



## Rail-truck depot slated for Antrim Township

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Norfolk Southern is scheduled to announce details of a new intermodal facility in Antrim Township next week.

Pennsylvania Gov. Ed Rendell and Norfolk Southern CEO Wick Moorman are scheduled to attend a ceremony on Wednesday.

The facility will rival CSX's new rail-truck yard in Guilford Township.

Norfolk Southern's intermodal facility would be an anchor of the rail company's Crescent Corridor rail route, which connects the Northeast to the Southeast.

At a legislative conference in 2007, a company official told local leaders that Norfolk Southern was looking to make major rail enhancements along the eastern seaboard to handle the expected increase in freight and relieve congested highways.

Stretching 2,500 miles from New Jersey to Louisiana, the Crescent Corridor is expected to absorb more than a million trucks per year from crowded highways, save the country 170 million gallons of fuel annually, and promote economic development and job growth.

Norfolk Southern's announcement comes on the

heels of two announcements of federal funding for upgrades to Exit 3 of Interstate 81 in Antrim Township.

U.S. Rep. Bill Shuster, R-Hollidaysburg, recently announced \$3.4 million for the first phase of the exit reconfiguration. U.S. Senators Bob Casey and Arlen Specter announced an additional \$1 million.

The entire project will consist of the reconstruction of the U.S. 11 bridge over I-81, as well as six ramp improvements.

The first phase of construction will shift the southbound I-81 exit ramp to the west. PennDOT says the start of construction is at least two to three years away.

The improvements are designed to stimulate and accommodate commercial development near the interchange, particularly in Antrim Commons Business Park, a 500-acre commercial park just west of the exit.

Development of the park could create around 2,000 jobs. The park is rail-served by Norfolk Southern.

Between Antrim Commons and other available land, there are about 1,000 acres available near the interchange. The Franklin County Area Development Corp. called Exit 3 one of the most attractive development sites in the state.

Population and traffic growth have created a demand on transportation infrastructure along

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the I-81 corridor. More than 40,000 vehicles travel I-81 through Franklin County daily.

About half of the nation's population is within a one-day drive from Franklin County.

CSX opened an 85-acre intermodal facility near Exit 14 in September 2007. That facility is expected to create hundreds of new jobs in the area, primarily in the transportation and logistics sector.

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