



FRRCSI

Freight Rail & Rail Crossing
Safety Improvement Program



What is FRRCSI?

The Freight Rail & Rail Crossing Safety Improvement (FRRCSI) Program is an umbrella program comprised of seven subprograms, which strategically support the distinct needs of North Carolina's freight rail network. Each subprogram purposely addresses a unique set of infrastructure and customer-based needs in support of this dynamic network.

GRANT PROGRAMS:

- ➔ The Short line Infrastructure Assistance Program (SIAP)
- ➔ The Freight Rail Diversion Program (FRDP)
- ➔ The Rail Industrial Access Program (RIAP)

Three of these programs provide financial assistance through grants that improve the safety and efficiency of the statewide short line rail network, support industrial connections to rail service, and divert freight transport by truck to rail.

Applicants must submit candidate projects for evaluation and acceptance to receive financial assistance. All awarded grants must be administered and built by the grant recipient.

STRATEGIC PROGRAMS: Safety and Corridor Preservation

- ➔ The Crossing Surfaces Program
- ➔ The Consolidations and Closures Program
- ➔ The Signals and Safety Program
- ➔ The Rail Corridor Protection and Reactivation Program

In addition to the FRRCSI grant programs, the NCDOT Rail Division directly administers the above programs that facilitate various improvements to the statewide freight rail network. The programs focus on safety and preservation of the state wide rail network and are not executed through grant awards.

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Grant Programs

SHORT LINE INFRASTRUCTURE PROGRAM

The SIAP provides funding to short line railroads and other eligible grant recipients for the enhancement of rail service, and access to ports and military installations.

ELIGIBLE APPLICANTS	Short line railroads and the N.C. State Ports Authority.
ELIGIBLE PROJECTS	Projects that construct, preserve, or upgrade rail corridor infrastructure.
FUNDING	Selected projects may receive state matching funds up to 50% of eligible project expenses.

FREIGHT RAIL DIVERSION PROGRAM

The FRDP provides funding for rail projects that primarily divert transport services from truck to rail. Interested parties should coordinate directly with the NCDOT Rail Division to receive additional program information and to apply to the program.

ELIGIBLE APPLICANTS	Any entity that can provide truck-to-rail transloading services or other truck diversion services.
ELIGIBLE PROJECTS	Projects that construct, convert, or upgrade rail corridor infrastructure with the primary purpose of freight diversion from highway to rail.
FUNDING	Depending on project goals, selected projects may receive state matching funds up to 50% of eligible project expenses.

RAIL INDUSTRIAL ACCESS PROGRAM

The RIAP is an economic development program that provides funding to new or existing NC industries seeking to transport products via railroad. Interested parties should coordinate directly with NCDOT Rail Division to receive additional program information and to apply to the program.

ELIGIBLE APPLICANTS	Local governments, community development organizations, railroad companies, and industries.
ELIGIBLE PROJECTS	A project that constructs, establishes, or expands rail service to a private industry is an eligible candidate for funding.
FUNDING	Depending on the qualifying project score, selected projects may receive up to 50% of project costs, not to exceed 400K



Strategic Programs: Safety and Corridor Preservation

CROSSING SURFACES

The Crossing Surfaces Program provides surface project improvements to at-grade roadway/rail crossings where motor vehicles travel over railroad tracks at NCDOT maintained roads and streets.

Class I railroad and municipal roadway/rail crossings are ineligible for improvements under this program.

CONSOLIDATIONS AND CLOSURES

The Consolidations and Closures Program provides improvements to at-grade roadway/rail crossings throughout the state and include projects that close and/or consolidate crossings.

SIGNALS AND SAFETY

The Signals and Safety Program provides improvements to at-grade roadway/rail crossing throughout the state that install or enhance signals, gates, signage, and other safety improvements.

CORRIDOR PROTECTION AND REACTIVATION

The Corridor Protection and Reactivation Program seeks to preserve the safety and integrity of state-owned rail corridor right of ways. The Program works to provide a minimal/good state of repair of these corridors and lay a foundation for future transportation use.

