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COMPLETION OF RAIL CROSSING GRADE IMPROVEMENT PROJECT

Long Beach, MS, September 10, 2025– The City of Long Beach, in partnership with the Mississippi Department of Transportation (MDOT), Neel-Schaffer, Inc., Moran Hauling, and the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), is proud to announce the near completion of the Rail Crossing Grade Improvement Project. A ribbon-cutting ceremony will be held Friday, September 12, at 8:30 a.m. at the intersection of Railroad Street and Cleveland Avenue to mark this milestone.

This \$3.3 million project addresses nine critical railroad crossings throughout Long Beach, improving both safety and mobility. The improvements include reducing steep roadway grades, resurfacing, and adding advanced crossing signals and gates in collaboration with CSX and MDOT’s Rail Safety Division. These enhancements ensure vehicles including trailers and boats can now cross without issue.

“For too long, our residents have experienced difficulties and safety risks at these crossings. With these upgrades, we are creating safer, smoother, and more efficient travel through our city,” said Mayor Tim Pierce.

Crossings Improved Include:

- White Harbor Road
- South Lang Avenue
- Island View Avenue
- Trautman Avenue
- Girard Avenue
- Cleveland Avenue
- Nicholson Avenue
- Beach Park Drive
- Richards Avenue

The project was made possible through 100% safety funding from the FHWA, provided by a grant from the Mississippi Transportation Commission/MDOT.

Preliminary engineering, construction engineering, and inspection were led by Neel-Schaffer, Inc. of Biloxi, with construction carried out by Moran Hauling, Inc. of Gulfport.

Event Details

Location: Intersection of Railroad Street and Cleveland Avenue

Date: Friday, September 12

Time: 8:30 a.m.

The public is invited to join city leaders, state officials, and project partners in celebrating this important step toward safer transportation in Long Beach.

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