

# 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.

## 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<sub>2</sub>  
emissions not released  
annually

### 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).

## 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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