

Alternative C: Mall Site + Cinnabar



Alternative C includes:

- Slate Hill Tunnel Improvements
- Merrimac Tunnel Improvements
- Passenger Rail Platform at Uptown Christiansburg Mall
- Expanded Mall Parking
- Connector Track from Virginian Line to Blacksburg Branch
- Passenger Rail Platform near Cinnabar Road
- Layover Facility near Cinnabar Road
- Access Road from Cinnabar Road
- Area at the Mall Site for Passenger Rail Station and Community Center (to be built by others)

Alternative C Evaluation:

Evaluation Criteria	Impact			Benefit		
	Most	Least	Least	Least	Most	
Accessible by public transportation				■	■	■
Operational as soon as possible				■	■	
Minimize impacts to natural resources (streams, wetlands, protected species habitat, etc.)	■	■	■			
Good financial stewardship of public resources				■		
Proximity to commercial areas				■	■	■
Economic development				■	■	■
Minimize noise increases to residential areas and other sensitive receptors	■	■	■			
Proximity to bicycle and pedestrian facilities				■	■	■
Proximity for residential areas to access new passenger rail station				■	■	■
Minimize impacts to the visual environment	■	■	■			
Minimize substantial earth removal	■	■	■			

