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# DRPT Update

House Appropriations: Transportation & Public Safety Subcommittee

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# DRPT Total Budget

(Dollars in Millions)

Program	FY22 Chapter 522	FY22 <i>Request</i> HB 29	FY23 <i>Request</i> HB 30	FY24 <i>Request</i> HB 30
Public Transportation Programs	716.3	716.3	754.2	769.4
Rail Assistance Programs	197.1	197.1	88.1	88.1
Agency Operating Budget	21.9	21.9	22.4	22.4
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>935.3</b>	<b>935.5</b>	<b>864.7</b>	<b>879.9</b>

# DRPT Funding Sources

(Dollars in Millions)

Fund	FY22 Chapter 522	FY22 <i>Request</i> HB 29	FY23 <i>Request</i> HB 30	FY24 <i>Request</i> HB 30
Commonwealth Mass Transit Fund	374.4	374.4	380.2	380.2
Commonwealth Transit Capital Fund	124.1	124.1	122.6	122.6
Dedicated Revenue	159.4	159.4	159.4	159.4
Federal Funds	83.8	83.8	82.2	82.2
Highway Construction Fund	18.9	18.9	18.9	18.9
I-395 Concessionaire Fund	-	-	16.6	16.6
I-66 Outside the Beltway Concessionaire Fund	-	-	21.3	36.5
Priority Transportation Fund	4.9	4.9	4.9	4.9
Local Fund	2.1	2.1	2.1	2.1
Rail Enhancement Fund	96.0	96.0	-	-
Intercity Passenger Rail Operating and Capital Fund	57.1	57.1	-	-
Rail Preservation Fund	14.7	14.7	15.0	15.0
Commonwealth Rail Fund	-	-	41.5	41.5
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>935.3</b>	<b>935.3</b>	<b>864.7</b>	<b>879.9</b>

# DRPT Transit Programs and Funding

(Dollars in Millions)

Program	FY22 Chapter 522	FY22 <i>Request</i> HB 29	FY23 <i>Request</i> HB 30	FY24 <i>Request</i> HB 30
Transit Operating and Capital Assistance	237.1	237.1	276.8	362.3
WMATA Operating and Capital	269.8	269.8	268.0	197.7
WMATA Dedicated Capital	159.4	159.4	159.4	159.4
WMATA PRIIA	50.0	50.0	50.0	50.0
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>716.3</b>	<b>716.3</b>	<b>754.2</b>	<b>769.4</b>

- FY24 includes new toll revenues and other funding shifts (WMATA, PRIIA)

# DRPT Rail Programs and Funding

(Dollars in Millions)

Program	FY22 Chapter 522	FY22 <i>Request</i> HB 29	FY23 <i>Request</i> HB 30	FY24 <i>Request</i> HB 30
Freight Rail, Passenger Rail, & Planning	179.6	179.6	70.6	70.6
Rail Preservation	14.5	14.5	14.5	14.5
Rail Industrial Access	3.0	3.0	3.0	3.0
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>197.1</b>	<b>197.1</b>	<b>88.1</b>	<b>88.1</b>

- DRPT receives 7% of the Commonwealth Rail funds and the remaining 93% is transferred to the VPRA.

# Virginia Passenger Rail Authority Funding

(Dollars in Millions)

Funding Source	FY23	FY24
Commonwealth Rail Funds	145.0	145.0
Priority Transportation Funds	37.1	39.7
I-95 Concession Funds	150.0	82.0
Toll Funds	11.0	12.0
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$343.1</b>	<b>\$278.7</b>

- DRPT transferred \$302.7M of old rail program funds to the VPRA in FY21 in accordance with Item 443.D.2 of Chapter 1289 of the 2020 Acts of Assembly

# Virginia Passenger Rail Authority

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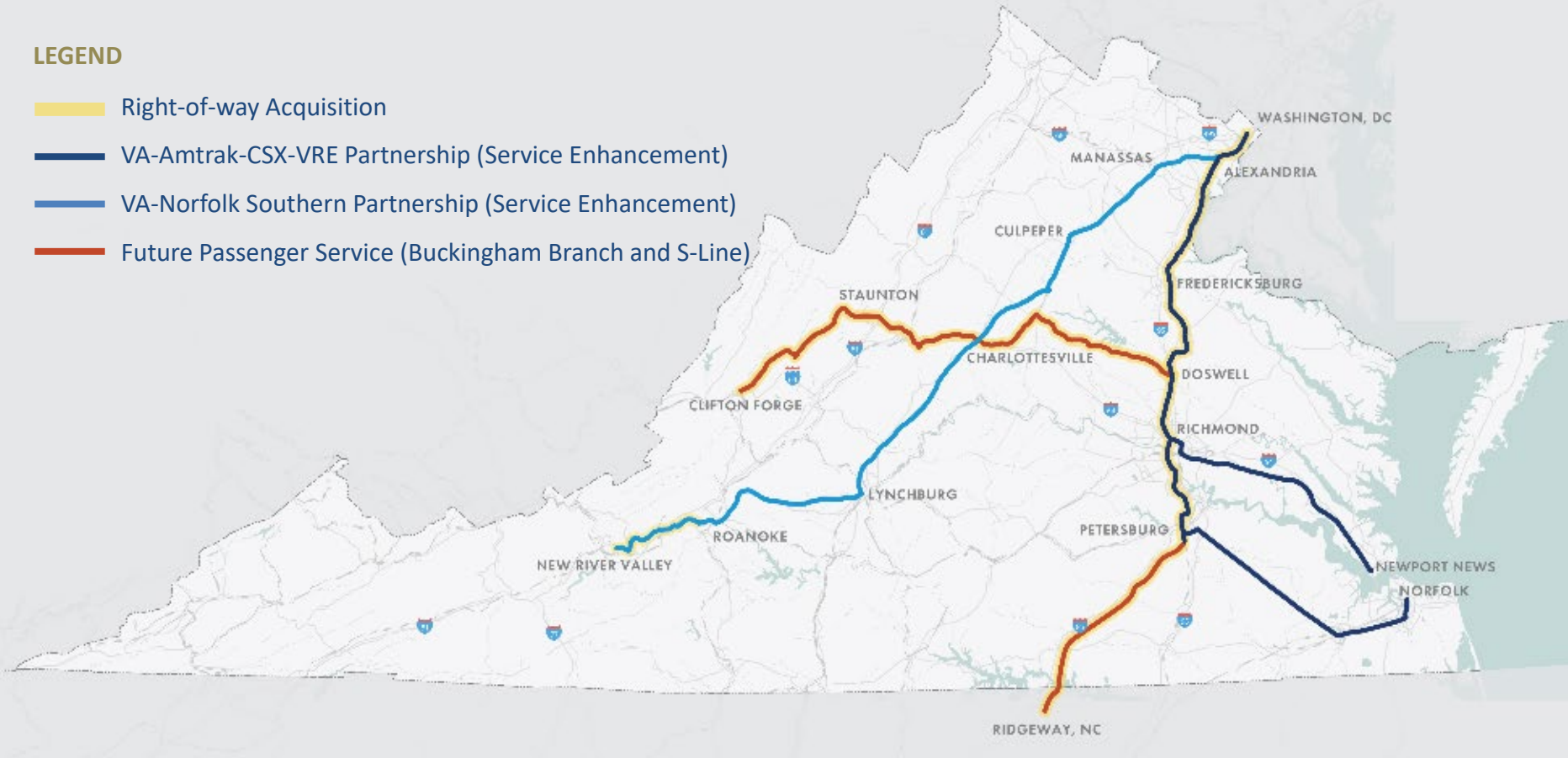
- Created by 2020 General Assembly
- Given all powers necessary or convenient for carrying out its statutory purposes, including:
  - Design, build, finance, operate, and/or maintain rail facilities
  - Direct recipient of USDOT Grants
  - Eminent domain powers
- Will own all rail assets and right of way
- Will partner with others to operate passenger and commuter rail service
- Governed by a 15-Member Board



# Transforming Rail in Virginia

## LEGEND

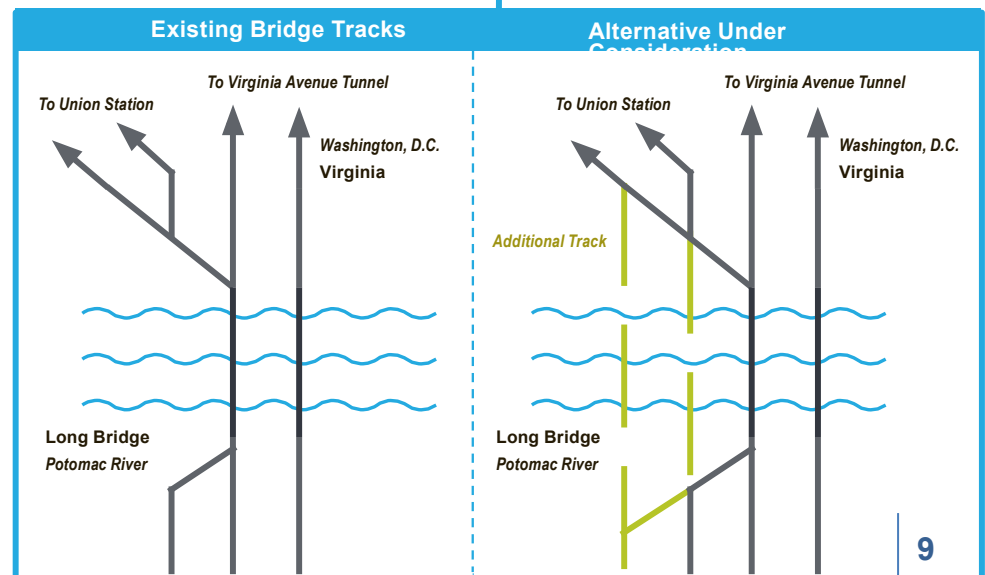
- Right-of-way Acquisition
- VA-Amtrak-CSX-VRE Partnership (Service Enhancement)
- VA-Norfolk Southern Partnership (Service Enhancement)
- Future Passenger Service (Buckingham Branch and S-Line)





# Long Bridge Project

- Design & construct new two-track bridge between RO Interlocking (south of Potomac River) and LE Interlocking (west of L'Enfant station)
- New bridge will be for passenger rail and will be located between existing Long Bridge and existing Metrorail bridge
- Existing bridge to remain, resulting in four tracks
- New bike/ped bridge to mitigate impacts to parklands
- State of Good Repair elements will be defined, identified, and shown clearly in standard cost categories and related documents



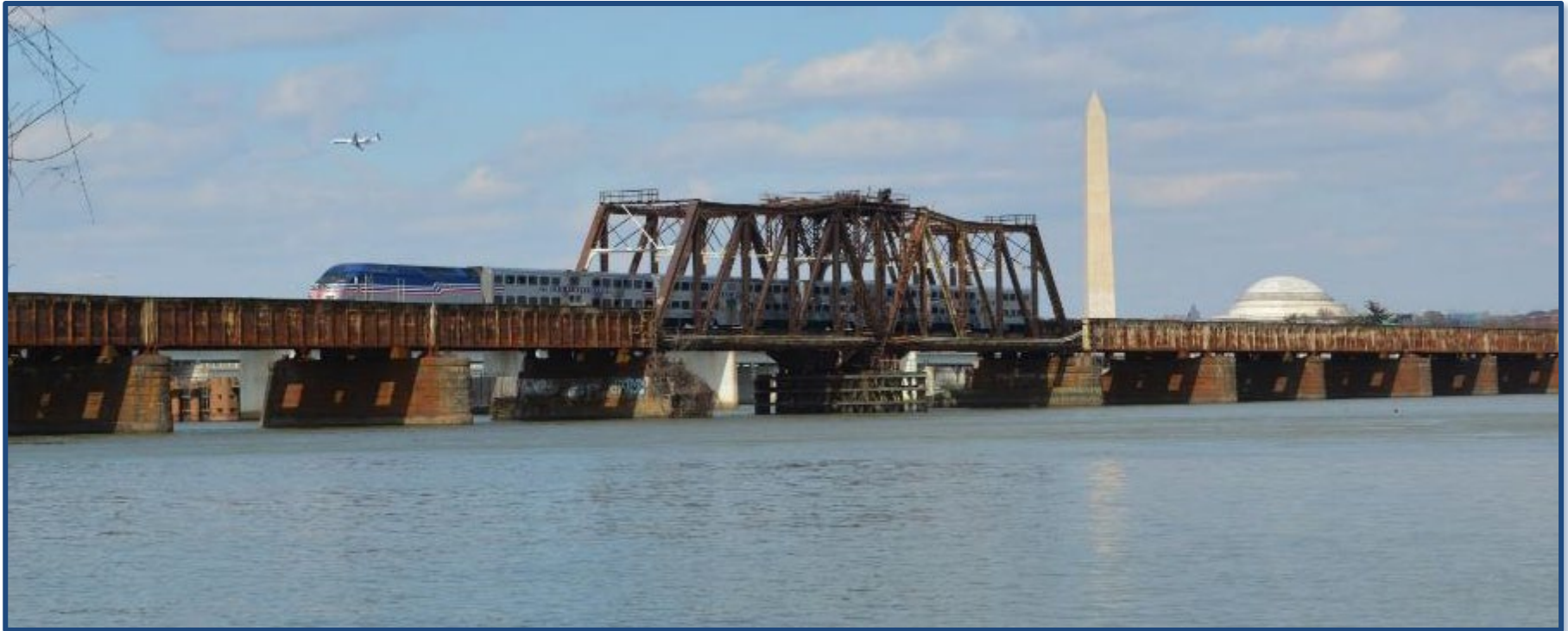
# Long Bridge Project

EIS Phase  
2017-2020

*PE Phase*  
**2021-2023**

Final Design  
2023-TBD

Construction  
TBD-2030



# DRPT/VPRA Duties

	RAIL		TRANSIT	COMMUTER PROGRAMS
	FREIGHT	PASSENGER		
Funding Administration	DRPT	TO VPRA	DRPT	DRPT
Corridor Planning	DRPT	TO VPRA	DRPT	
Statewide Planning	DRPT		DRPT	DRPT
Programming / SYIP	DRPT	TO VPRA	DRPT	DRPT
Policy Setting	DRPT	TO VPRA	DRPT	
Design / Construction		NEW VPRA		
ROW / 3 <sup>rd</sup> Party		NEW VPRA		
Operations Oversight		NEW VPRA		
SUPPORT FUNCTIONS NEW TO VPRA / BORROWED INITIALLY FROM DRPT				
	Communications	Administration		
	Legal (AG)	Finance / Procurement	Human Resources	



# Statewide Bus Procurement

- *HB29/HB30: Notwithstanding § 46.2-1500 et seq., Code of Virginia, manufacturers that sell buses for the purposes of public transportation, as defined in 49 US Code § 5302, in the Commonwealth of Virginia are not required to obtain a manufacturers' and dealers' license from the Virginia Department of Motor Vehicles.*
- DGS is unable to issue a new statewide procurement for diesel buses and exercise option on existing contract for electric buses
  - Current contract structure conflicts with state law pertaining to the licensure of manufacturers and dealers
  - State law requires the manufacturers to obtain a manufacturer and dealer license
- State requirements conflict with federal law by creating a geographic preference as part of the procurement
  - FTA advised that compliance with state law would prohibit the use of federal funds for bus purchases
- Contracts expired at the end of May 2021, leaving all of Virginia's transit agencies without a statewide procurement to purchase nearly 400 buses in FY22 SYIP



# Virginia Breeze

**VIRGINIA BREEZE**  
BUS LINES



# Innovation - Rural Microtransit Pilots

- Funded in part through FTA Integrated Mobility Innovation Grant and Innovation Technology Transportation Fund
- Microtransit technology handles dispatch, assigns pickup location, and routes vehicles allowing multiple riders to share a single vehicle efficiently
- **Bay Transit Express**
  - Operating a single vehicle within a service zone around Gloucester Courthouse
  - Service (\$2.00/ride) started on June 28
  - Major Destinations: Walmart & Riverside Walter Reed Hospital
- **MetGo!**
  - Operating three vehicles within a service zone that includes the Town of Wise and the City of Norton
  - Fare-free service started on June 28
  - Major destinations: Walmart, UVA Wise Campus, Norton Hospital Complex



# IIJA Nationwide Funding

(Dollars in Billions)

	FY21 Actual	FY22	FY23	FY24	FY25	FY26	TOTAL
<b>Federal Transit Administration (Formula &amp; Discretionary)</b>	12.8	17.6	17.9	18.2	18.5	18.9	<b>91.2</b>
<b>Federal Railroad Administration (Discretionary)</b>	2.4	13.2	13.2	13.2	13.2	13.2	<b>66.0</b>

# IJA Virginia Formula Funding

- VA will receive \$1.6B in additional formula funding over next five years
- 5-year Additional Transit Funding: ~\$640M (30 percent increase)
  - \$492.4M: NOVA
  - \$59.9M: Hampton Roads
  - \$24.3M: Richmond Area
  - \$5.2M: Roanoke Area
  - \$24.2M: Small urban transit systems
  - \$33.5M: Rural transit systems
- Reauthorizes WMATA PRIIA funding at \$150M/year for 8 years





# IIJA Nationwide Passenger Rail Funding

- **Federal – State Partnership Program: \$7.2B per year**
  - Up to 2/3 for Northeast Corridor (NEC)
- **CRISI Program: \$1B per year**
- **Grade Crossing Elimination Program: \$600M per year**
- Amtrak NEC: \$1.2B per year
- Amtrak National Network: \$3.2B per year



**Virginia Can Compete for These Programs**

# How will the Discretionary Grants Work?



- Federal Railroad Administration will publish Notices of Funding Opportunity (NOFO)
  - Existing grant programs likely to go first, then new high-priority programs, and then new low-priority programs
  - First NOFO's expected Mid to Late 2022
- States, Regions and Localities will compete
- Project-Based Applications
- USDOT will select winners

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