



Randy Marcus
Director
State Government Relations
4900 Old Osborne Turnpike,
Richmond, VA 23231
Office: 804-226-7484
Randy_Marcus@csx.com

Mayfield Community Update - December 2022

Fewer Tank Cars in Fredericksburg Yard

Community members and City officials have likely noticed fewer tank cars in the Fredericksburg Yard in recent months. Due to an operational change to how CSX serves our propane customer, this customer's cars are not currently using the Fredericksburg Yard. This customer is the primary user of tank cars seen in the Yard.

Railroad operations continuously evolve and they have changed in Fredericksburg a number of times in recent years. While this change should not be considered permanent, it should be seen as positive development for those in the community concerned about seeing tank cars in the Yard. Please keep in mind that service for the propane customer could change to use the Fredericksburg Yard or we may have new customers in the Fredericksburg area who use tank cars.

As we have done for the last year and half, CSX will continue to provide City officials daily inventory reports of hazard material cars in the yard. This provides transparency and up to date information to City officials regarding the type of cars and commodities in the Yard and notification if operations were to change in the future.

Idling Locomotives

With winter upon us, we wanted to provide information on activities residents will see over the next several months.

During cooler months when temperatures could reach the 30s and below, locomotives are idled when not in use to prevent engine blocks from freezing. If an engine freezes, the locomotive engine has to be rebuilt or in some cases the locomotive is retired.

We appreciate that an idling locomotive can be disruptive to our neighbors. To minimize impacts, our crews typically park locomotives on the west side tracks across from the yard office away from the homes on Railroad Ave and Canterbury Rd. Occasionally, due to crew availability, operational constraints or other unexpected issues, locomotives may be parked in other locations.

Locomotive Refueling

Locomotives serving the Fredericksburg Yard must be regularly refueled. In the winter refueling occurs about once a week and every two weeks in warmer months.

There is no fuel stored at the CSX Fredericksburg Yard. Because there is no fuel facility in the yard, we utilize outside companies we refer to as "mobile fueling services" to refuel locomotives. These companies use a truck with a portable fuel pump similar to what you would see at a truck stop or gas station and refill the locomotive tanks the same as people fill the tanks in their cars. Fueling vendor employees working on our property are required to complete safety and security training and

know and employ the required notification process in the event there was an incident. This safe fueling process occurs across our railroad, and other railroads, hundreds of times every day.

In most cases the refueling occurs on the tracks behind the yard office and the community would only see the mobile fueling service truck when it enters the yard, not during refueling. Occasionally, to support broader network operations, the mobile fueling service truck has to refuel a locomotive moving through the area on the mainline near the entrance to the yard.

We apologize for any disturbance these activities may cause and we will continue to do our best to idle and refuel locomotives away from residents on Railroad Ave. and Canterbury Rd.