

HOW DOES THIS STUDY (PHASE II) DIFFER FROM THE PREVIOUS (PHASE I)?

The Long Bridge Phase I Study was completed in January of 2015 and included a preliminary operations plan, visual inspection of the corridor, an initial evaluation of existing and future capacity needs, and preliminary development of eight conceptual alternatives. The Final Report is available through DDOT's website at: <http://ddot.dc.gov/publication/final-long-bridge-study>.

The Long Bridge Phase II Study, currently underway, will expand on the information from Phase I to advance the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) process. To streamline key NEPA activities, the Phase II Study will develop a draft Purpose and Need Statement, further refine conceptual alternatives, and define evaluation criteria. The evaluation criteria will be used to screen and identify alternatives which will be carried forward for analysis in the NEPA study. The Long Bridge Phase II Study will also include the preliminary identification of environmental and sensitive resources within the project corridor.



HOW IS THE STUDY BEING FUNDED?

Phase I and Phase II are funded by the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) grant from the Federal Railroad Administration (FRA). Phase III will also be funded by FRA through the Transportation Investment Generating Economic Recovery (TIGER) grant program.

SCHEDULE

PHASE II STUDY	FALL 2015 – SUMMER 2016
Multiagency/Stakeholder Development of Long-Range Service Plan	November 2015 – March 2016
Public and Agency Update (Community Meeting #1)	February 10, 2016 (snow date)
Draft Purpose and Need	Winter 2016
Publication of Notice of Intent to Prepare an EIS	Spring 2016
Public and Agency Scoping (Community Meeting #2)	Spring 2016
Preliminary Alternatives Development/Environmental Inventory	Summer 2016
Presentation of Draft Purpose and Need and Preliminary Alternatives (Community Meeting #3)	Summer 2016

CONTACT Us

For more information, please visit the project website www.longbridgeproject.com or contact the Project Manager at 202-671-2218.

Project comments can be submitted at info@longbridgeproject.com or Attn: Anna Chamberlin, Project Manager, DDOT, 55 M St, SE, Suite 400, Washington, DC 20003.



LONG BRIDGE PHASE II STUDY

FAQ / Project Fact Sheet



GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
MURIEL BOWSER, MAYOR



U.S. Department of Transportation
Federal Railroad Administration

FEBRUARY 2016

WHAT IS THE LONG BRIDGE?

The Long Bridge, owned by CSX Transportation (CSXT), is the sole railroad bridge connecting the District of Columbia and the Commonwealth of Virginia. Constructed in 1904, the bridge serves freight (CSXT), intercity passenger (Amtrak), and commuter rail (Virginia Railway Express (VRE)) providers. The bridge consists of two railroad tracks over the Potomac River and connects three tracks on both the north and south sides of the bridge.



WHY IS THE DISTRICT DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (DDOT) CONDUCTING THIS STUDY?

The existing bridge does not have adequate capacity to meet forecasted freight and passenger rail volumes. The Phase II Study will evaluate the bridge's long-term capacity and improvement needs. DDOT and FRA, in partnership with VRE and the Virginia Department of Rail and Public Transportation (DRPT), are planning to advance the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) Study to address the potential rehabilitation or replacement of the Long Bridge.

WHERE IS THE STUDY AREA?

The study area, 2.2 miles long, begins in Arlington, Virginia, and extends northeast, along the existing rail alignment, in the District of Columbia, east of L'Enfant Station.

