Governor Ralph Northam’s Virginia Rail Initiative

Virginia will purchase an ownership stake in several key strategic rail corridors, which along with the expansion of the Long Bridge and a handful of other rail enhancement projects, will position Virginia to control its transportation destiny.

Key Points:
- Improves passenger rail service for 5.6 million Virginians, 2.2 million jobs, and half of Virginia’s higher education students.
- Adds weekend Virginia Railway Express service for the first time.
- Increases passenger rail service for nearly 9 percent of our nation’s active service members.
- Increases the opportunity for the future expansion of the Commonwealth Corridor between Roanoke and Hampton Roads via Richmond.
- Expands service to 9 of Amtrak’s top 160 largest ridership stations (out of 523).

Project Benefits by 2030

- 53 percent Increase in service
- 2.6 million Additional Passengers annually
- 39 percent Increase in service
- $370+ million Annual economic benefits
- 165+ million Passenger Miles Removed from our roads each year
- 43,000+ Metric tons of CO$_2$ emissions not released annually

Supportive Organizations

Virginia Purchases
- Ownership of the new Long Bridge expansion over the Potomac River
- 49% ownership in DC to RVA corridor (former RF&P railroad)
- 100% ownership of Buckingham Branch Shortline Railroad (Clifton Forge to Doswell segment)
- 100% ownership of the S-Line from Petersburg to North Carolina.

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