

LONG BRIDGE PROJECT

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PROJECT SUMMARY

The Virginia Passenger Rail Authority's Long Bridge Project will add a new two-track railroad bridge next to the existing Long Bridge across the Potomac River, doubling rail capacity and alleviating congestion between Arlington, Virginia and Washington, D.C.

The Project will also create a bicycle and pedestrian bridge over the river, connecting Arlington's Long Bridge Park and the Mount Vernon Trail to the District's East and West Potomac Parks. Additional elements along the 1.8-mile Project corridor include improvements to five other rail bridges and related railroad infrastructure.

The existing Long Bridge is owned and operated by CSX Transportation (CSXT). The bridge currently operates at 98% capacity with nearly 80 CSXT, Amtrak, and VRE trains crossing it daily - carrying up to 1.3 million Amtrak passengers and 4.5 million VRE commuters annually. The new rail bridge will unclog this major transportation bottleneck between the north and southeast regions of the United States, improving reliability and growing the nation's passenger and freight rail networks.

2016-2020

2020-2023

Design & Construction

2023-2030

PROJECT BENEFITS

- Increased rail capacity that will enable more frequent passenger rail service with better on-time reliability.
- Improved bicycle and pedestrian connectivity between Northern Virginia and the District of Columbia with a new bicycle-pedestrian bridge that is wider, brighter, and safer than other options.
- Billions of dollars invested in the regional economy.
- Infrastructure improvements will increase safety and security along the Project corridor when complete.





CONSTRUCTION TIMELINE

The Virginia Passenger Rail Authority plans to begin site prep and construction in 2024 and reach substantial completion in 2030.



