



High-Speed Rail and Richmond

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Virginians for High Speed Rail is a 501 (C)(3) non-profit coalition of citizens, localities, economic development agencies, and businesses that promote the improvement and expansion of rail service in the Commonwealth of Virginia.

Our Goals

1. Improve the quality and frequency of Amtrak service along:
 - Newport News - Richmond - D.C. rail corridor.
 - Lynchburg - Charlottesville - D.C. rail corridor.
2. Develop passenger rail service between D.C/ Richmond and South Hampton Roads.
3. Promote the Southeast High Speed Rail Corridor with enhanced service linking D.C. to Hampton Roads and Raleigh/Durham, NC and beyond.
4. Promote public-private partnerships and investments in high-performance passenger, freight, and commuter (VRE) rail services.



VHSR Accomplishments

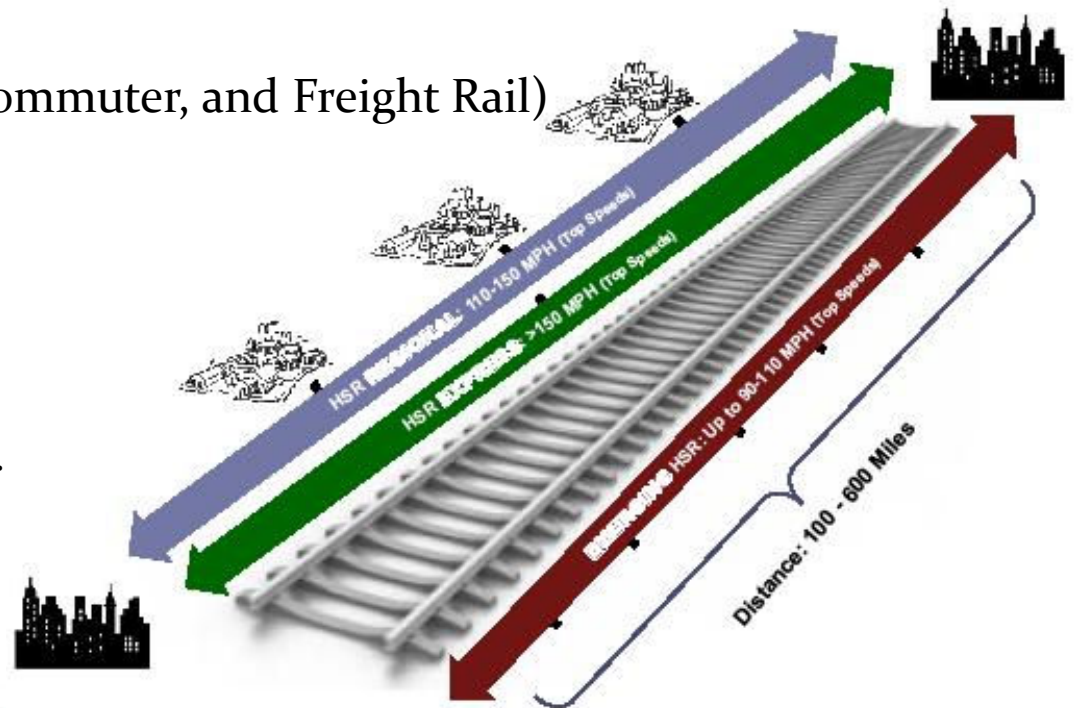
- **Gov. Warner Commission on Rail in the 21st Century:**
 - Rail Enhancement Fund (REF)
 - One of the only dedicated source of rail infrastructure investment in USA
 - \$20 to 23 million annually in dedicated resources.
 - Rail Advisory Board
 - Recommends REF expenditures to the Commonwealth Transportation Board.
- **Passenger Rail Investment and Improvement Act:**
 - First federal source of allocations for investment in high-speed rail.
- **Virginia Sponsored Passenger Rail Service:**
 - Advocate force behind new passenger rail service from Lynchburg/ Richmond to Northeast Corridor.



What is High-Speed Rail?

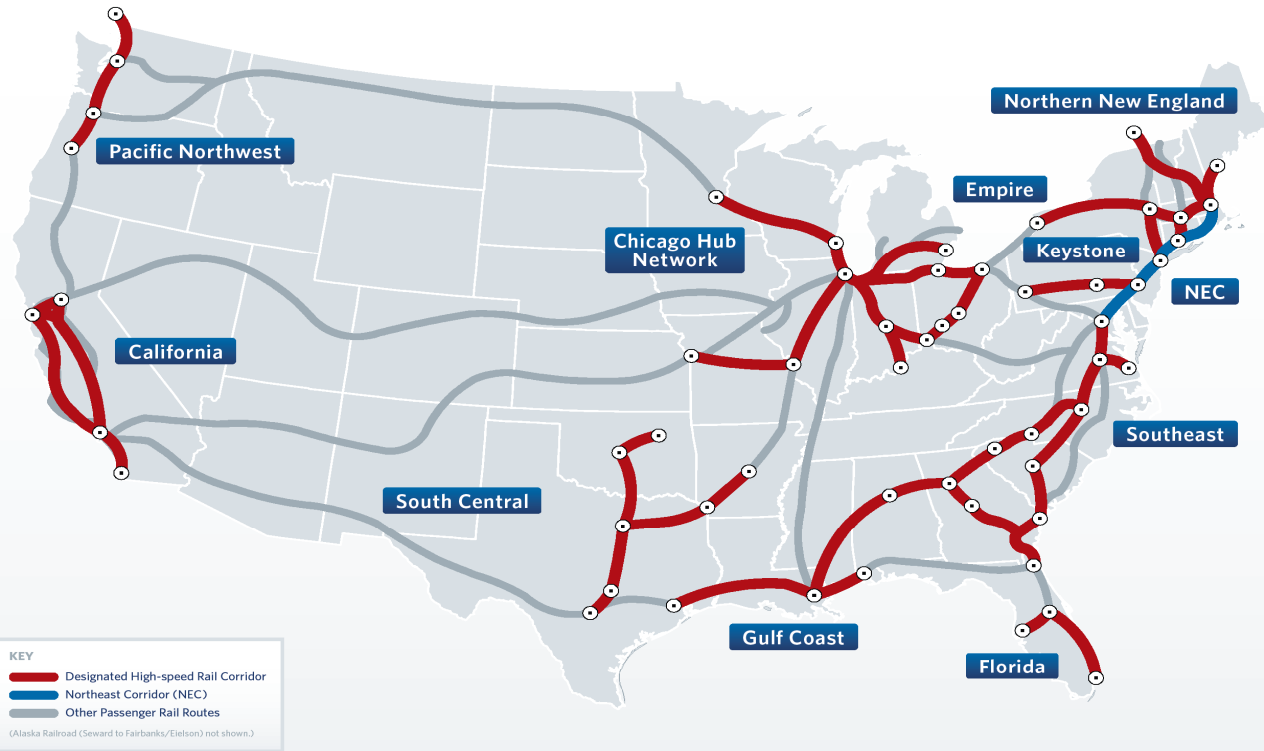
Federal Railroad Administration's passenger rail categories

- **Conventional Rail:**
 - 79 mph
 - Mixed use corridor (Intercity, Commuter, and Freight Rail)
- **Emerging High-Speed Rail:**
 - 90 mph
 - Mixed use corridor
- **Regional High-Speed Rail:**
 - 110 mph
 - A mixed and dedicated corridor.
- **Express High-Speed Rail:**
 - 150 mph+
 - Dedicated corridor



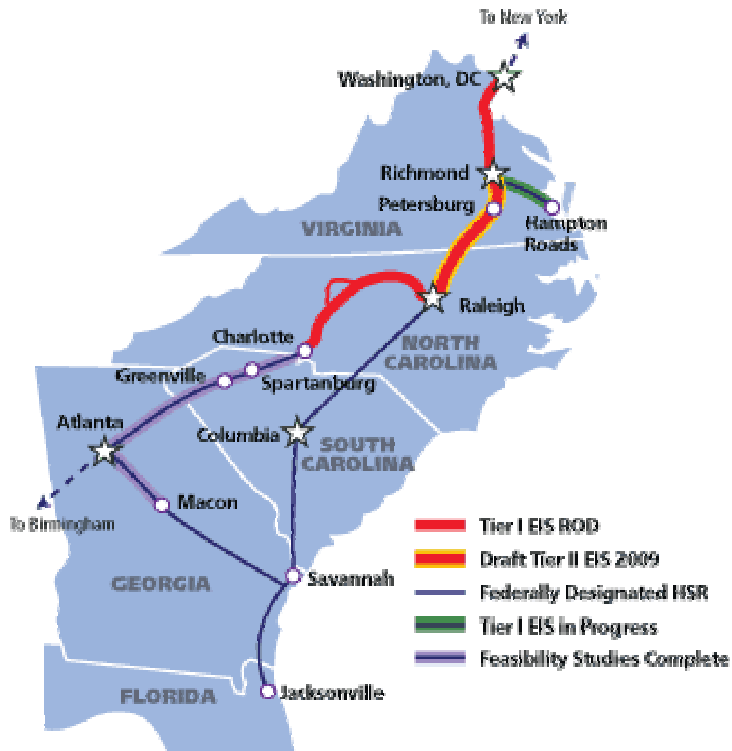
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Virginia's High-Speed Rail Corridors



Southeast High-Speed Rail Corridor



Northeast High-Speed Rail Corridor

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Where are we?



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*“I would settle for help extending our electrified territory to **Richmond** within the next five years, and making plans to extend that on to Atlanta or beyond in the next ten”*

Joe Boardman, President & CEO, Amtrak,

Jan 28, 2009

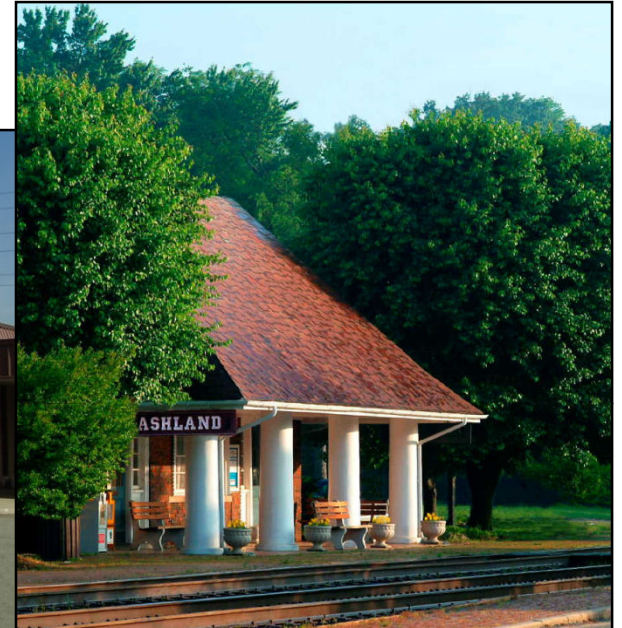
Where are we?



Main Street Station



Staples Mill Station



Ashland Station

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The logo for Virginians For High Speed Rail features the text "Virginians For High Speed Rail" in a bold, blue, sans-serif font. To the right of the text is a stylized graphic consisting of several curved, parallel lines in shades of blue, suggesting a high-speed train or a path.

Passenger Rail Service between Richmond and Washington

- **Staples Mill Station -RVR (15 daily trains)**
 - 8 Regional Trains (Newport News to NY)
 - 2 Carolinian (NY to Charlotte, NC)
 - 3 Silver Service (NY to Miami, FL)
 - 2 Palmetto (NY to Savannah, GA)
- **Main Street Station -RVM (4 daily trains)**
 - 4 Regional Trains (Newport News to NY)
- **Petersburg Station -PTB (8 daily trains)**
 - 4 Silver Service (NY to Miami, FL)
 - 2 Palmetto (NY to Savannah, GA)
 - 2 Carolinian (NY to Charlotte, NC)
- **Ashland Station -ASD (8 daily trains)**
 - 8 Regional Trains (Newport News to NY)



Northeast High-Speed Rail Corridor





Amtrak Ridership for FY 2008 for the Urban Express Corridor

Urban Express Corridor: 705,674 passengers, 13.46% increase over FY 2007

Year	Main Street	Staples Mill	Petersburg	Ashland	Total
FY 2007	12,757	234,670	18,725	12,909	279,061
FY 2008	19,360 +51.76%	275,479 +17.39%	20,909 +11.63%	16,497 +27.80%	332,245 +19.06%
FY 2009	14,773 +32.43%				

The Federal Money's Flowing!

- **American Recovery and Reinvestment Act funding**
 - \$1.3 Billion for Amtrak's capital needs.
 - \$8 Billion for high-speed rail
- **President Obama's Annual Budget**
 - \$1 billion annually for 5 years for high-speed rail
- **Surface Transportation Reauthorization**
 - \$50 billion over 6 years for high-speed rail.
- **Total: \$13 to 58 billion** over the next 5-6 years for high-speed rail.



Federal Funding Streams

- Track 1: individual projects that are shovel ready.
 - Completed within 2 years of obligation
- Track 2: high-speed rail corridor development projects.
 - Completed by September 30, 2017
- Track 3: planning
 - Completed within 2 years of obligation

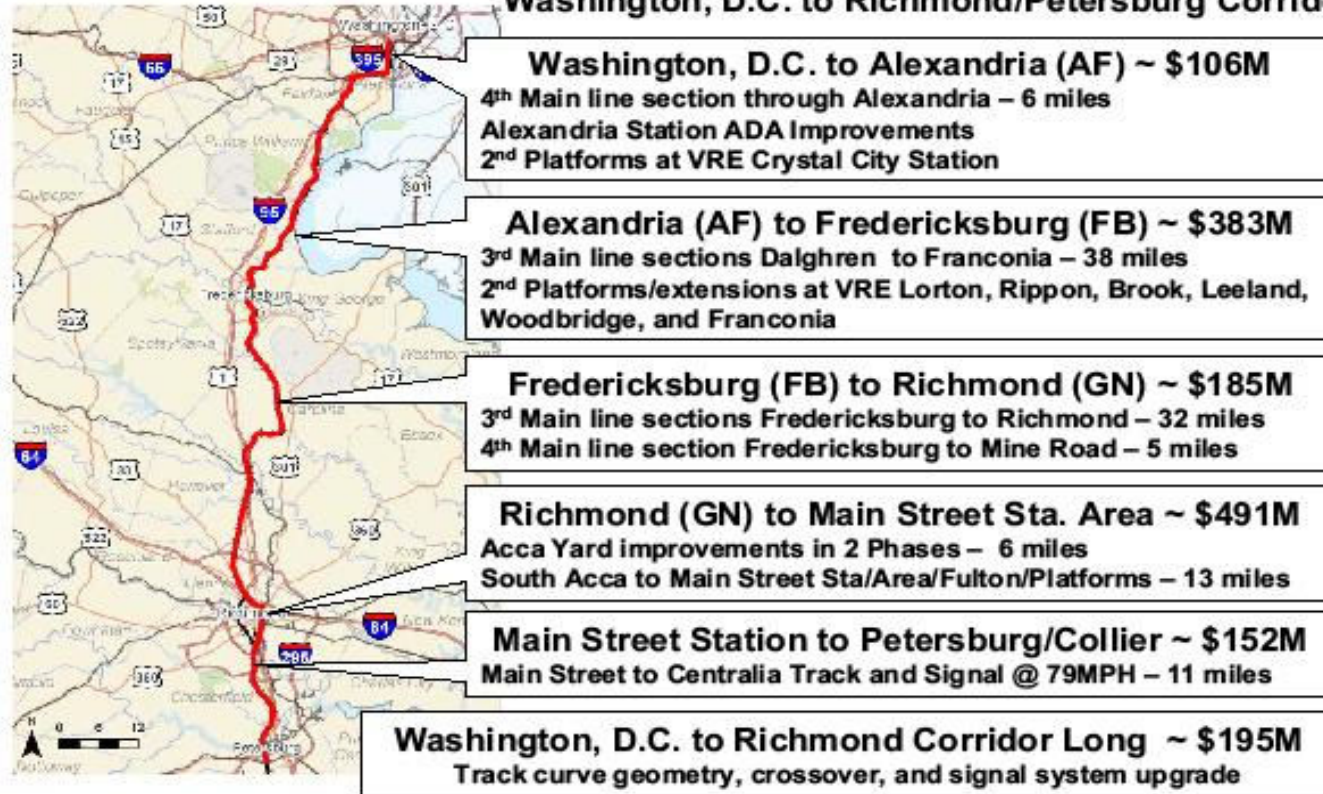
Federal Schedule

- July 10, 2009: Pre-application's for stimulus money
- August 24, 2009: Track 1 & 3 projects due
- October 2, 2009: Track 2 projects due
- October 8, 2009: Track 1, round 1 projects announced
- November 16, 2009: Track 2, round 1 projects announced

Washington to Richmond Corridor

Top Priority High Speed Rail Projects

Washington, D.C. to Richmond/Petersburg Corridor



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Washington to Richmond Corridor

- **\$1.5 billion to upgrade to Emerging High Speed Rail**
 - The three 90's:
 - 90 mph track speed.
 - 90 minute trip time between Richmond and Washington
 - 90 percent on-time performance with increased service
 - Removal of key bottle necks to improve service
 - Environmental Impact
 - 2 million car trips removed annually
 - 12 million gallons of fuel reduced annually
 - 85,000 tons of CO₂ eliminated annually
 - Economic Development Impact
 - \$5 to 10 billion in economic development
 - 50 to 100K jobs created or sustained in corridor



What can you do?

- Contact your Congressional Representatives:
 - Let them know that you support high-speed rail.
- Pass resolutions in support of high-speed rail
- Talk up high-speed rail in your community.
- **Support Virginians for High Speed Rail.**
 - We rely on the generous contributions of individuals and businesses that support the work that we do.





Thank You!

Questions?

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