

City Council – Action Request Form

Date: August 12, 2025

To: Mayor, Mayor Pro Tempore, and Members of the City Council

From: Jeff Fansler, Director of Transportation
Aaron King, Assistant City Manager

Council Action Requested:

Resolution Authorizing the Closure and Termination of Doris Street at Old Walkertown Road for the Improvements Related to the At-Grade Rail Crossing Project RC – 2009A (Northeast Ward).

Strategic Focus Area: Good Government

Strategic Plan Objective: GG4: Maintaining and updating infrastructure and facilities

Summary of Information:

The North Carolina Department of Transportation's (NCDOT) Division 9 staff is managing the RC – 2009A project that will close the at-grade Norfolk Southern Railroad crossing of Doris Street on the south side of Old Walkertown Road at the Davis Road intersection.

NCDOT has conducted a safety analysis of the intersection and found significant crash patterns related to the railroad crossing in proximity to the intersection of Old Walkertown Road. The project will terminate the Doris Street connection, across the railroad, to Old Walkertown Road while making further improvements to the upstream railroad crossing at Oak Ridge Drive.

Committee Action:

Committee P/W 8/12/2025 **Action** Approval

For Unanimous **Against**

Remarks:

NCDOT conducted a public meeting on April 22, 2025, at Ibrahim Elementary School where positive comments and project support were received. For the project to move forward, the NCDOT Rail division will need tentative approval from the City of Winston-Salem to close Doris Street. The project is in the conceptual design stage, but for NCDOT to further develop the project, which will include the formal agreements to permanently close Doris Street, NCDOT has requested that the City of Winston-Salem approve a resolution of support for the future closing of Doris Street. Any City maintained right of way that will be formally abandoned with this project will be subject to the right of way abandonment process and considered by Council at a subsequent meeting. See attached map.