



PROJECT SUMMARY

The Virginia Passenger Rail Authority's (VPRA) New River Valley Project will bring passenger rail to Christiansburg and the New River Valley (NRV) for the first time since 1979.

This project is a part of VPRA's Transforming Rail in Virginia (TRV) initiative and will extend Amtrak Virginia passenger rail service along the corridor between Roanoke and the New River Valley and enhance Norfolk Southern freight service. TRV is changing the future of rail transportation in the Commonwealth, providing Virginians a convenient alternative to traveling along our congested highways and interstates.

The project includes:

- Platform with canopy
- Parking lot
- Track improvements
- Updated signaling system
- Access roads
- Norfolk Southern staffing and maintenance facility
- Amtrak layover facility in nearby Radford
- Renovation of the historic Christiansburg station

The renovated station will be named the New River Valley Station.

The Virginia General Assembly established The New River Valley Station Authority in 2021 to lead the construction and maintenance of the station building project. Norfolk Southern is managing the design and construction of all other aspects of the building project not related to the station.

CONSTRUCTION TIMELINE

Site preparation and preliminary construction began in late February 2025. The new Norfolk Southern staffing and maintenance facility will be completed first, followed by the new track, platform with canopy, parking, and access roads. The station renovations are expected to commence in 2027 after the NRV service begins.

PROJECT BENEFITS

- Increased rail capacity that enables more frequent passenger rail service with better on-time reliability
- Modernized and renovated historic rail station that provides access to the expanded Amtrak Virginia passenger service
- New access for Radford University, Virginia Tech and the entire New River Valley area



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