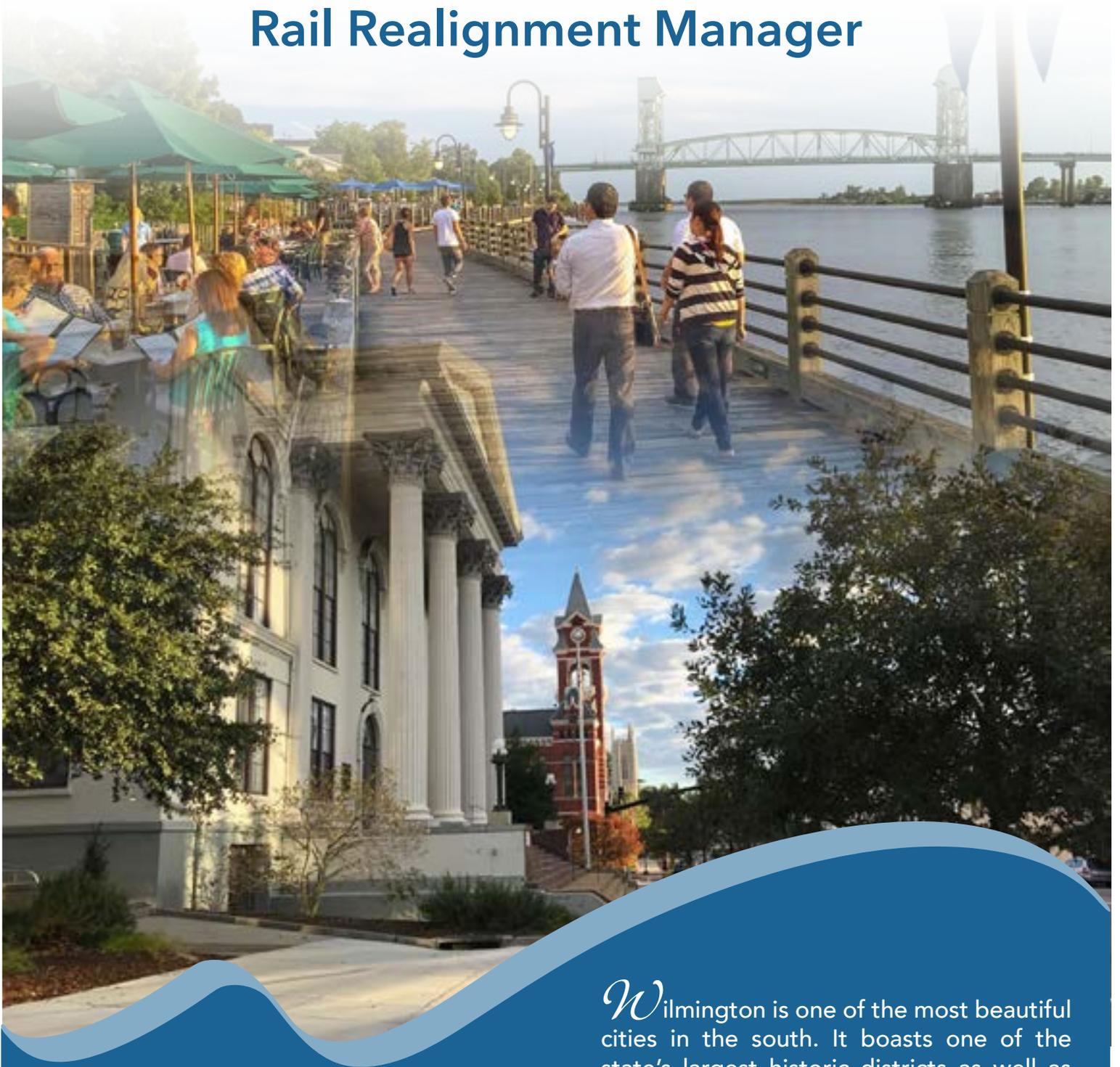


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Rail Realignment Manager



*W*ilmington is one of the most beautiful cities in the south. It boasts one of the state's largest historic districts as well as a top-ranked university, along with high-tech startups. Strategic development has encouraged businesses to expand and invest in our fast-growing city.



The Rail Realignment Manager will aid the city in its effort to (1) implement a realignment of the existing freight rail line that currently traverses the city to a safer and more efficient route to and from the port of Wilmington and (2) repurpose the existing rail and/or rail right of way for public use as a greenway and/or transit system providing improved mobility to, from and within the urban center of the city and the four county region. This position offers the successful candidate the opportunity to help frame a long term vision and short term strategy for transit oriented urban mobility and development that would have transformative effects on the city of Wilmington and all of southeastern North Carolina.

ABOUT THE PROJECT

The proposal is to realign the existing heavy rail corridor through the City of Wilmington to a safer, more direct route into and out of the Port of Wilmington. The new route would make the Port more competitive, enhance economic development opportunities statewide and in the region, and improve safety and economic efficiencies for freight rail. In addition, the existing rail corridor could then be repurposed for a much safer, quieter and useful urban trolley line, not unlike the Wilmington of 100 years ago. Such a conversion would promote transit-oriented development and redevelopment, reduce growing traffic congestion on area streets, remove blockages for emergency access to the hospital, improve the quality of life for many neighborhoods, and increase property values.



It would stimulate investment downtown, and in the many vacant and underperforming properties along the proposed trolley corridor. Upon repurposing, the existing rail corridor could also serve as a trail/greenway linking up with other City trails. Many other benefits, ranging from the elimination of over 30 rail/street crossings, to significant tourism expansion, to regional environmental benefits, to affordable housing impacts would be likely. [Additional information and resources about the project can be located on our website.](#)



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JOB DUTIES

- Articulate and continuously update detailed next steps of the two-phased project, within the context of a multiple-year schedule. Establish and pursue both interim and long term milestones to keep the project moving forward.
- Pursue and maintain constructive intergovernmental and private sector communication, coordination, agreements, and other relationships at the local, state and national levels necessary to generate and continue to build support for the project.
- Generate, monitor and update a financial baseline for the project and facilitate the development of governmental, business and other equity partners necessary to carry out the project.
- Manage the preparation and execution of grant applications to state and federal agencies, as well as private sector interests in funding necessary studies.
- Oversee planning, economic, environmental, engineering, and other consulting studies and plans necessary for the project's phased implementation.
- Work closely with city planners, transportation planners, and traffic engineers in the Planning, Development and Transportation Department to produce pertinent input and assistance in the preparation of aforementioned grant applications and studies in support of the project. Pull in city staff from other city departments as appropriate (i.e. City Attorney's Office, Finance Department, Economic Development, Legislative Affairs, etc.)
- Continue to promote public awareness as to the benefits and opportunities presented by the project to the general public as well as specific public and private sector interest groups. Address concerns, requests and ideas of citizens, businesses, environmental groups, and others in a professional and timely manner.
- Create presentations, materials and status reports using modern information technology, social media applications to present to staff, management, government entities, private sector interests, and the public at large. Work closely with the City's Communications office in preparing such materials.



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MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS

- Bachelor's degree or higher in city planning, public administration, civil or transportation engineering, or related field
- Five (5) or more years of experience in project management of major public infrastructure projects, involving multiple government jurisdictions and levels. Preferably, knowledge of rail operations and the regulatory environment within which rail operations are conducted. Preferably, understanding of and experience with freight and transit rail, and highway planning, and the interface between the two.
- Travel up to 10% to attend meetings with public officials, government agencies and consultants
- Valid Driver's License

IDEAL CANDIDATE

- Knowledge of Federal Rail Administration (FRA) and Federal Transit Administration (FTA) regulations, project management, and safety principles
- Experience in preparing and administering federal grant applications and managing projects conducted by consulting firms specializing in rail and transit design and construction
- Direct experience working with members of the public and elected/appointed officials, experience working with Federal agencies, particular with regard to transportation and transit functions
- Excellent verbal, presentation and written communications skills, including group settings and in public meetings
- Excellent organizational skills and ability to multi-task; high customer service focus with attention to detail, accuracy, and on-time delivery.
- Proficient in the entire Microsoft Office suit and in data management

COMPENSATION & BENEFITS

Starting salary will be competitive and is dependent on the selected candidates' qualifications and experience. A comprehensive benefits package includes participation in the Local Government Employees Retirement System and a 4.5% contribution to a deferred compensation plan.

HOW TO APPLY

Interested candidates should apply online: www.wilmingtonnc.gov/jobs. The application will remain open until the position is filled.

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ABOUT THE COMMUNITY

Wilmington is the eighth largest city in North Carolina, and located in New Hanover County. Wilmington is a coastal town and port city situated in southeastern North Carolina and is considered approximately the midpoint of the eastern seaboard of the United States. The city is bordered by the Cape Fear River to the west and the Atlantic Ocean to the east.

While having a diverse population of over 117,525, the City is an active business, service and industrial center for the surrounding five-county area with a population of more than 484,000 people area-wide.



Forbes magazine's 17th annual ranking of Best Places for Business and Careers ranked Wilmington 35th out of the 200 largest metropolitan areas in the US, and 17th for the Cost of Doing Business. Wilmington earned the title of "Best American Riverfront" in USA TODAY's "10 Best" contest for the Nation's Best Riverwalk in 2014.

Serving as economic drivers, prestigious companies, such as GE, Corning, PPD, PMG, nCino, Live Oak and Alcami, among others, are drawn to Wilmington due to its educated workforce and favorable tax and regulatory policies. Higher education institutions in the City are represented by the University of North Carolina – Wilmington and Cape Fear Community College.



With a beautiful riverfront, nearby beaches and a two-hour drive to the City Capital of Raleigh, Wilmington's location offers plenty of professional, educational and recreational opportunities.

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