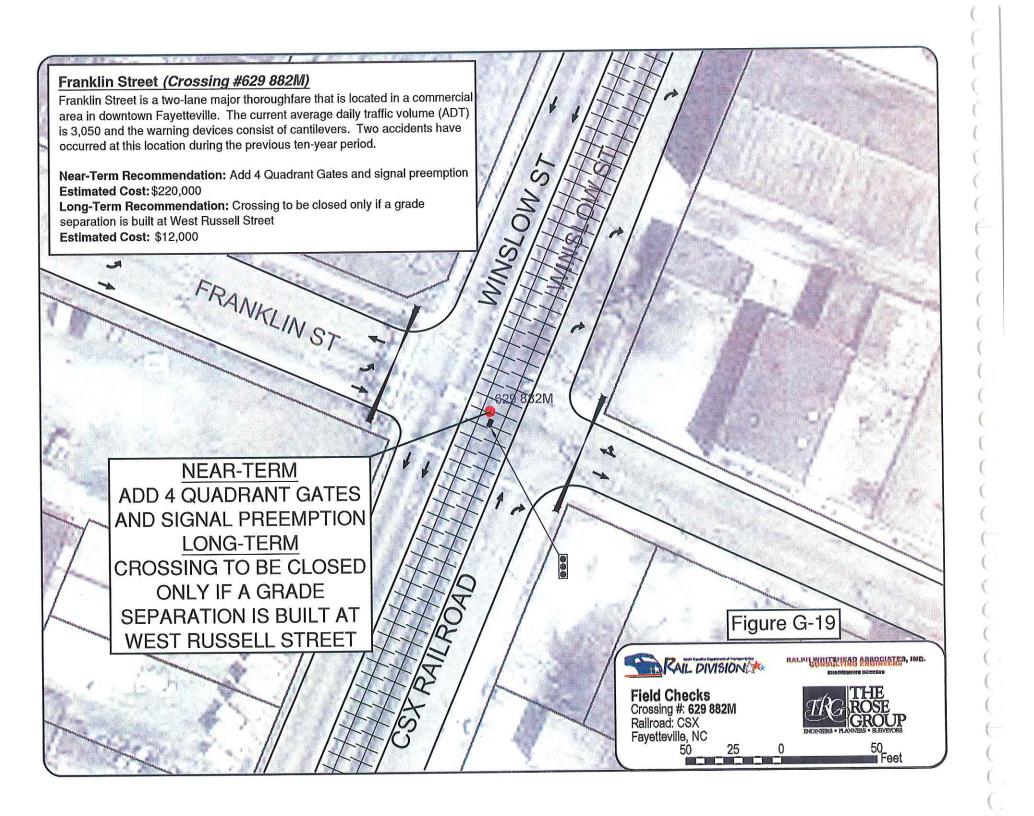


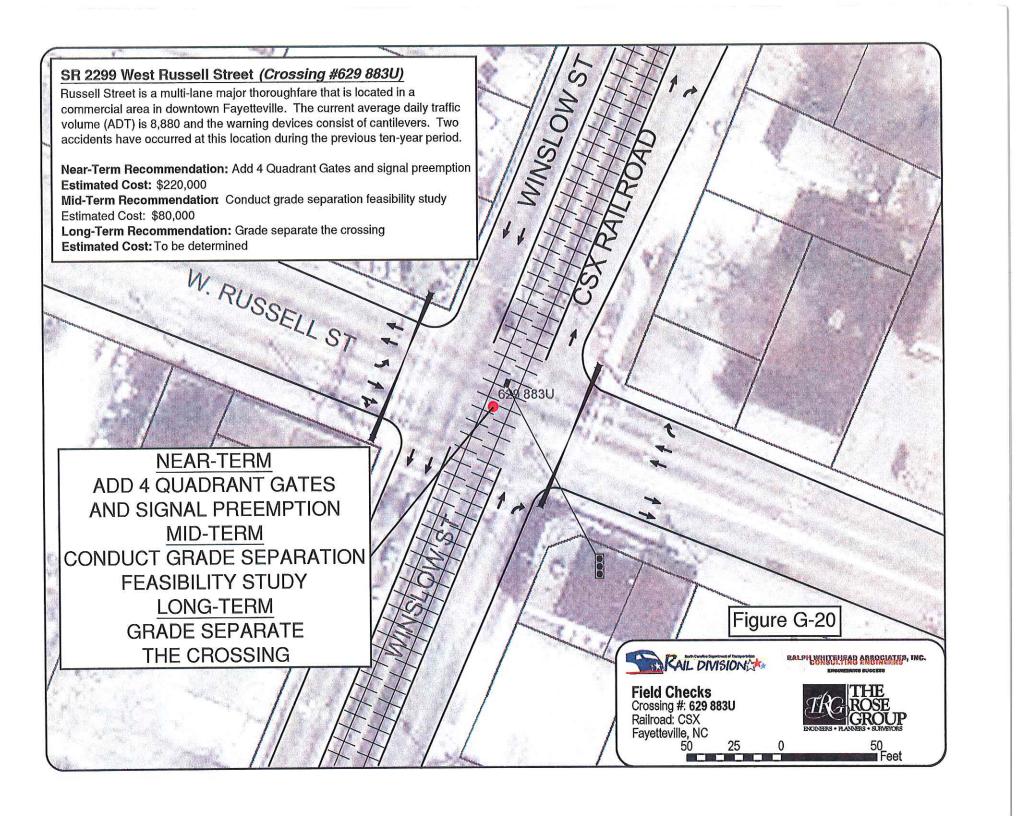


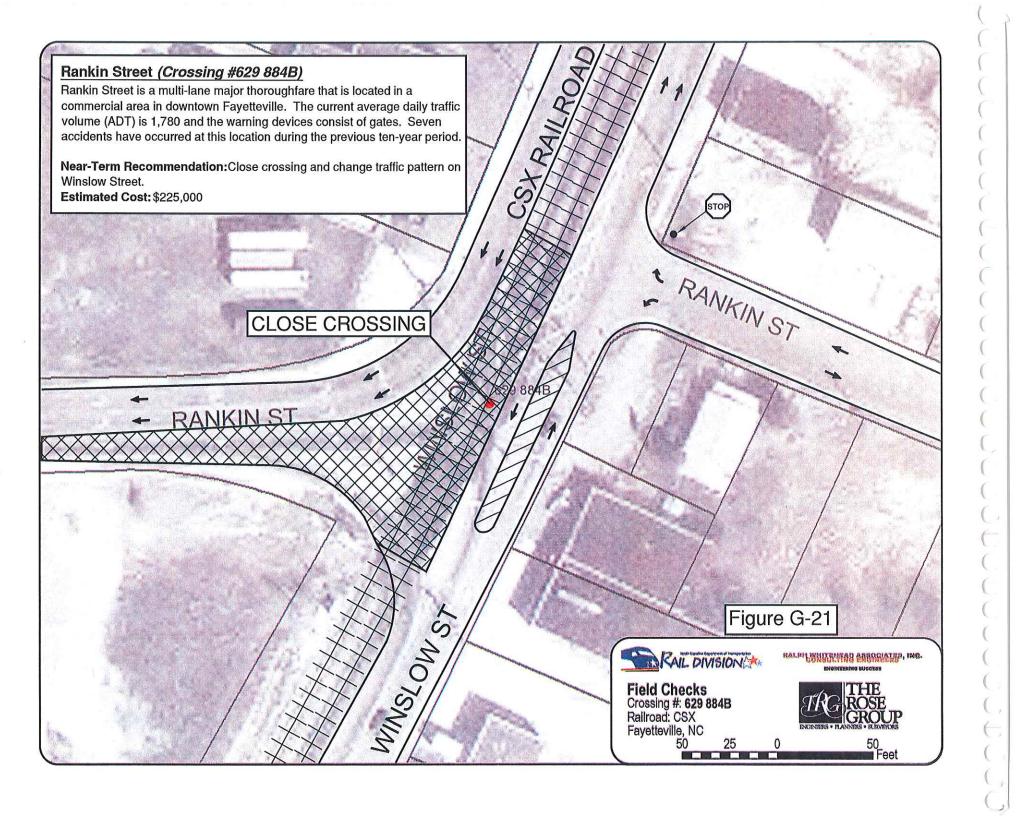


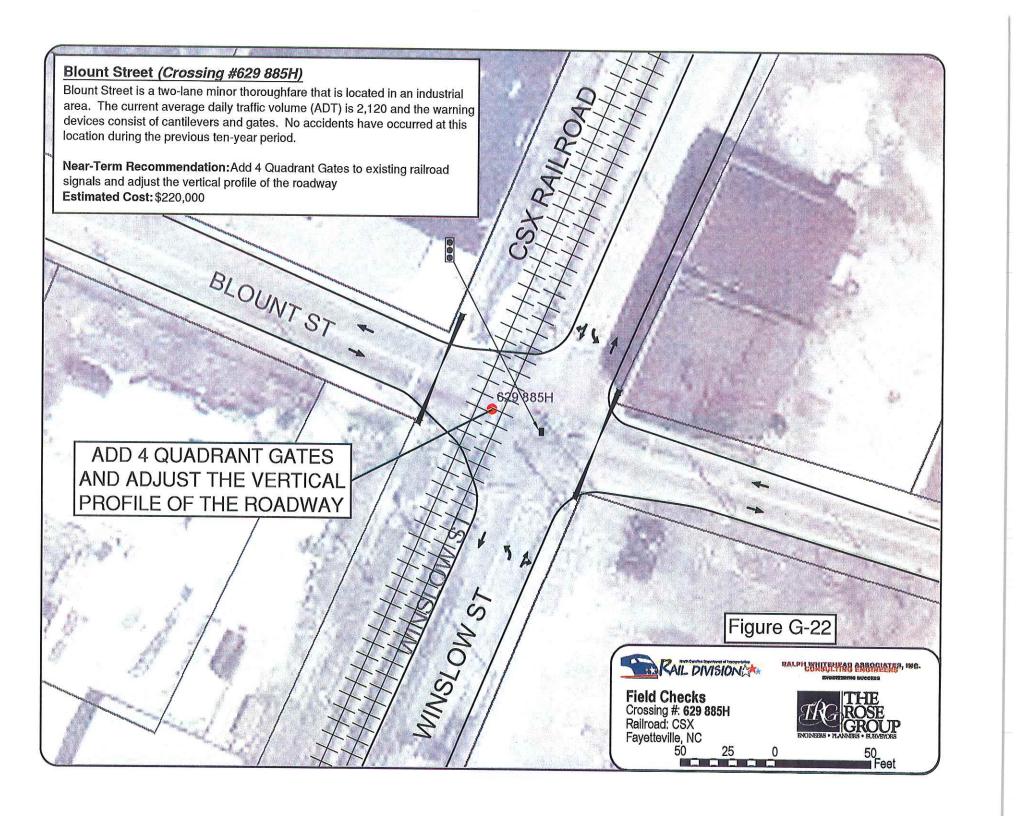


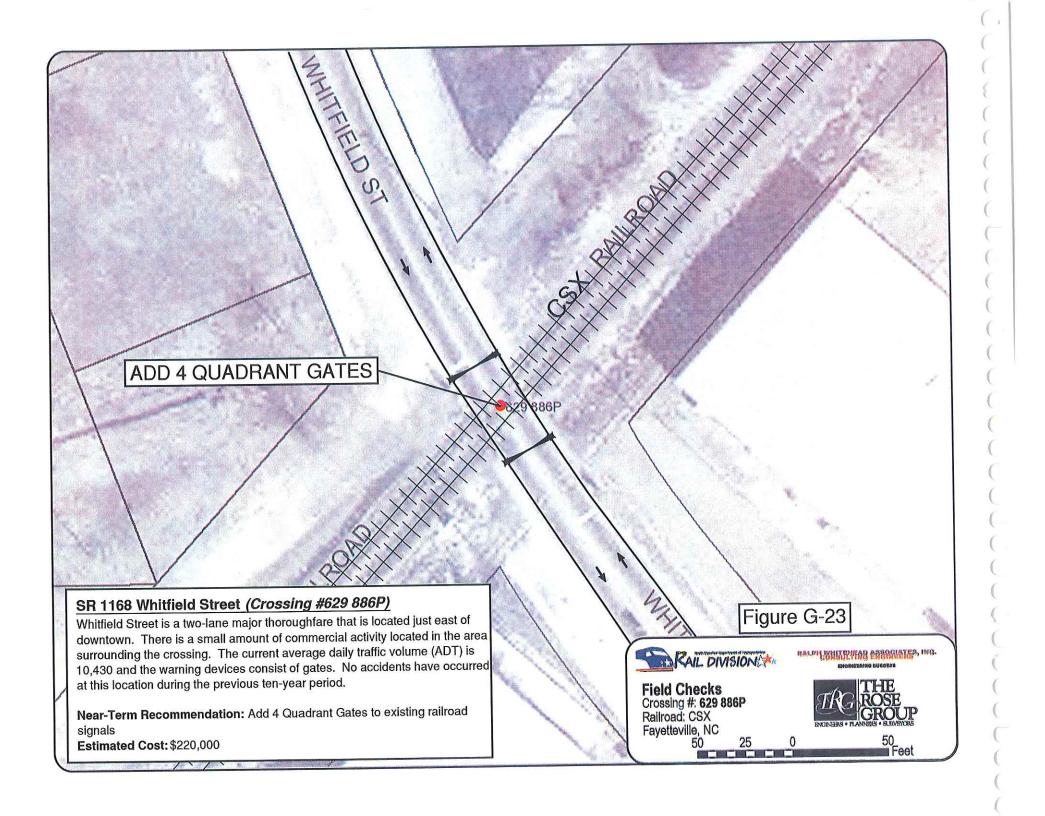


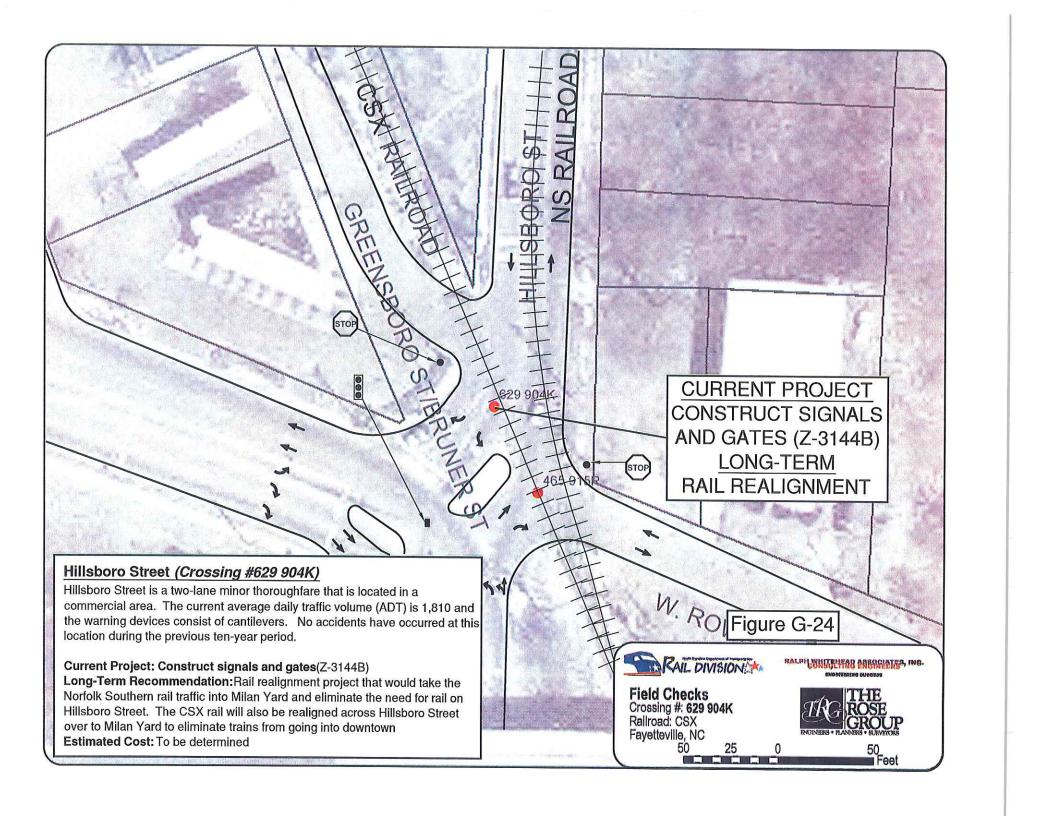


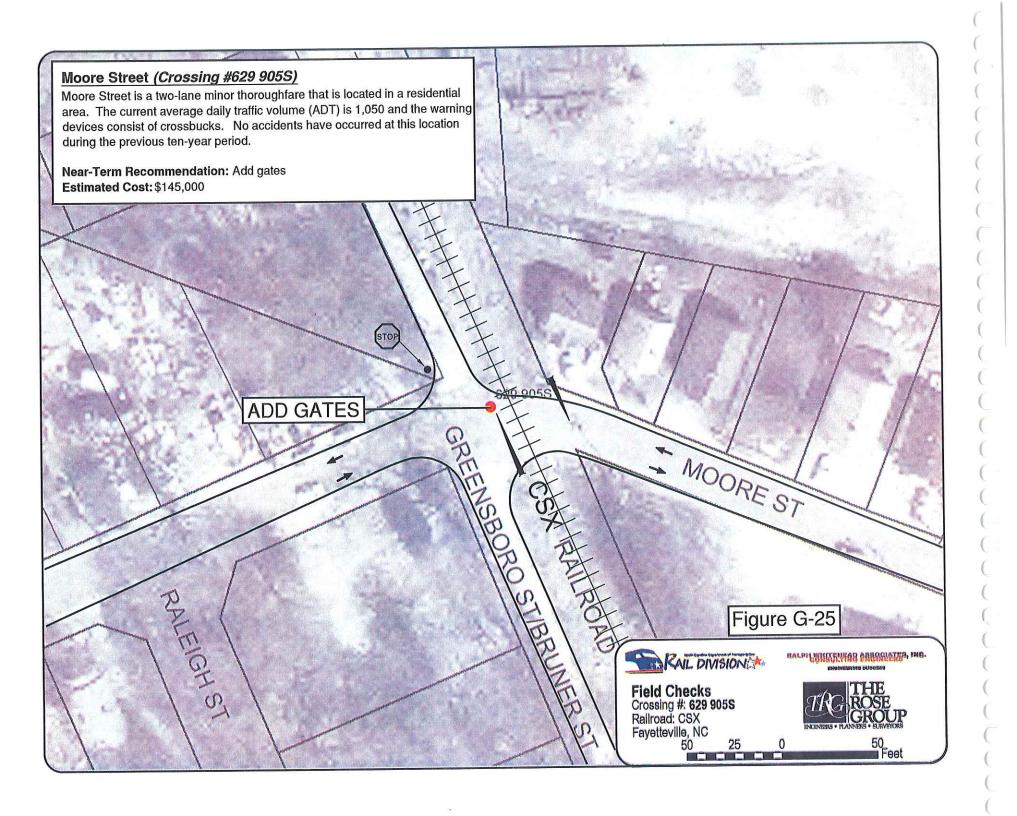


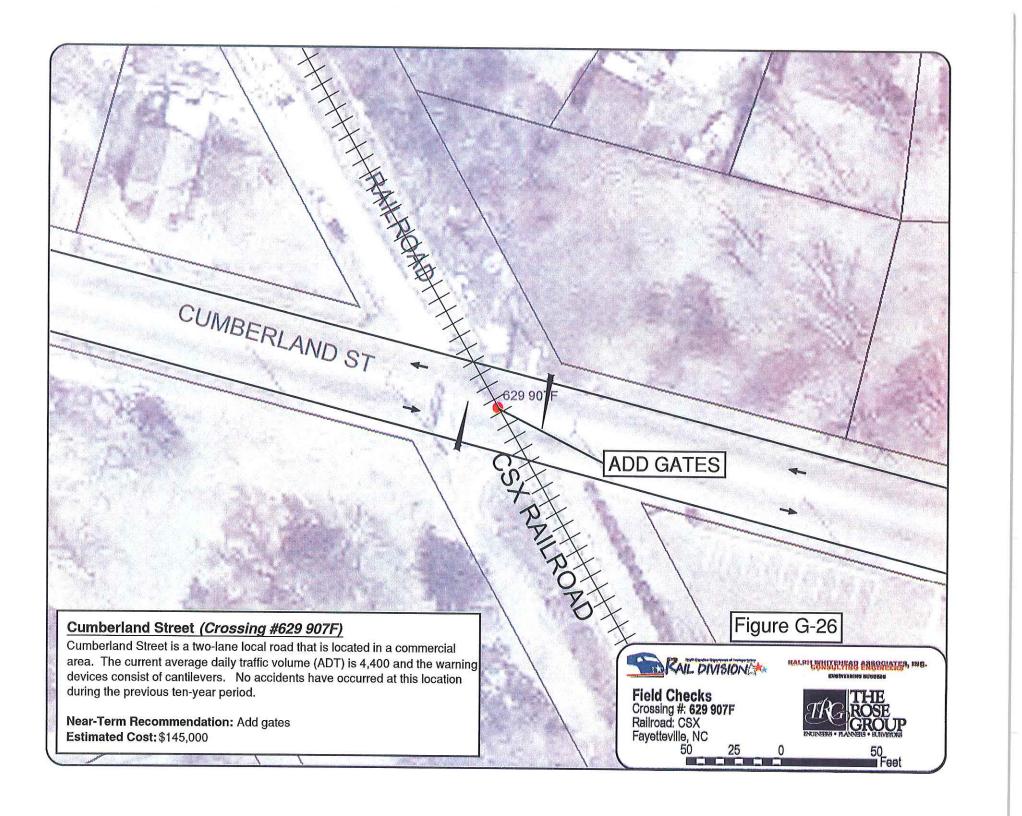


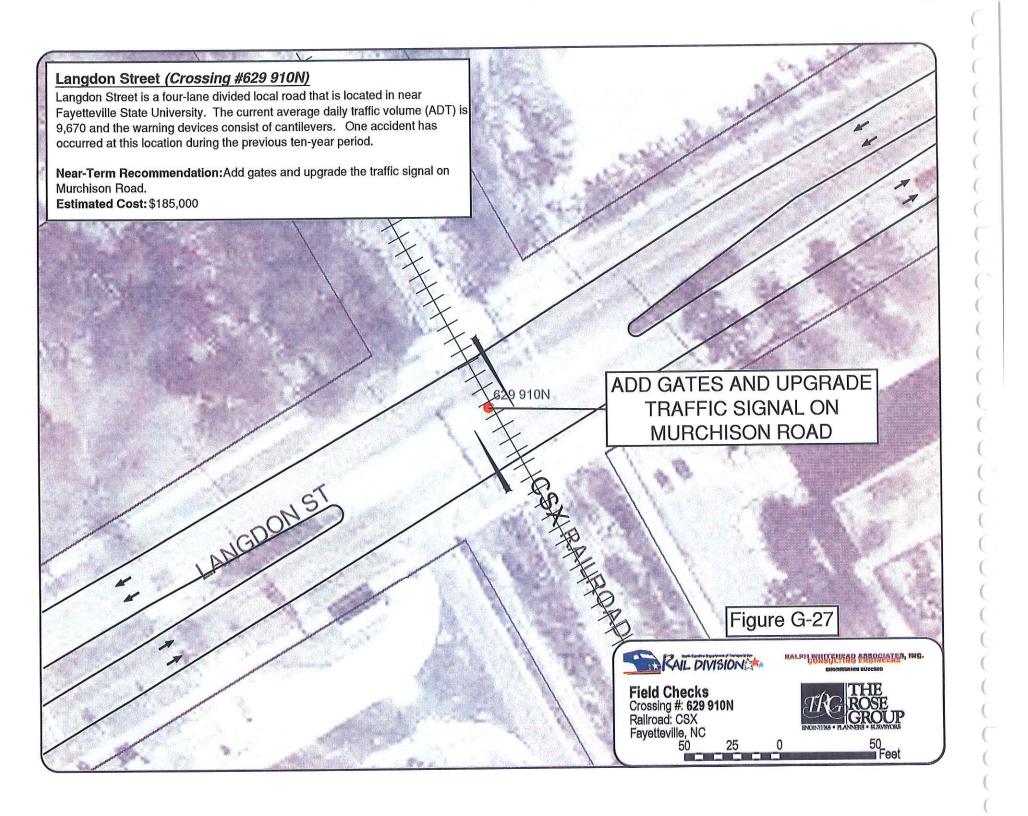


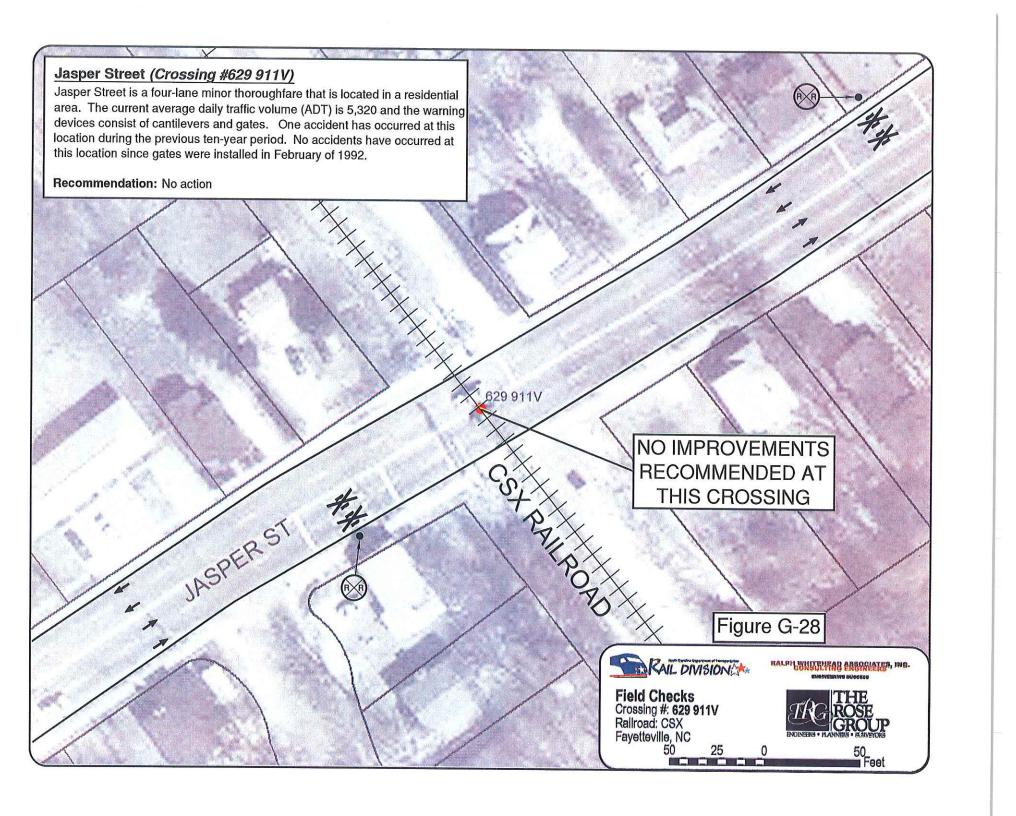


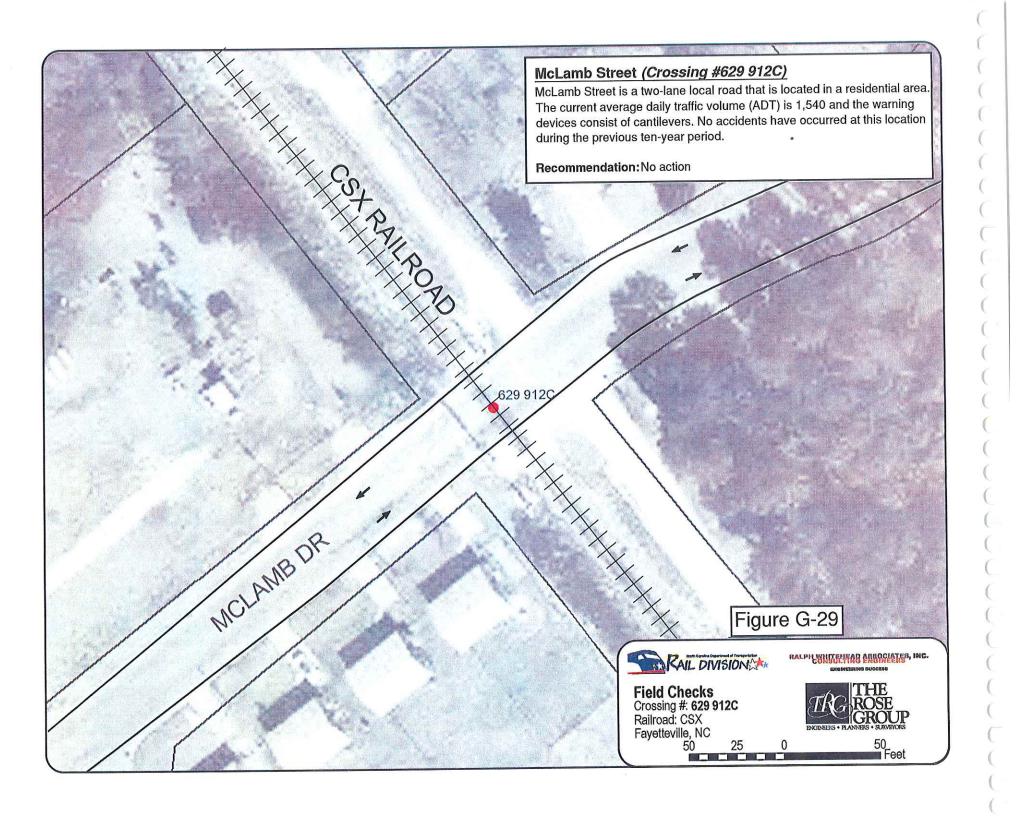


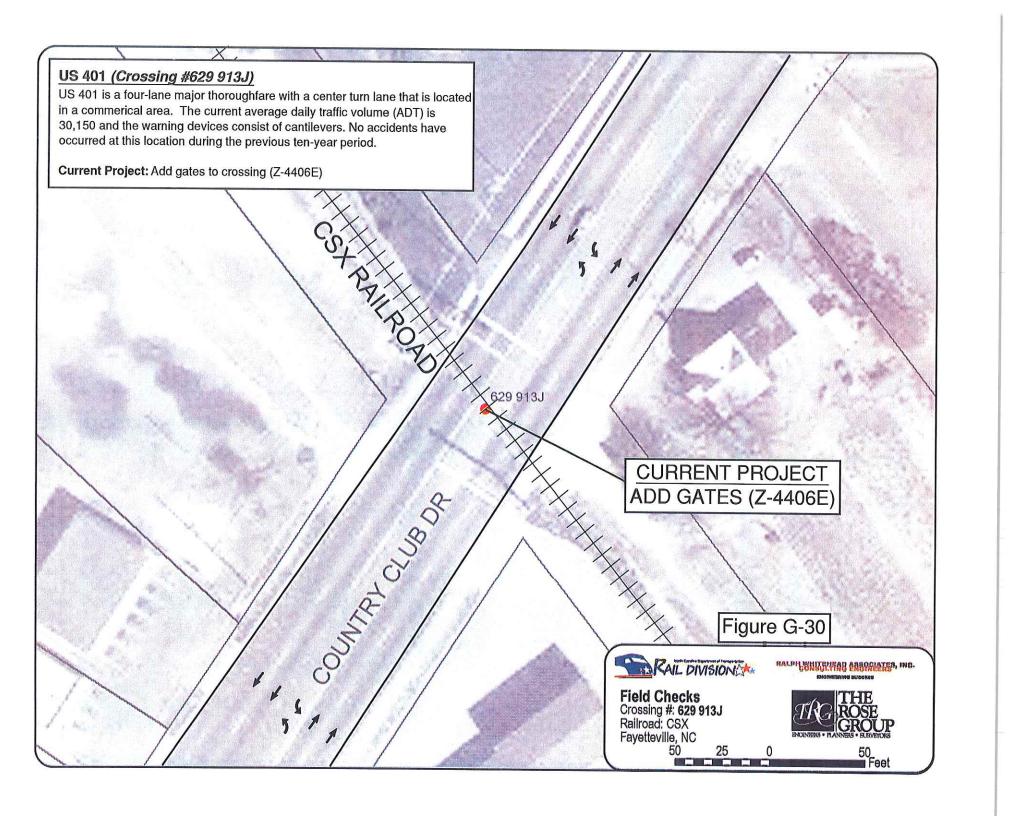


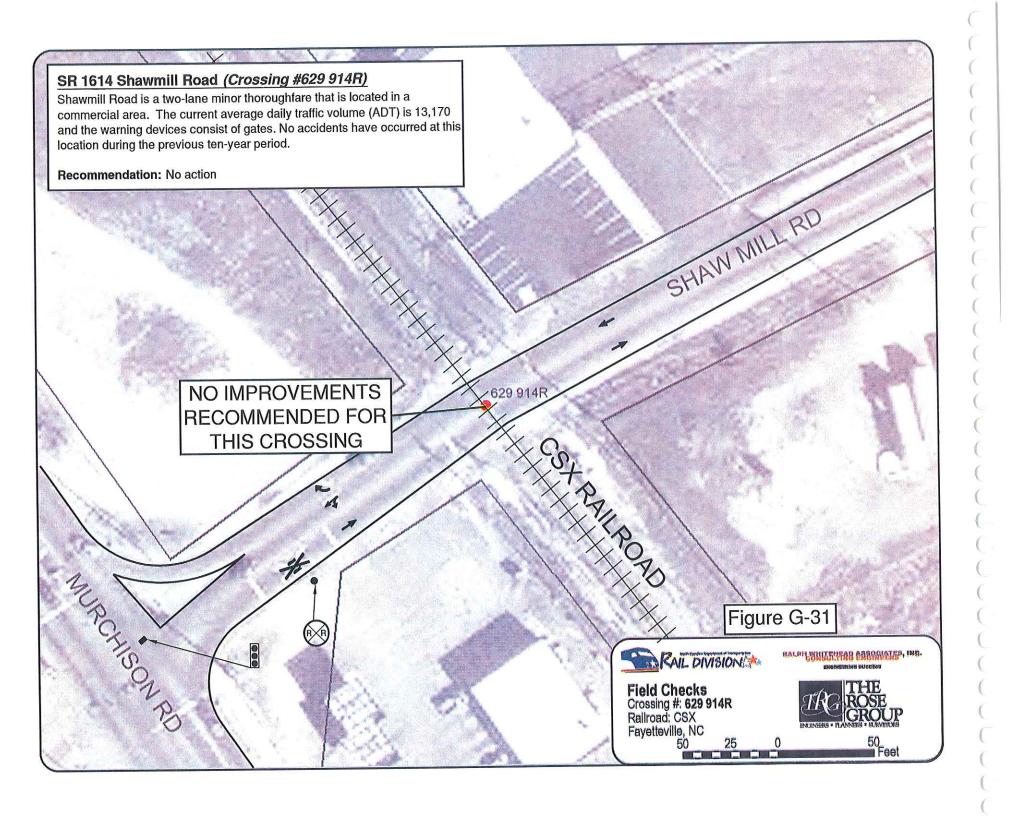


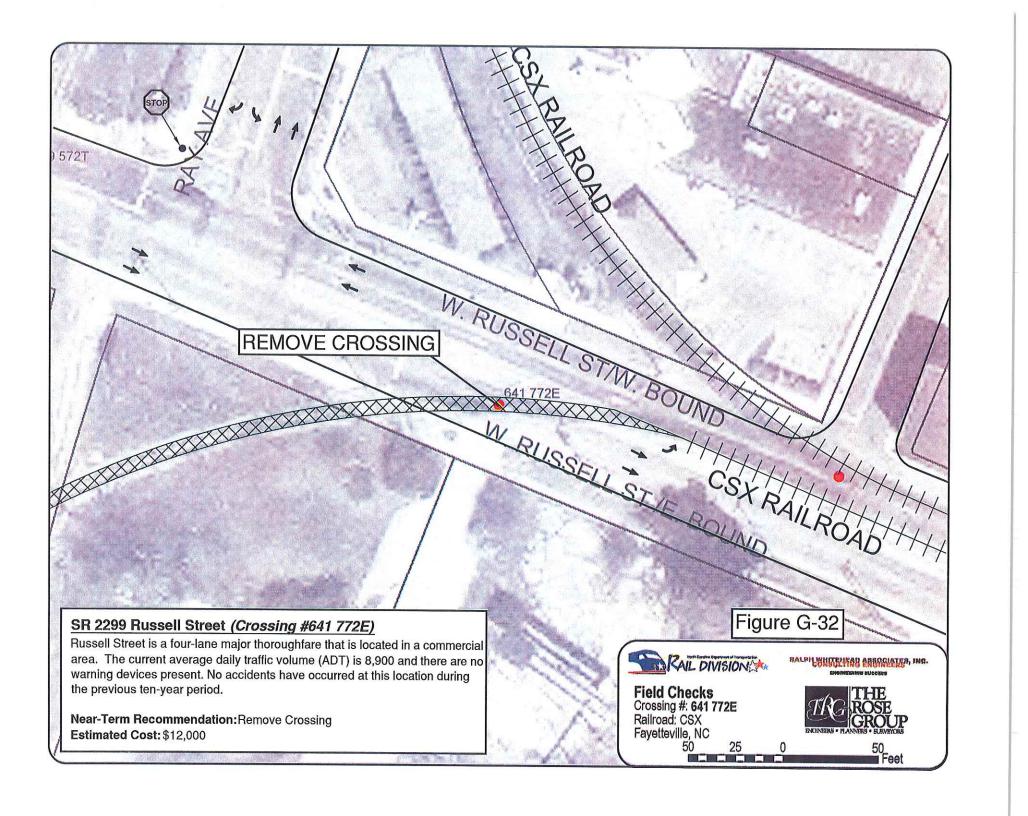


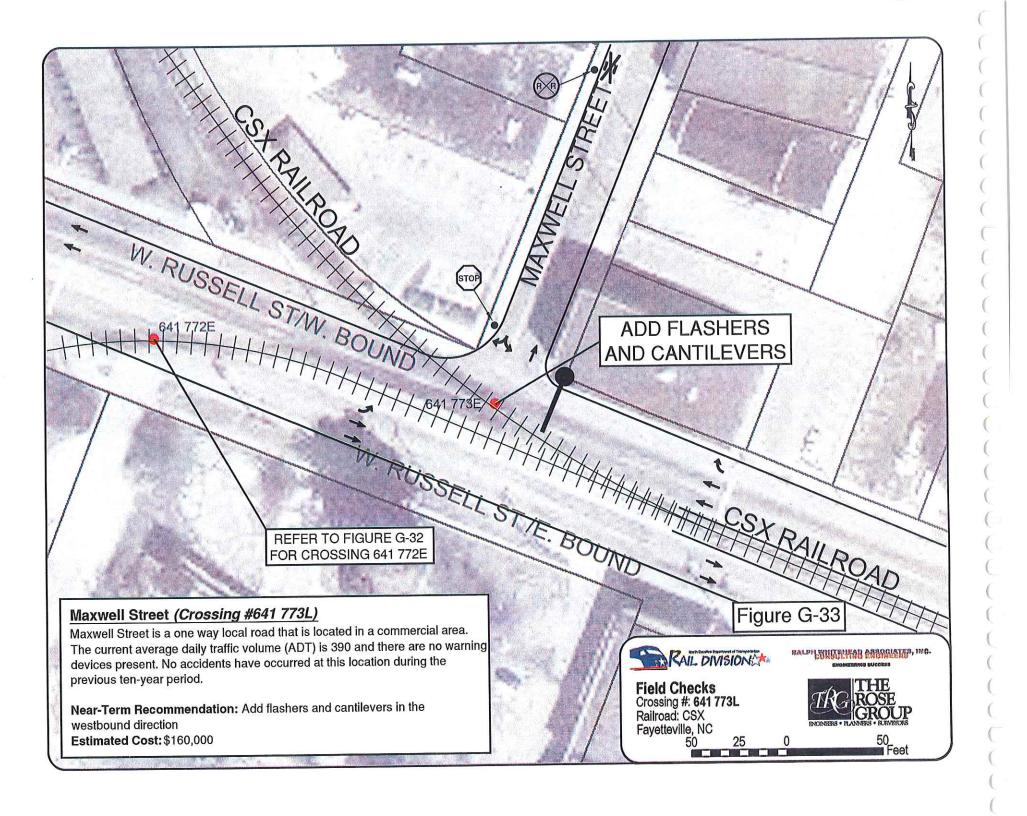


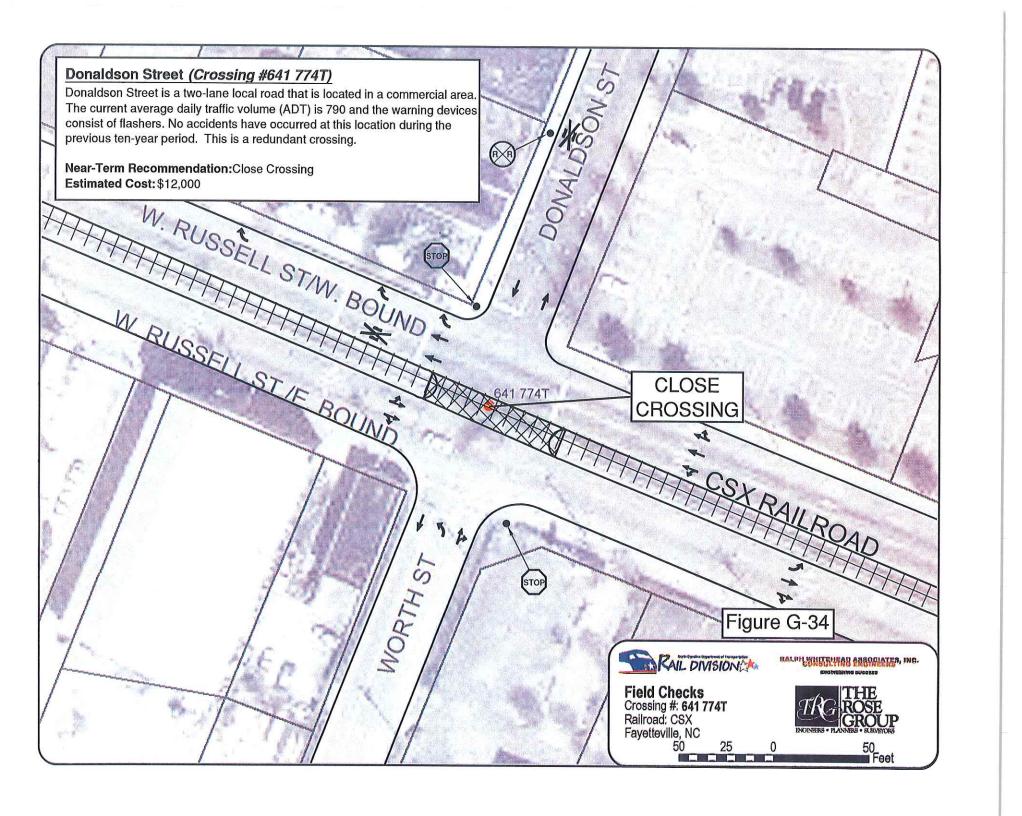


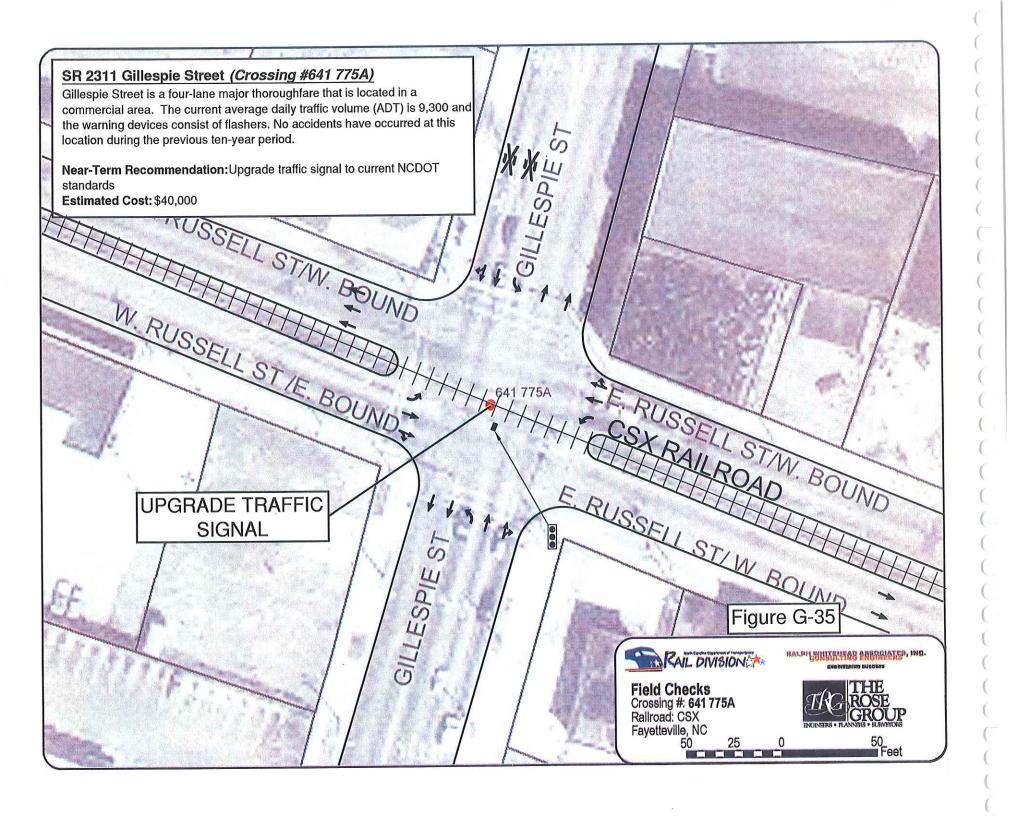


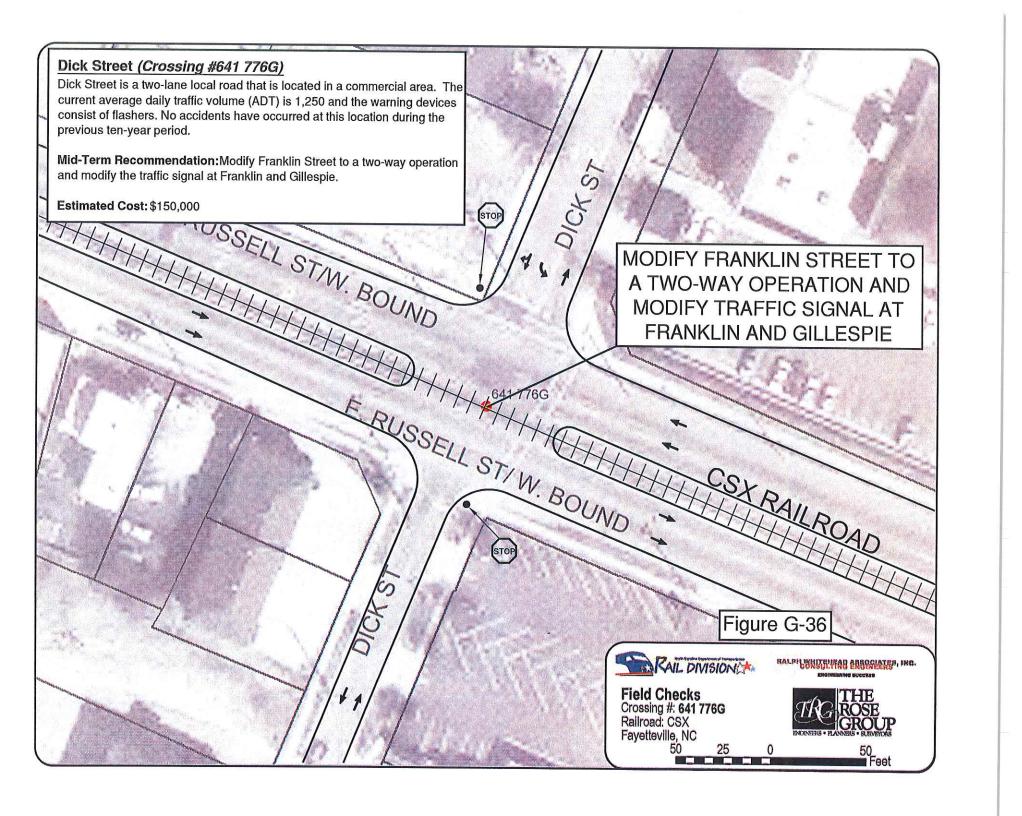


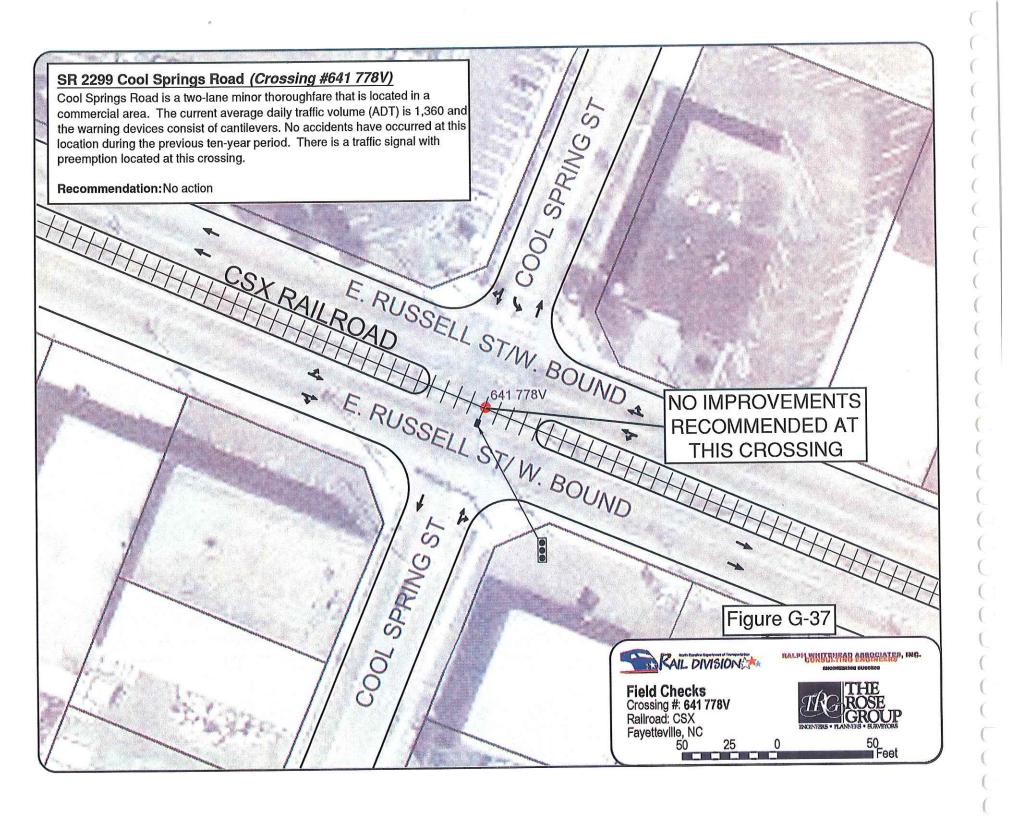


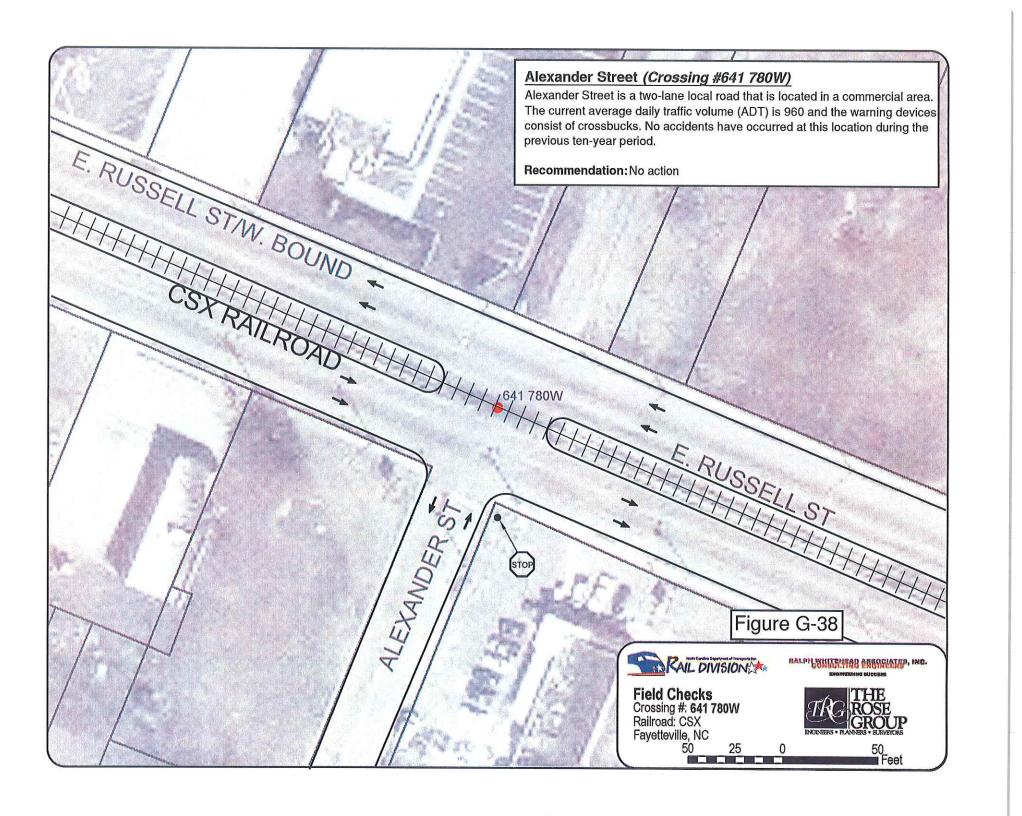


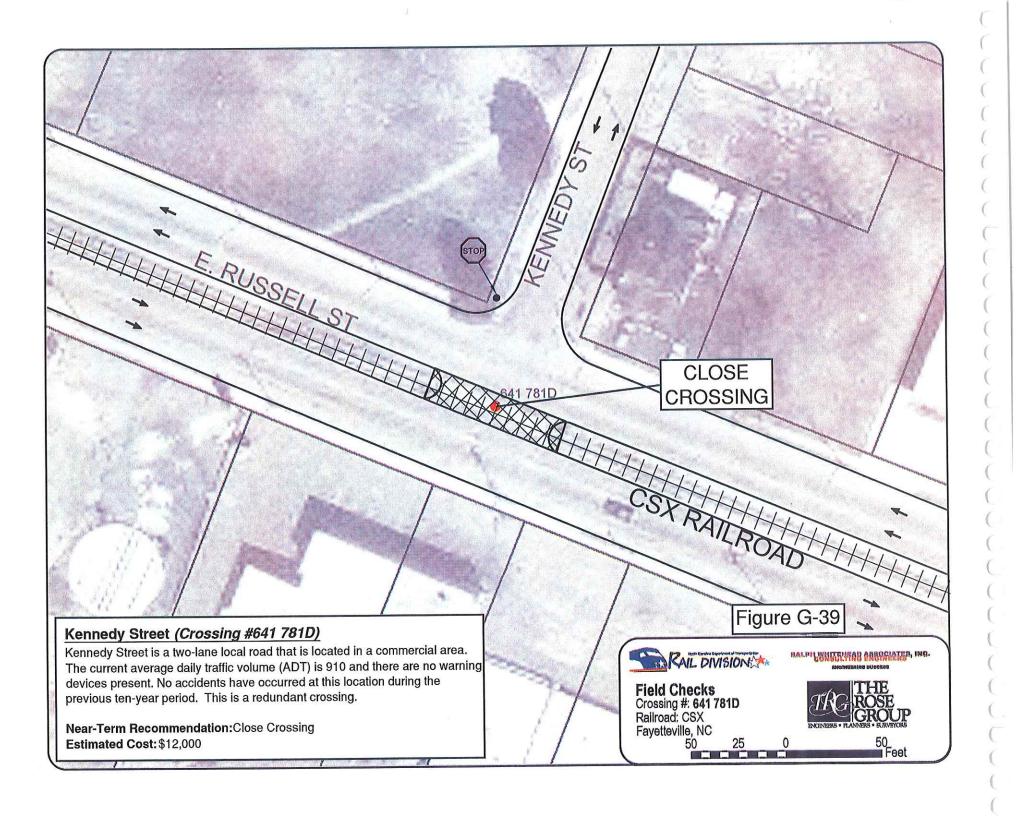


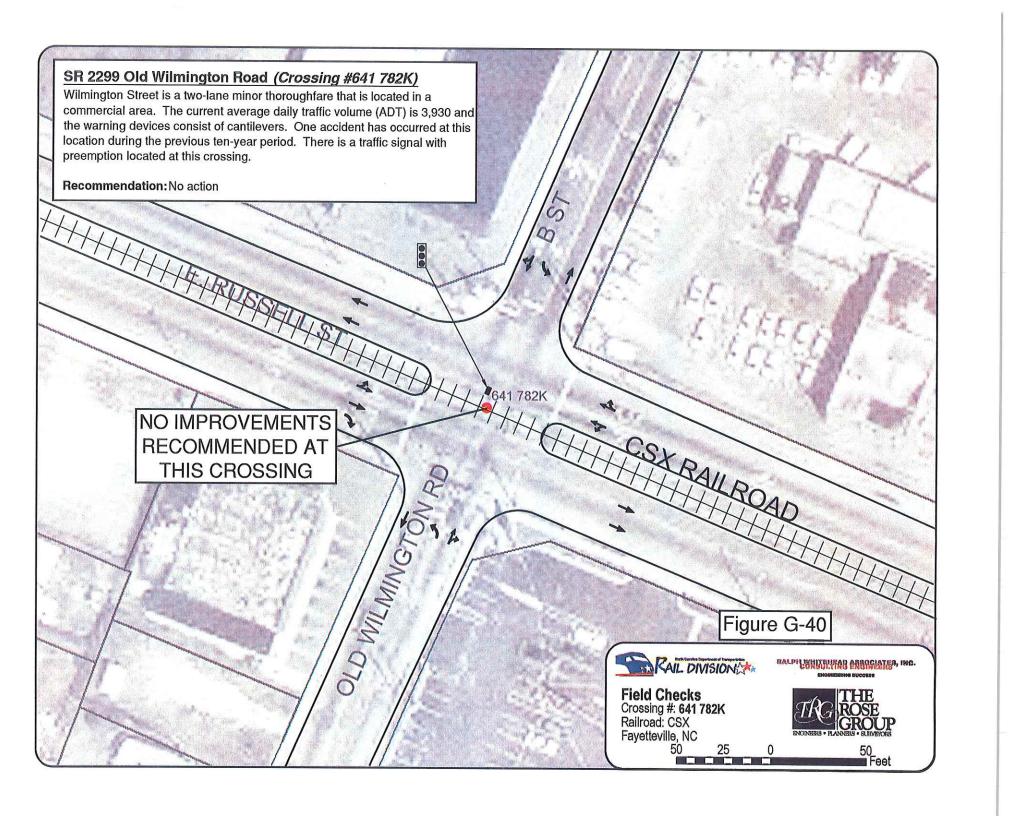


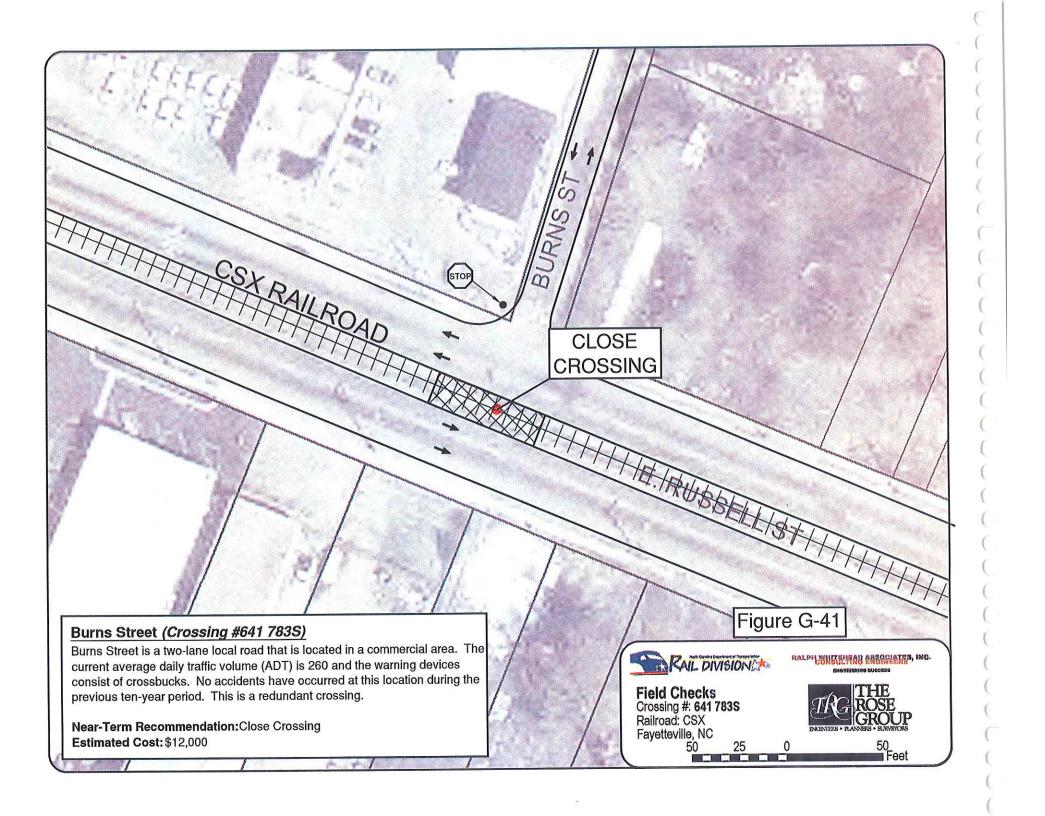


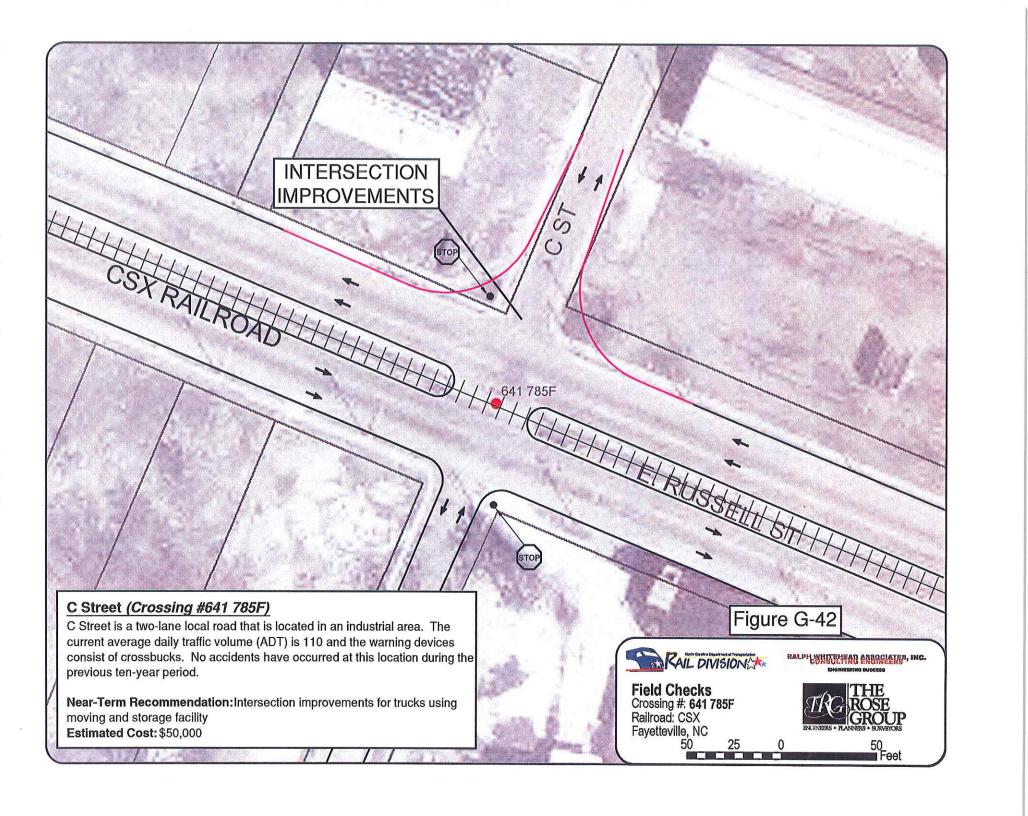


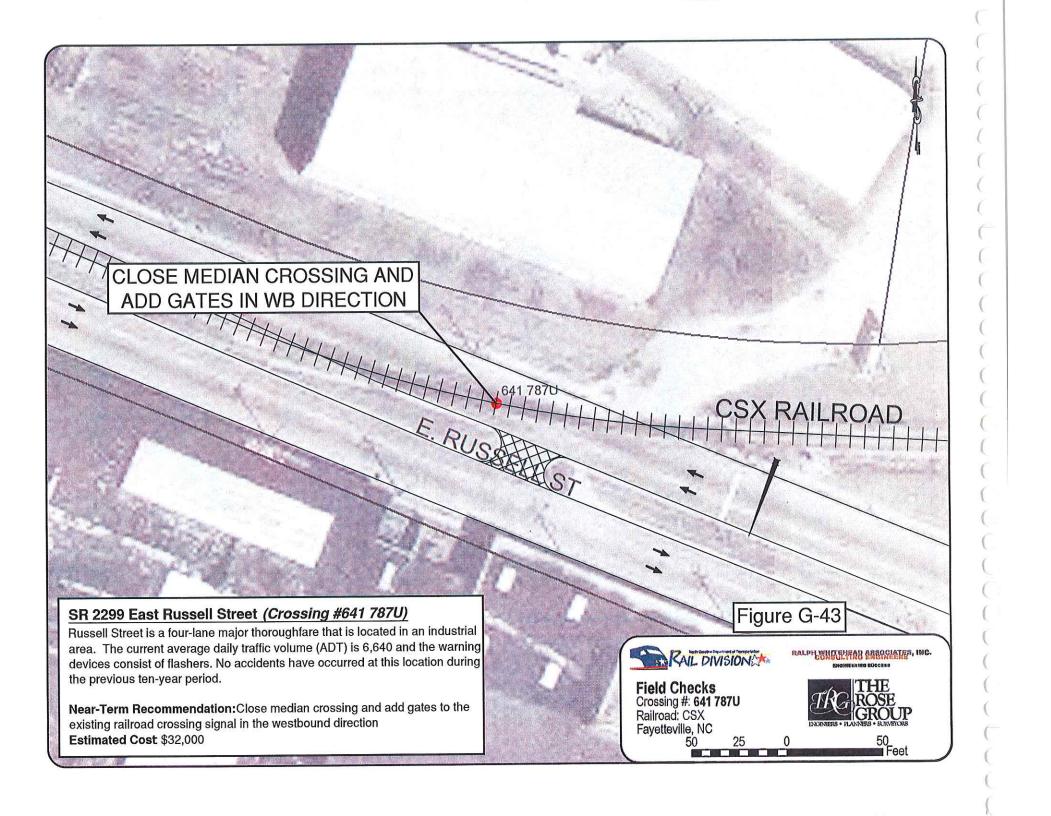


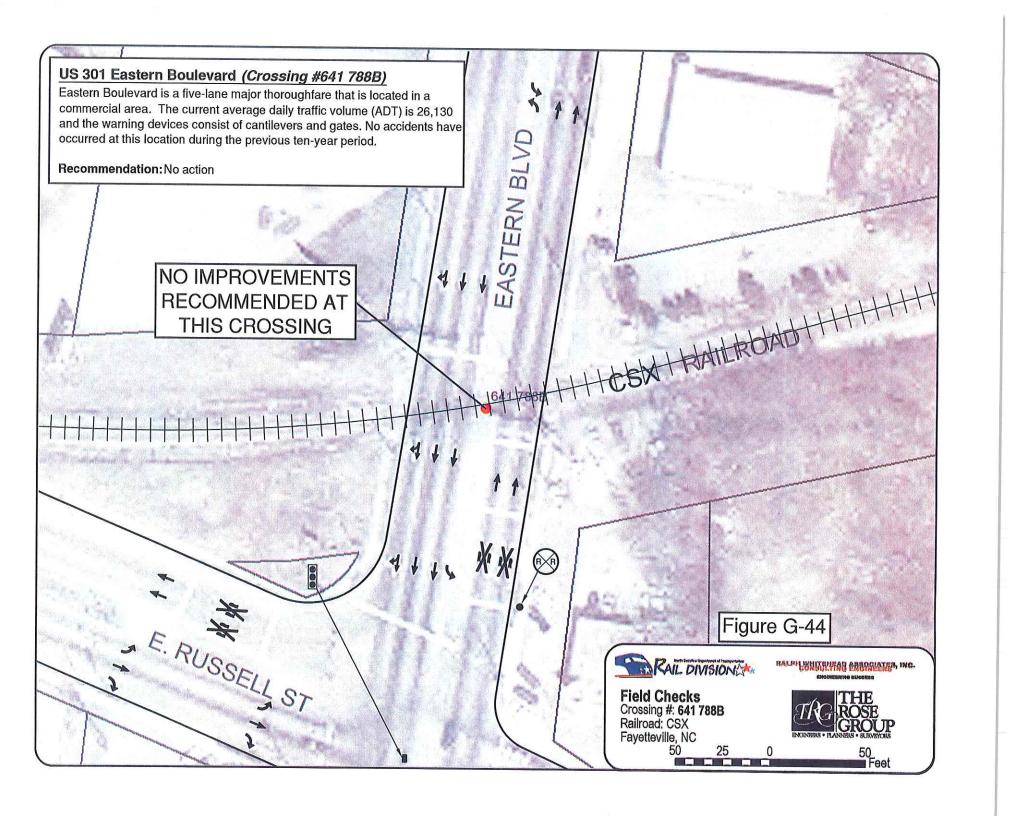


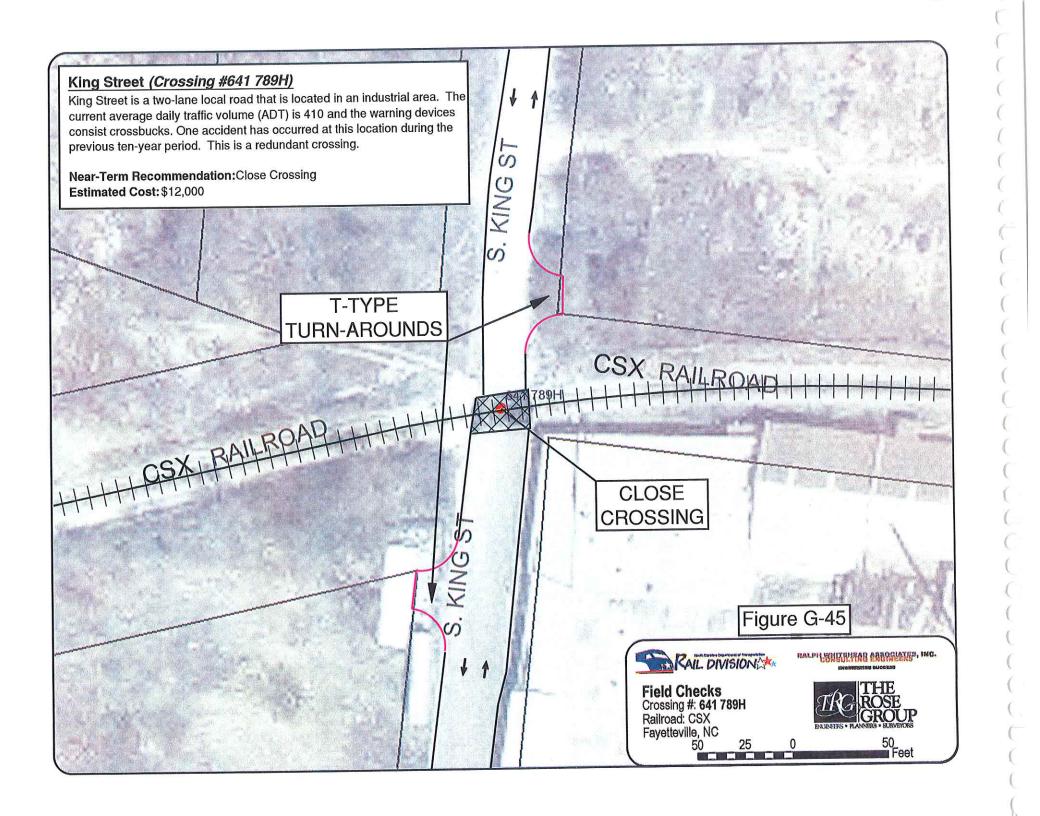


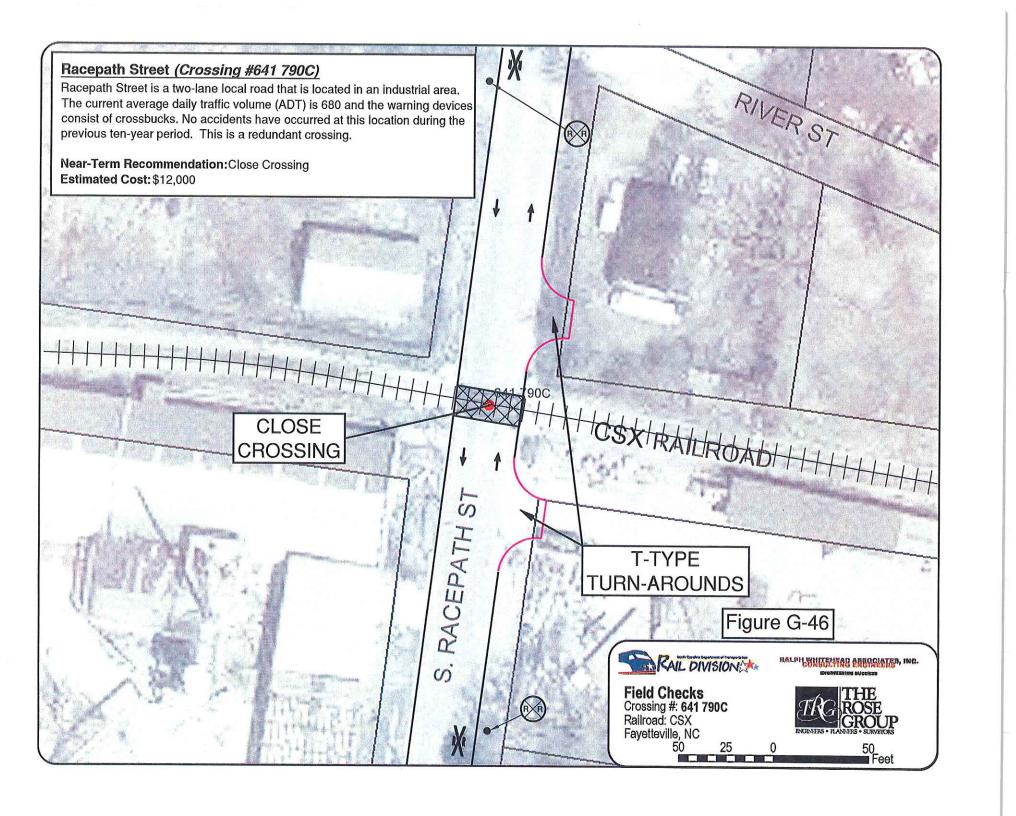


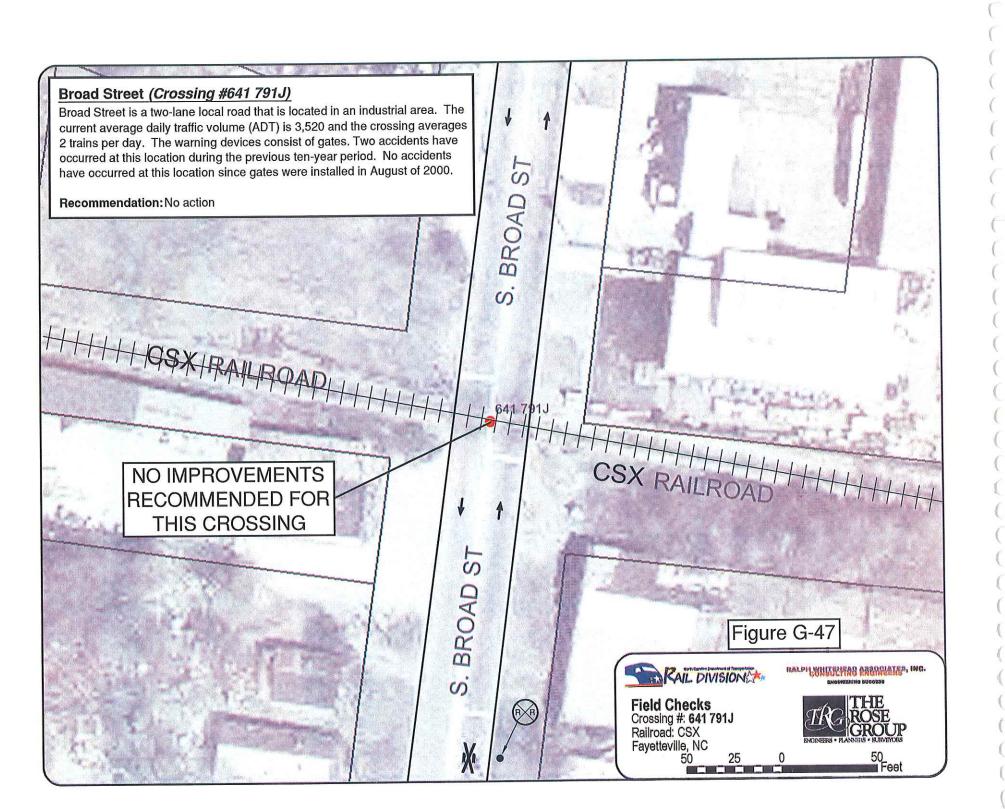


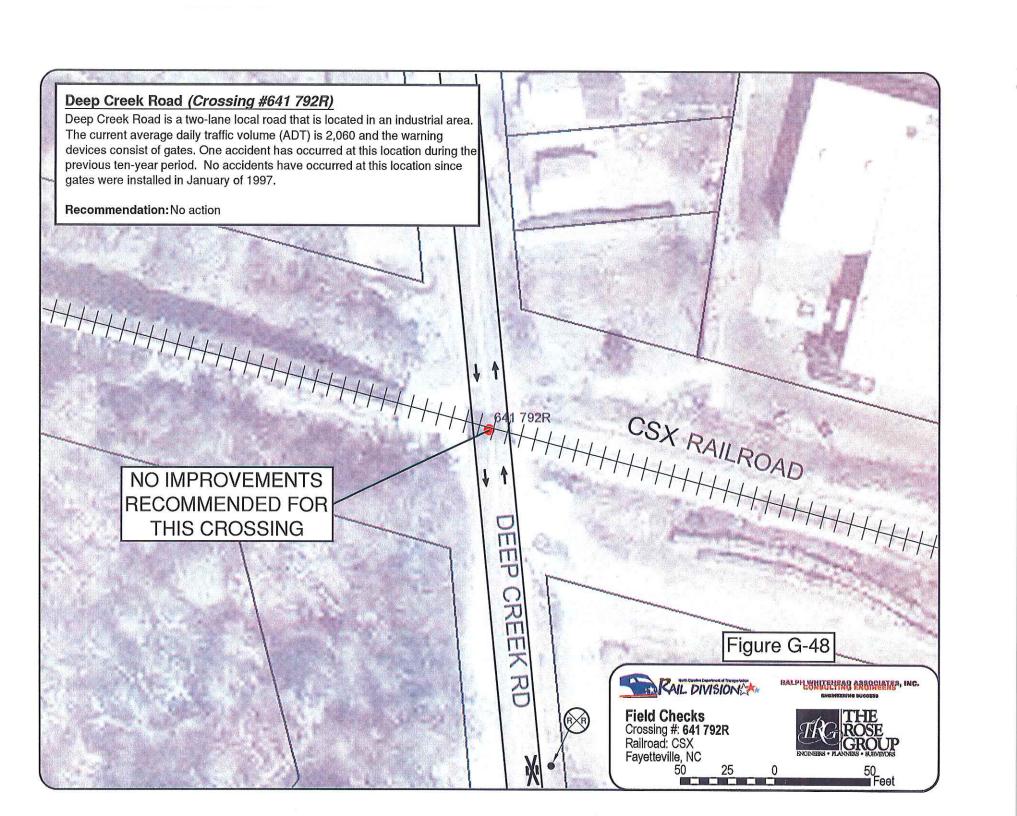


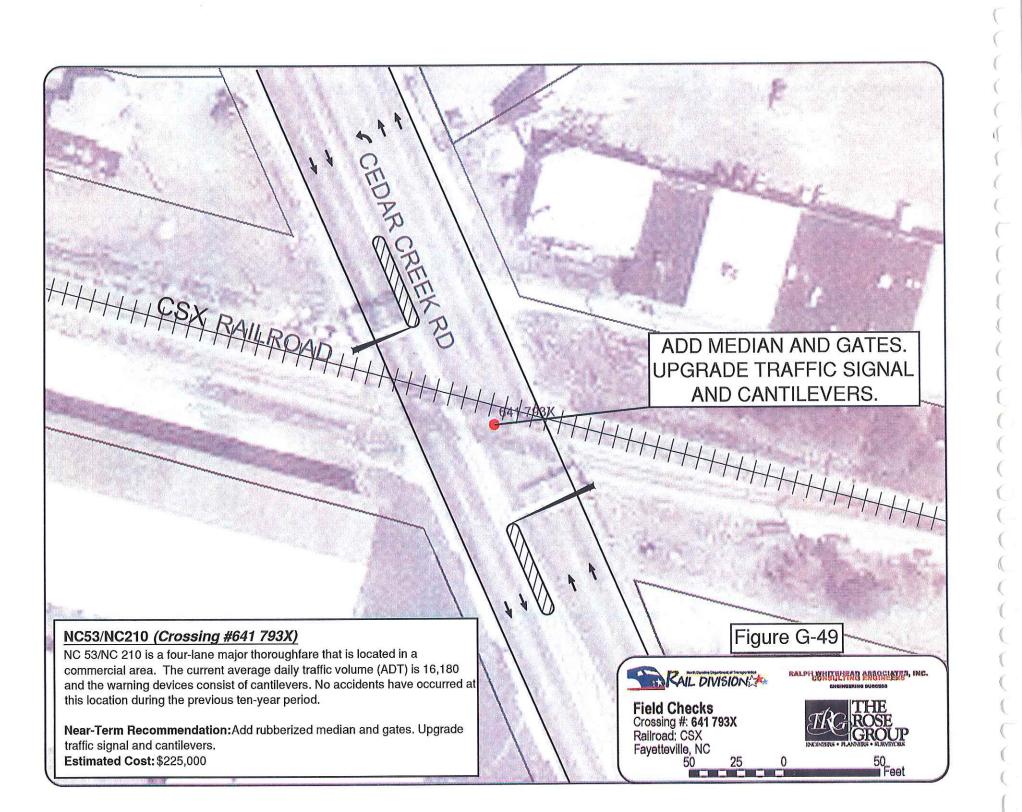


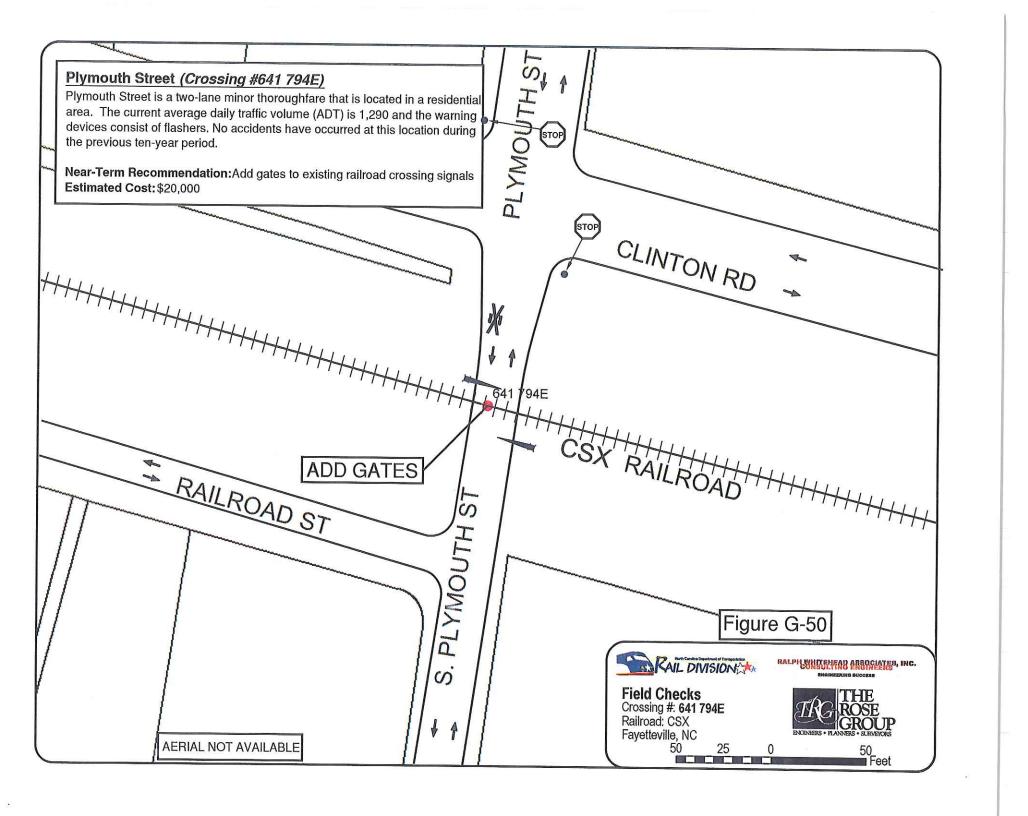


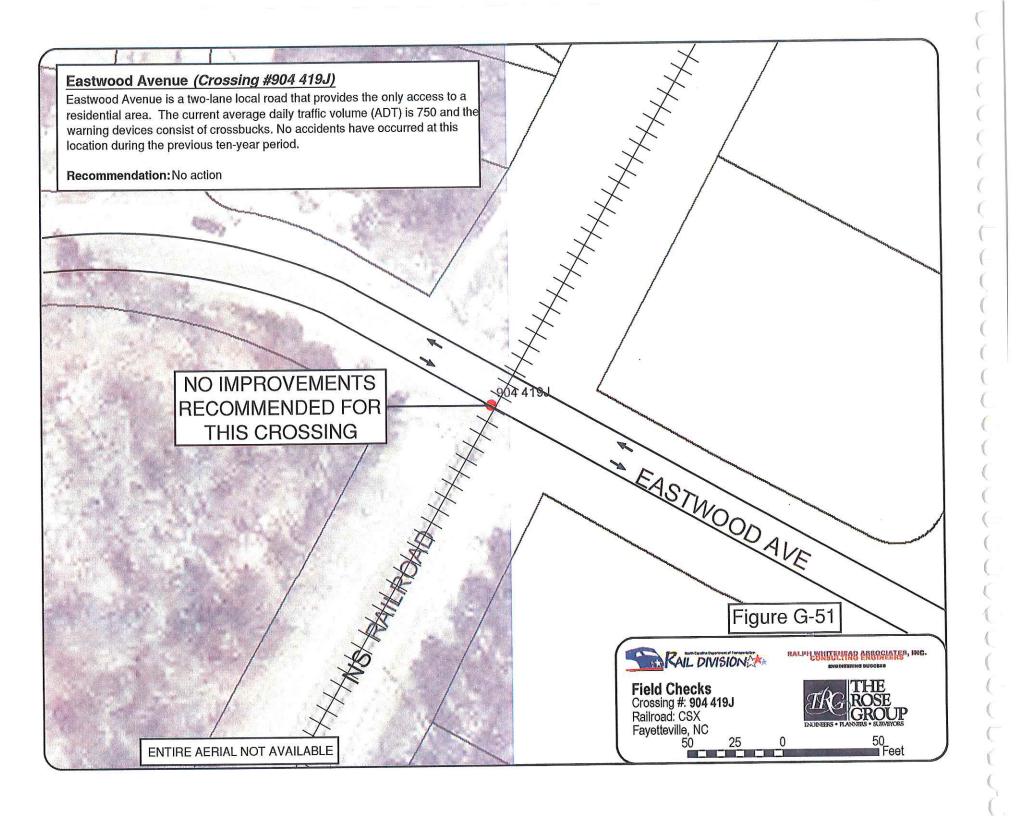


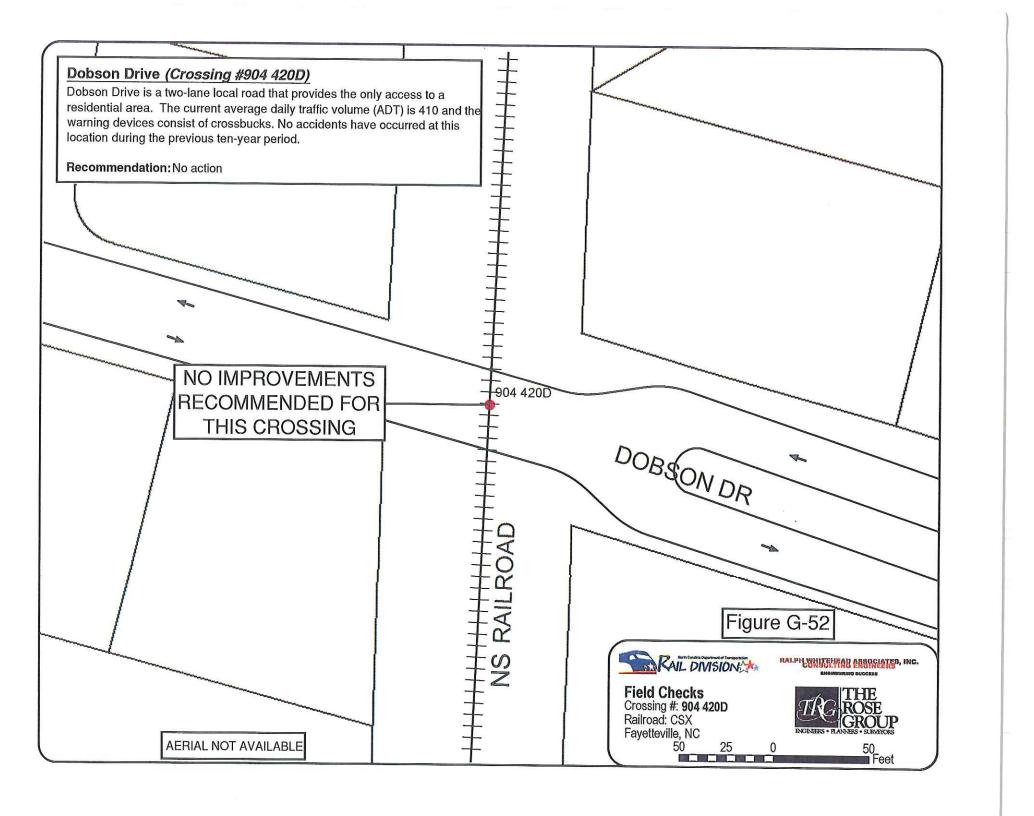


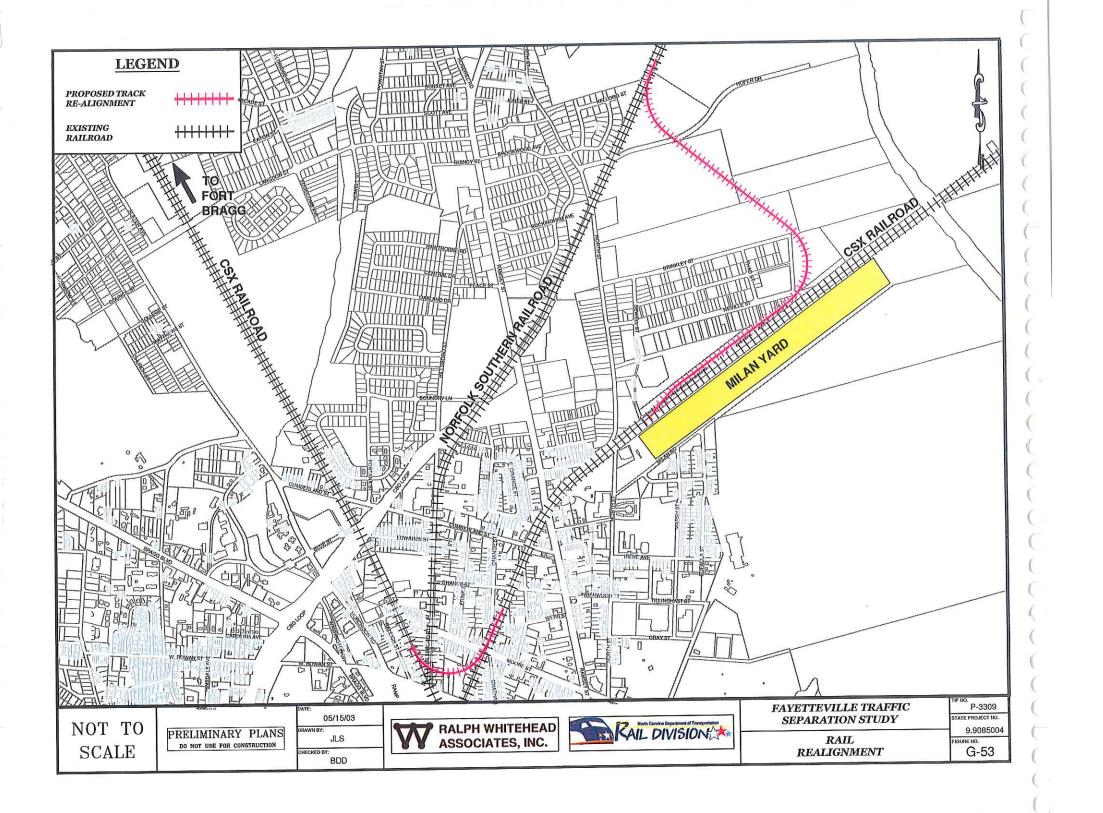


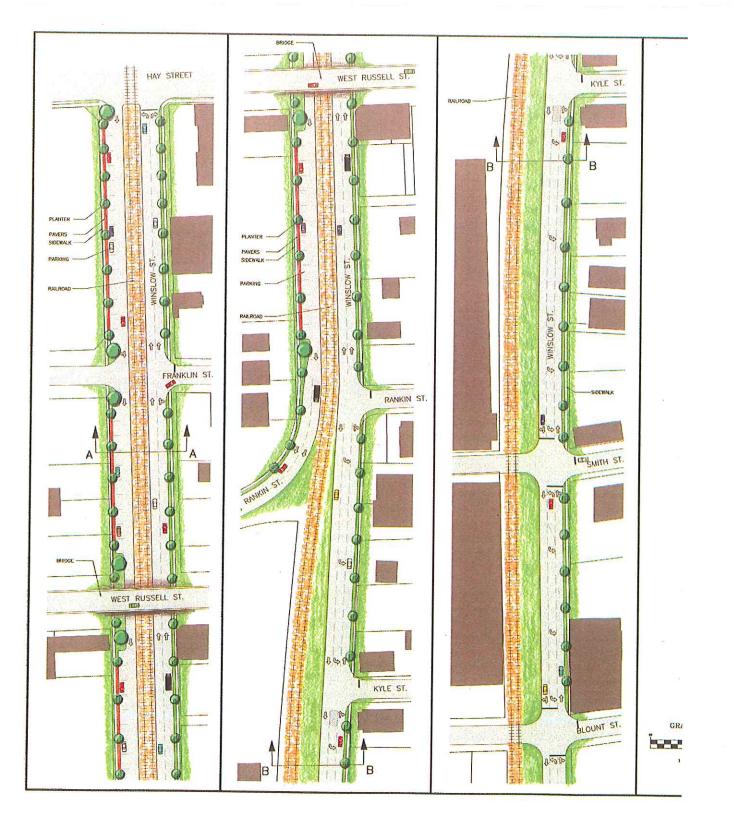












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ALL IMPROVEMENTS

