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UPDATE

SUFFOLK, VA (May 8, 2018) Commonwealth Railway, Inc. has advised that there will be intermittent roadway closures at Shoulders Hill Road over the next several days as they move equipment in to address clean-up work. Closures will vary in duration but should not exceed an hour in duration for each closure. The first of these is expected shortly this morning. Public Works crews are also on scene and traffic is being rerouted through the Suffolk Meadows neighborhood during these closures. It is our intent to keep Shoulders Hill Road open as much as possible to reduce the impact to the neighborhood. Commuters should expect delays and it is suggested that they seek alternative routes for the next two days.

TRAIN DERAILMENT IN SUFFOLK

SUFFOLK, VA (May 7, 2018) Suffolk Police and Suffolk Fire & Rescue are currently on the scene of a train derailment in the 300 block of Baron Boulevard at Shoulders Hill Road. Emergency Communications was notified of the incident at 4:11 p.m.

There have been no injuries and there are no hazardous materials involved. No evacuations in the area are required.

Public Works crews will be setting up detour signs and traffic is being detoured through the Suffolk Meadows neighborhood. Nansemond Parkway remains open. Commonwealth Railway, Inc. will be handling the clean-up. A total of 8 cars and 1 engine were involved in the derailment. The cause is not known at this time.

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