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Mayfield Community Update - April 2021

Recent attention on CSX's Fredericksburg Yard has generated the need for increased and improved communication between CSX and the Mayfield Community. This is the first in a series of regular messages for the community. We look forward to this continuing dialogue with Mayfield and coordination with the City.

Yard Activity

The tank cars seen in the yard primarily carry propane for a local customer that provides 90% of the propane used in Fredericksburg, including hospitals, schools, homes and businesses.

The cars are not being stored in the Fredericksburg Yard. They are moved by the next available train the same day directly to this customer. This active, daily and safe delivery process to this customer has been ongoing for years in Fredericksburg. The sidetrack built several years ago is for holding cars when a customer cannot accept them, which is not the case with this customer.

These distinctions are important, but we appreciate the community sees little difference whether they see a car that was there yesterday or if it is there temporarily part of daily service. We understand it may be undesirable to the community, but we want residents to know nothing is unsafe about this situation and safely operated service yards are commonly located near residential areas.

Safety

After hearing safety concerns from Mayfield residents and the City, we wanted to share some related information with the community:

- As a common carrier, CSX has a legal obligation to transport hazardous materials, like propane, throughout the country to the customer in the safest and most efficient manner. Rail is the safest way to transport hazardous materials. A hazardous material shipment is 90% more likely to have an incident when moving by truck versus moving by rail.
- Tank cars which contain hazardous materials should not present any danger to the public. Pursuant to federal law, railroad cars that transport hazardous materials must be free of leakage while being transported. If you suspect for any reason that a railcar containing a hazardous material is leaking call 911 immediately. Fredericksburg's 911 center has the ability to contact CSX hazardous material experts 24 hours a day.
- While hazardous material incidents along the railroad are rare, it is important to know the Fredericksburg's Fire Department has received training from CSX on how to respond to these types of emergencies on the railroad. Additionally, CSX has provided first responders with a smart phone app which gives them real time access to information about the commodities transported by CSX. This assures, in the unlikely event of a railroad emergency, the Fire Department is equipped with the information they need to keep the community safe.

Thank you for the opportunity to start this dialogue. We know this will not address all community concerns. In the coming months, we will share more information related to safety and additional coordination with the City.