

# PRE-PROPOSAL MEETING

RFP Number 01-005-24-0001

60% Engineering Design  
New River Valley Passenger Rail Project

February 15<sup>th</sup>, 2024



# Safety Reminder

- Safety is one of VPRA's core values.
- VPRA requests that its consultants and contractors make safety its top priority.
- Hybrid meeting (virtual/in person).
- Please be aware of your surroundings.
- Slip, trip, and fall hazards are everywhere.
- If anyone has an emergency, please leave the meeting and go to a safe place.



# Meeting Disclaimer

- This meeting is for informational purposes only. Statements or representations made during this meeting are **not** legally binding.
- Refer to the RFP documents for the terms and conditions of this procurement.



# Agenda

- VPRA Personnel
- VPRA Overview
- New River Valley Passenger Rail Project
- Anticipated Procurement Schedule
- RFP Key Elements



# Meet Our Team

- Oliver Thatcher, Senior Engineering Project Manager
- Colin Burch, Senior Planning Manager
- Christine Fix, Director of Planning
- Michael McLaughlin, Chief Operating Officer
- John Kostyniuk, Director of Procurement
- Slade Greenway, Buyer



# Get to Know VPRA

## MISSION

To promote, sustain, and expand the availability of passenger and commuter rail service in the Commonwealth.

## VISION

Deliver passenger rail service as an integrated, affordable, and convenient travel option that benefits the Commonwealth.

## VALUES



Fostering Leadership  
and Public Service



Ensuring Safety  
and Reliability



Demonstrating  
Financial Stewardship



Promoting Innovation  
and Excellence



Advancing Environmental  
Sustainability



Championing Equity  
and Inclusion

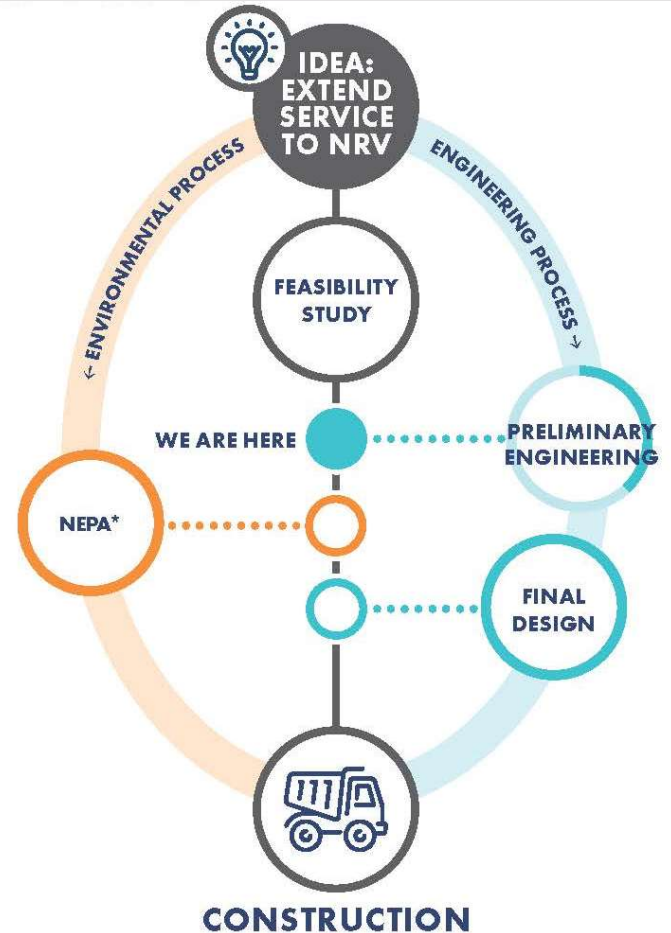
# NRV PROJECT BACKGROUND

- May 5, 2021: The Commonwealth & Norfolk Southern (NS) announce an agreement to extend passenger rail service to the New River Valley (NRV).
- June 2022: Agreement with NS for purchase of ~28 miles of the Virginian Line (V-Line) finalized and 2<sup>nd</sup> Amtrak roundtrip from the Northeast Corridor to Roanoke began the following month.



# NRV PROJECT DEVELOPMENT PROCESS

- Feasibility Study
- Preliminary engineering
  - 30% Design
  - 60% Design
- Environmental process
  - Alternatives Analysis – Q3 2024
  - NEPA
  - Permitting
- Final Design
- Construction



\* National Environmental Policy Act



# ALTERNATIVES DERIVED FROM PROJECT DEVELOPMENT PHASE

## ALTERNATIVE A

### Cinnabar Rd Site

- Slate Hill Tunnel
- Platform and parking at Cinnabar Rd
- Layover facility at Cinnabar Rd

## ALTERNATIVE B

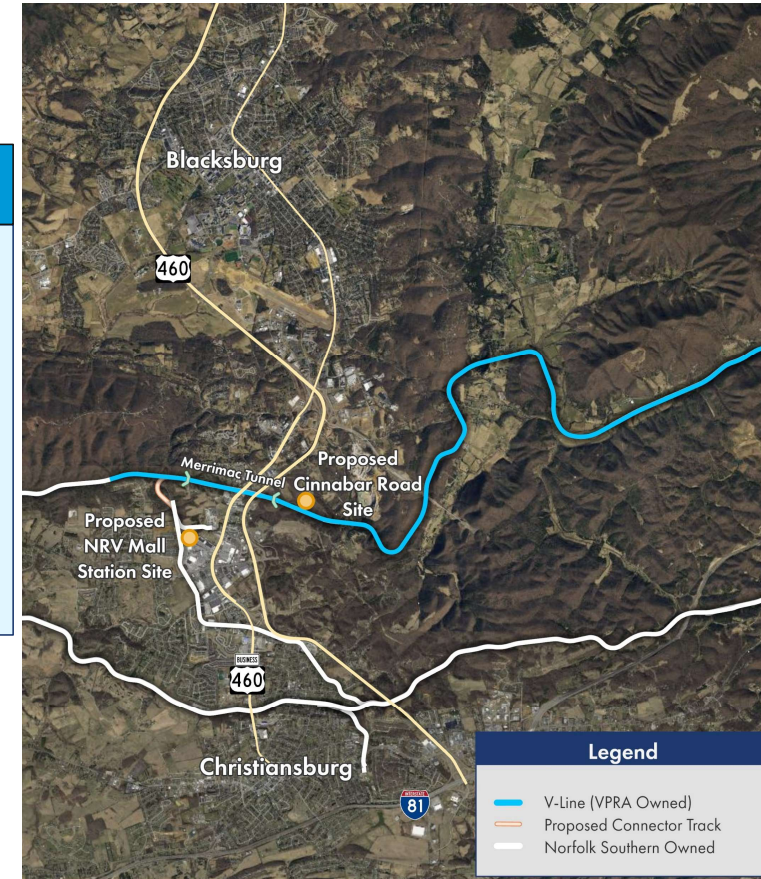
### Mall Site with Cinnabar layover facility

- Slate Hill Tunnel
- Merrimac Tunnel
- Connector Track
- Platform at NRV Mall
- Layover facility at Cinnabar Rd

## ALTERNATIVE C

### Mall Site with Cinnabar layover facility and Cinnabar platform

- Slate Hill Tunnel
- Merrimac Tunnel
- Connector Track
- Platform at NRV Mall
- Layover facility at Cinnabar Rd
- Platform and parking at Cinnabar Rd



# Necessary Infrastructure

## NS-led Improvements:

- Facilitate 40 MPH passenger train speeds through Roanoke Yard to the Salem Crossovers;
- Track upgrades for increased synergy between freight and passenger rail traffic in Roanoke Yard;
- Design and install Positive Train Control (PTC) from Roanoke Yard to NRV.

## VPRA-led Improvements:

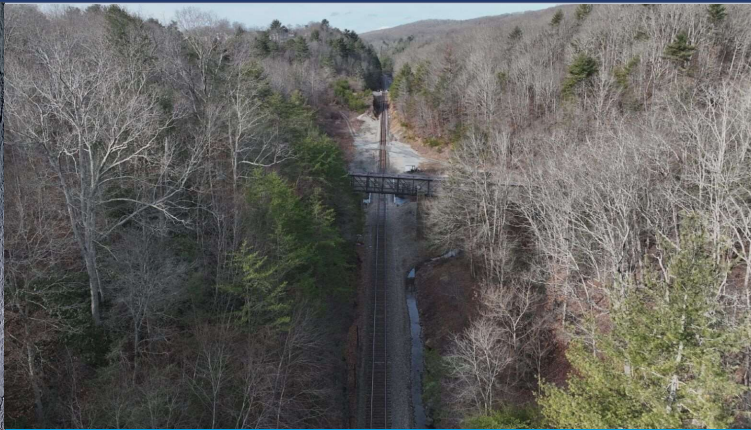
- Additions to existing rail infrastructure to include a passenger rail platform, trackwork, layover facility, and station infrastructure;
- Safety improvements to tunnel(s);
- Additional safety improvements to 28 miles of V-Line infrastructure, including minor bridge repairs, rockslide fences, and at-grade crossings.



# KEY INFRASTRUCTURE & PROJECT SITES



**Merrimac Tunnel**



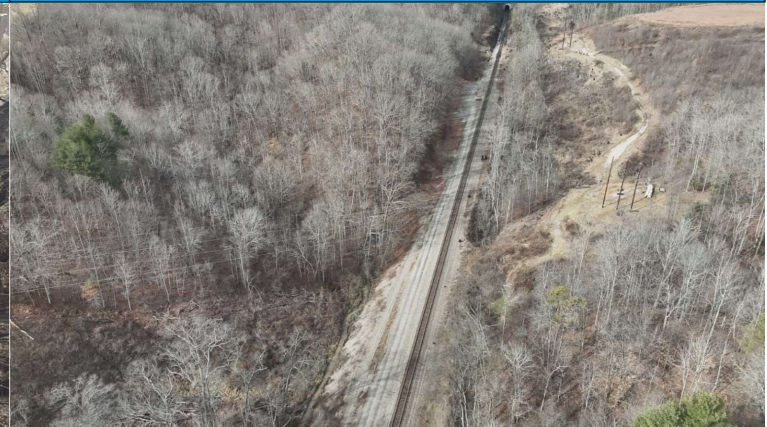
**Connector Track**



**NRV Mall Site**



**Slate Hill Tunnel**



**Cinnabar Road Site**

# Procurement Schedule

Event/Milestone	Date/Date Range
Release of RFP	2/5/2024
Pre-Proposal Conference	2/15/2024
Questions/Requests for Clarifications Due	2/23/2024
Proposal Due Date	3/22/2024
Interviews	April 2024
Notice of Intent to Award Issued	April 2024
Negotiations	April 2024
Contract Award	May 2024

**\*Please note this schedule is subject to change**



# RFP Key Elements

- Qualifications based RFP
- Various items of information will be made available upon execution of NDA
- Addenda to the RFP, if any, will be posted on VPRA's website: [Current Contracting Opportunities](#)
- SWaM/DBE Utilization
- Specific Requirements:
  - Page numbers/document length
  - Key Personnel
  - Proposal Due Date is 03/22/2024 @2:00PM

# RFP Key Elements

- Questions/Requests for Clarification:
  - All questions and requests for clarification shall be submitted to VPRA's POC
  - VPRA will post responses to the questions/requests for clarification received and answered on VPRA's website - [Current Contracting Opportunities](#)
  - Due Date: February 23, 2024 @5pm (EST)

# VPRA Organizational Conflict of Interest (OCI) Policy

- This procurement will be governed by VPRA's OCI policy, which can be found here: [VPRA-Organizational-Conflict-of-Interest-Policy](#)
- Firms have an obligation to disclose OCI and to seek an OCI determination if you are unsure.
- Obligation to disclose is ongoing.
- VPRA's list of ineligible firms within the RFP is not intended to be all inclusive.

# Thank You

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