

What is the New River Valley Passenger Rail Project?

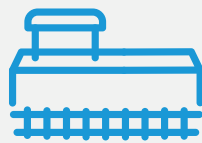
The New River Valley Passenger Rail Project will bring passenger rail service to the region for the first time since 1979.

This project will focus on the rail corridor between Roanoke and the New River Valley (NRV), addressing needs for infrastructure improvements, including track, signaling, tunnels, and a station platform.

PASSENGER RAIL INFRASTRUCTURE ELEMENTS



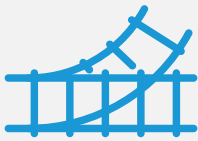
Station and Platform



Layover Facility



Tunnel Improvements



Track Improvements



Infrastructure Improvements



Access Roads

NRV PASSENGER RAIL STATION AUTHORITY

The NRV Passenger Rail Station Authority was established in 2021 by the Virginia General Assembly. This regional entity will lead the construction and maintenance of the future station facility.

HISTORY

1979

Amtrak service to Christiansburg ends

2009

Virginia state-supported service launches between Lynchburg and Washington, DC.

2013

NRV Passenger Rail community initiative is formed to bring passenger rail service back to the NRV

2017

Passenger rail service is re-established between Lynchburg and Roanoke

2020

Virginia Passenger Rail Authority (VPRA) is created to promote, sustain, and expand passenger and commuter rail service in the Commonwealth

2021

New River Valley Passenger Rail Station Feasibility Study

MAY 2021

Agreement with Norfolk Southern Railway (NS) to extend passenger rail service from Roanoke to the NRV is announced

2022

JUNE 2022

Agreement finalized that includes second train on Roanoke route, extension of trains to NRV, and purchase of 28 miles of track from Salem to Christiansburg

2023

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2024

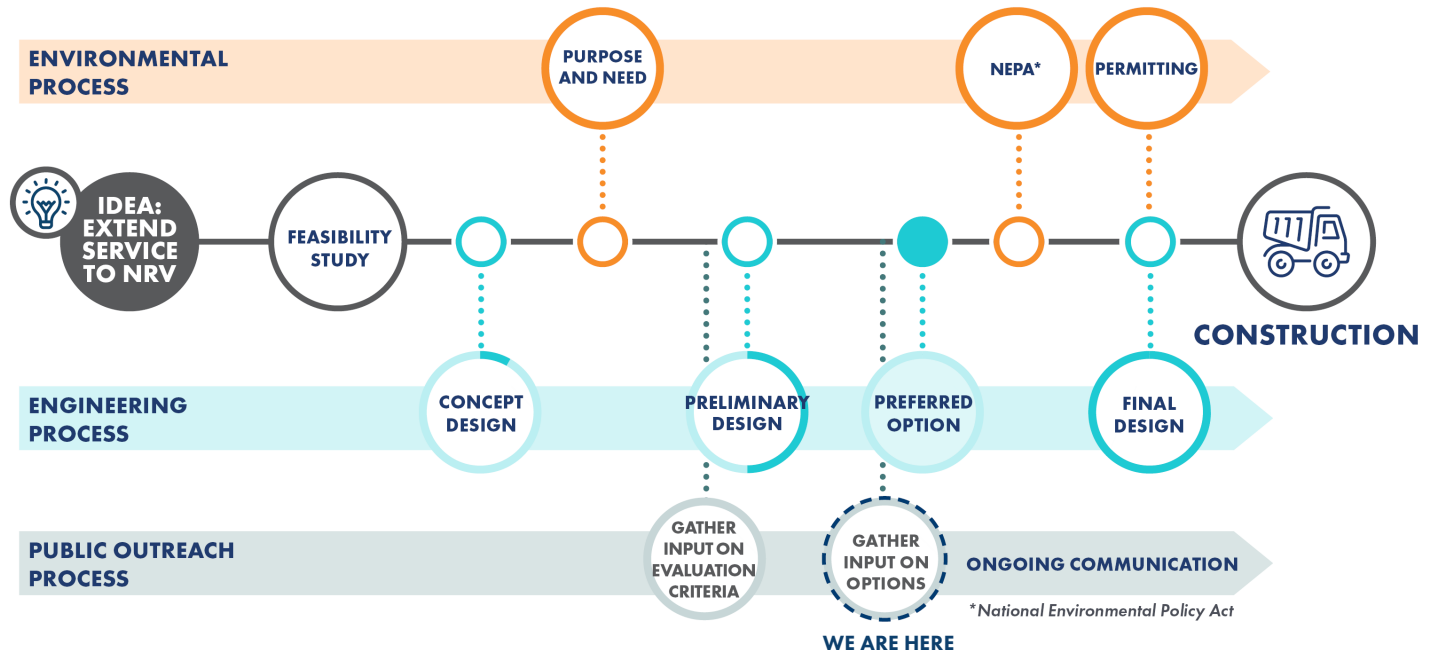
JANUARY 2024

Public Outreach Round 1
Preliminary Design

APRIL 2024

Alternative Designs
Public Outreach Round 2
We are here!

Project Process



PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT AT A GLANCE

VPRA will gather input from the greater NRV community to assist in the decision-making process to choose a preferred option from the locations studied during the preliminary engineering design effort.

Engagement strategies:

- Open houses and pop-up events
- Digital and mail-in surveys
- Fact sheet
- Social media
- Briefings
- Digital communications toolkit
- Community-led discussion kit



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Virginia Passenger Rail Authority

VPRA 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. Partnering with Amtrak, Virginia Railway Express (VRE), Norfolk Southern Railway (NS), and CSX, we are working to provide passenger rail service throughout the state that is convenient and affordable.

