

Transforming Rail in Virginia develops capital projects, like the new Long Bridge, and acquires railroad track and right-of-way to provide more rail **capacity**. The program expands **high-quality** modern passenger rail service across the Commonwealth by making it more frequent, reliable, and convenient. The investment in rail provides additional **choice** in moving people and goods efficiently through transportation corridors in Virginia while accommodating growing travel demand.

Transforming Rail in Virginia provides more capacity for high-quality transportation choices. Expanded passenger rail services will be available because of the program:

- Doubles state-supported Amtrak service between Washington, DC and Richmond, VA, resulting in nearly-hourly service in this corridor
- Increases Amtrak service to Newport News, VA and Norfolk, VA
- Increases Amtrak service between Washington, DC and Roanoke, VA
- Extends Amtrak service from Roanoke, VA to the New River Valley
- Increases Virginia Railway Express (VRE) Fredericksburg Line service by 75% including the addition of late night and weekend service





## Transforming Rail in Virginia Factsheet

### SERVICE ENHANCEMENTS AND RAIL IMPROVEMENTS

In partnership with CSX Transportation (CSXT), Virginia will build 37 miles of track and implement a series of infrastructure improvements in the Richmond to Washington, DC, corridor (including a new, two-track Long Bridge for passenger trains) to improve the reliability and frequency of passenger rail in the corridor. One new Amtrak round trip between Washington, DC and Norfolk, VA, and one new round trip on VRE's Fredericksburg Line will commence in the next year. Additional service will come online during the next decade incrementally as capacity improvements are completed. By the end of 2030, Amtrak state-supported service and VRE Fredericksburg Line service will nearly double (including new late-night and weekend service).

In partnership with Norfolk Southern, a second state-supported Amtrak train will be added to the route between Washington, DC and Roanoke, VA, and passenger rail will be extended to the New River Valley. Like the current state-supported Roanoke train, the second train will serve Alexandria, Manassas, Culpeper, Charlottesville, Lynchburg, and Roanoke, and also travel to and from Washington, DC and Amtrak's Northeast Corridor. Infrastructure improvements will be made in coming years to allow the extension to the New River Valley, as well as add a 7-mile double-track south of Manassas to improve train movements along the corridor. A study to determine infrastructure required for a Bedford station will be undertaken.



### WHAT IS THE VIRGINIA PASSENGER RAIL AUTHORITY (VPRA)?

VPRA, the Virginia Passenger Rail Authority, is an independent authority created by the Virginia General Assembly in 2020 to promote, sustain, and expand the availability of passenger and commuter rail service in the Commonwealth. Our signature program, Transforming Rail in Virginia, is changing the future of rail transportation in Virginia by expanding high-quality, modern passenger rail service across the Commonwealth, making it more frequent, reliable, and convenient.



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