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The Honorable Johnny Ray Salling
The Senate of Maryland
11 Bladen Street, Room 416
Annapolis MD 21401

Dear Senator Salling:

Thank you for your letter regarding a recent CSX train accident at the Lake Drive grade crossing in Rosedale. I appreciate the opportunity to respond.

At CSX's request, the Maryland Department of Transportation (MDOT) applied for grant funding from the Federal Railroad Administration (FRA) in 2016 to complete grade crossing improvements at four locations in Rosedale, including Lake Drive. In late 2016, MDOT was awarded \$700,000 from FRA to complete the improvements. Since CSX will be responsible for managing and overseeing the construction improvements, MDOT had to wait for CSX to finalize discussions with Baltimore County on a mutually agreeable scope-of-work. Those discussions were completed this Spring, and MDOT has been working with CSX since then to compile the necessary grant documents, including the environmental approval, and project scope, schedule, and budget documents. In October 2019, MDOT received National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) approval from FRA for the proposed improvements. At this point, MDOT is currently finalizing the remaining grant documents with CSX and FRA that are required before the work can begin. The MDOT anticipates that CSX will be able to begin construction in the Spring/Summer of 2020.

Thank you again for your letter. If you need further assistance, please contact Mr. Bradley Smith, MDOT Office of Freight and Multimodalism (OFM) Director, at 410-865-1097 or bsmith9@mdot.maryland.gov. Mr. Smith will be happy to assist you.

Sincerely,

Pete K. Rahn
Secretary

cc: Mr. Bradley Smith, Director, OFM, MDOT