







Virginia Passenger Rail Authority Background and Overview

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Background: Need for I-95 Corridor Rail Solutions

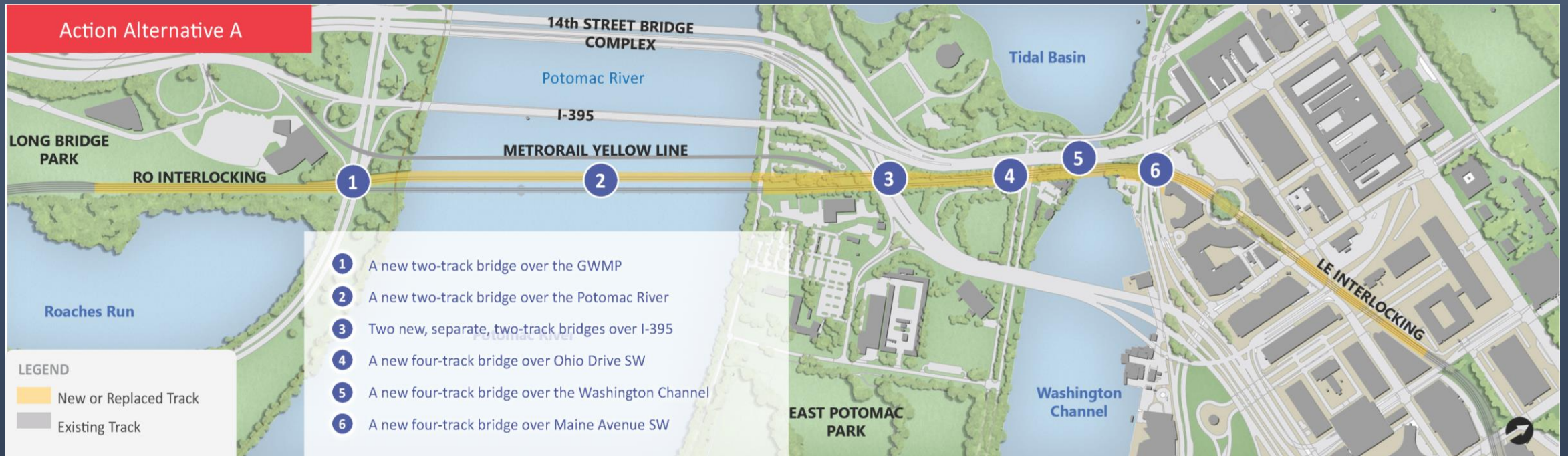
- The Commonwealth promotes multimodal solutions to moving people and goods efficiently through transportation corridors.
- The I-95 Corridor has some of the highest congestion for rail and roadways.
- Virginia (DRPT and VRE) have worked collaboratively with CSX to improve rail capacity, especially in VRE territory.
- Increased Amtrak and VRE service has placed more demands on the entire rail network.

Daily Traffic in I-95 Corridor

CSX CARRIES APPROXIMATELY		83,000 TONS OF FREIGHT
VRE CARRIES APPROXIMATELY		18,000 PEOPLE
TRUCKS CARRY APPROXIMATELY		271,000 TONS OF FREIGHT
CARS AND BUSES CARRY APPROXIMATELY		350,000 PEOPLE
METRORAIL CARRIES APPROXIMATELY		90,000 PEOPLE
AMTRAK CARRIES APPROXIMATELY		4,500 PEOPLE

Rail Capacity and Bottlenecks

- In order to add more freight and passenger rail, the biggest rail bottleneck on the East Coast – Long Bridge – needs to be addressed.
- Long Bridge carries almost 80 trains a day over a 100-year old 2-track bridge.
- The bridge is at 98% capacity during peak hours.
- Environmental clearance started in 2016 and was finalized in September 2020; names Virginia as the lead on design and construction.
- Agreement with CSX was needed to move the project forward.



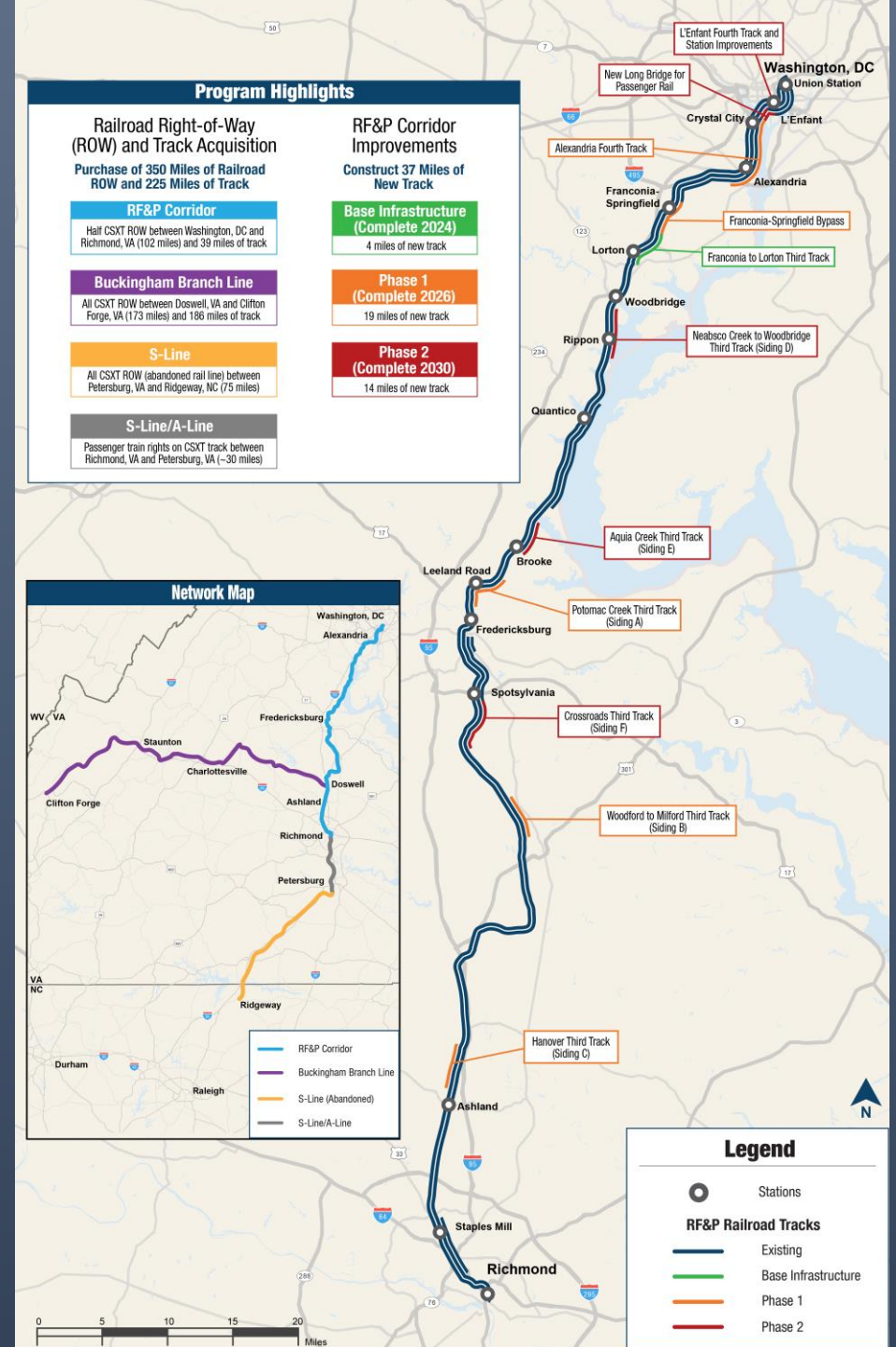
Transforming Rail in Virginia Program

- On December 19th Governor Northam, Secretary Valentine, CSX, Amtrak, and VRE announced a **\$3.7B** landmark agreement – called Transforming Rail in Virginia (TRV) – that includes purchase of over:
 - **350 miles** of railroad ROW
 - **225 miles** of track
- Commonwealth to fund approximately 2/3 with state and local revenues



Transforming Rail in Virginia Leads to Creation of VPRA

- General Assembly created the VPRA in the winter 2020 Legislative Session.
- Paradigm shift in rail transportation for Virginia:
 - Virginia will own active railroad tracks and railroad ROW.
 - Virginia will construct and maintain a growing rail network.
 - Virginia will need innovative ways to finance and fund construction and grow passenger rail operations.



Purpose of the VPRA

- Promote new approaches to economic development through an increase in passenger rail capacity.
- Promote, sustain, and expand the availability of passenger and commuter rail service to increase ridership by connecting population centers.
- Own rail right-of-way and infrastructure assets.
- Oversee passenger rail operations statewide (not an operator).
- Operate independently of some state requirements to provide flexibility in delivering the TRV Program.

