

# Bedford Intercity Passenger Rail Feasibility Study Update

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Virginia Department of Rail and Public Transportation

# Purpose of the Study

House Bill 30 states:

*“The Department of Rail and Public Transportation shall evaluate both the **costs of providing service** to the Town of Bedford as well as the **available funding** and provide this information to the Chairmen of the House Committees on Transportation and Appropriations, the Senate Committees on Transportation and Finance, and the Joint Commission on Transportation Accountability no later than **December 1, 2016.**”*

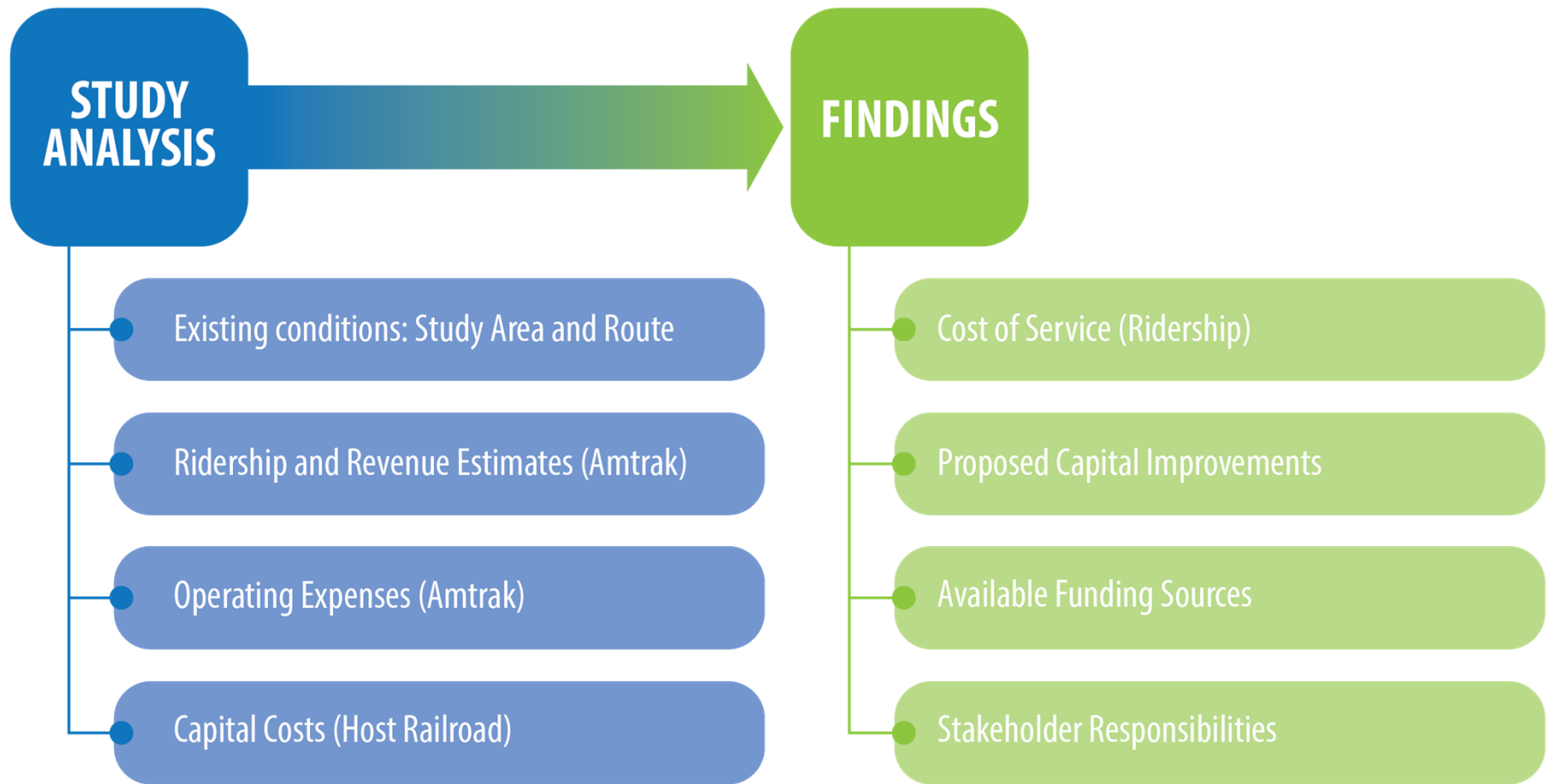


# Planned Expansion of Service






- AMTRAK Route 46 service will commence Fall 2017
- 1 to 2 years of ridership data before changes considered



# Approach

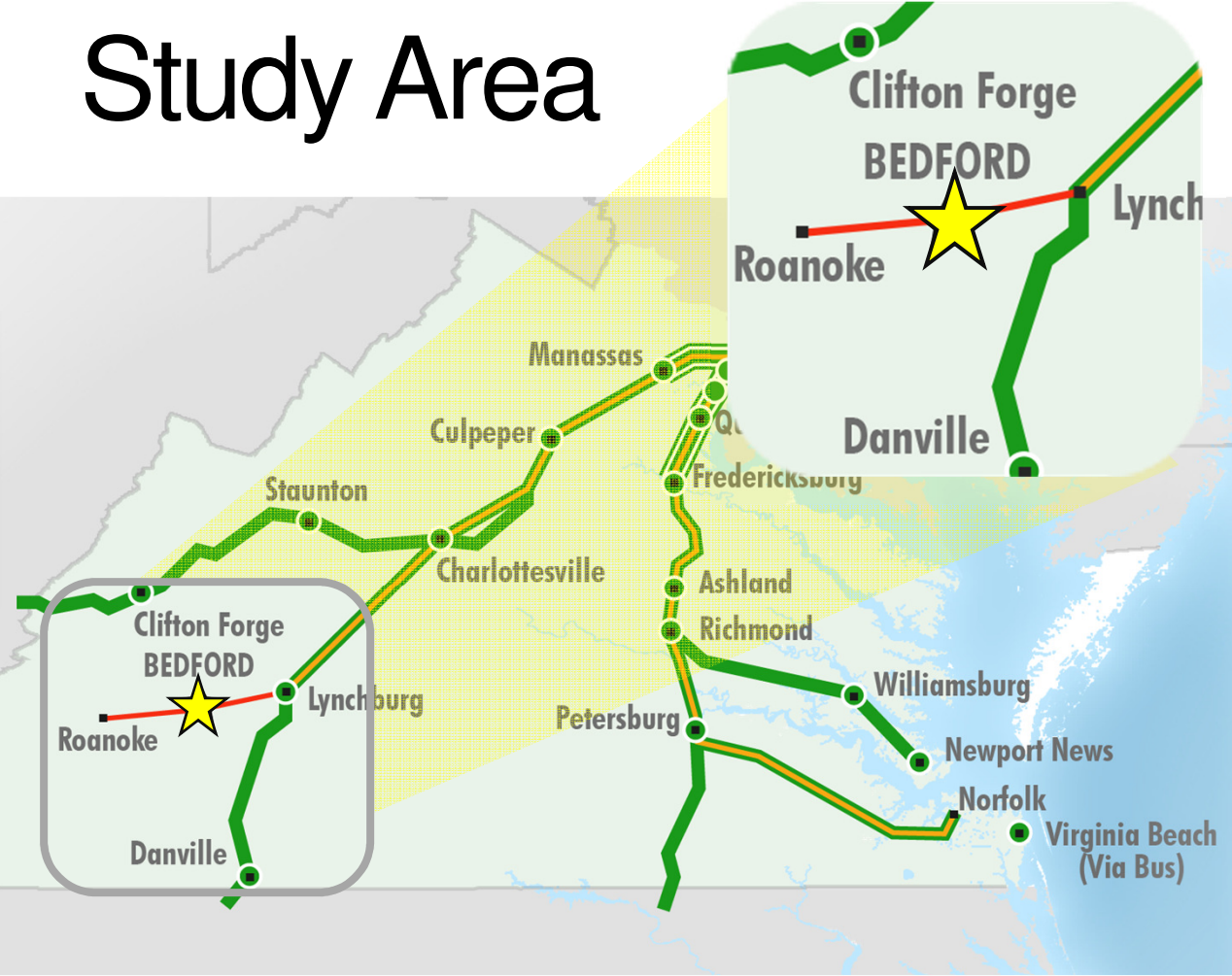


# Study Area

-  Existing AMTRAK Routes
-  Existing AMTRAK Station
-  Existing VRE Routes
-  New Intercity Service
-  Proposed Intercity Service Enhancements

**Bedford, Virginia:**

- Located 28 miles west of Lynchburg and 27 miles east of Roanoke.
- Smart Way Bus-to-Rail Connector Service currently stops at Bedford Welcome Center.



# Key Considerations

- Population

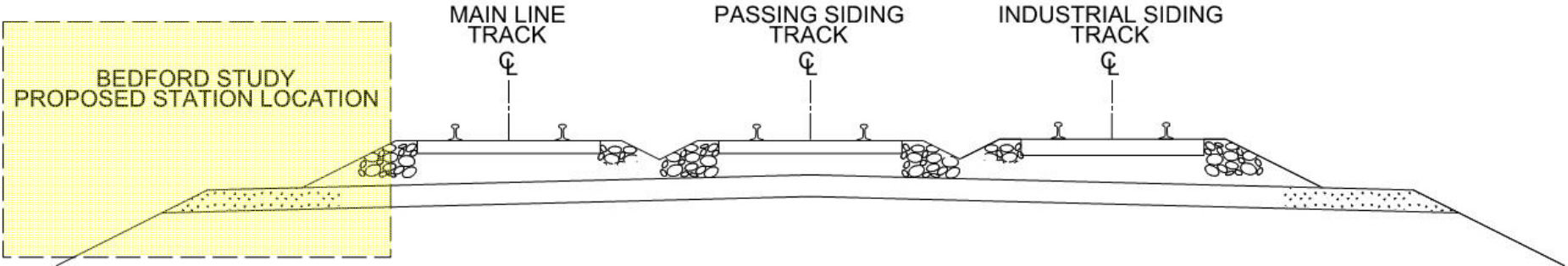
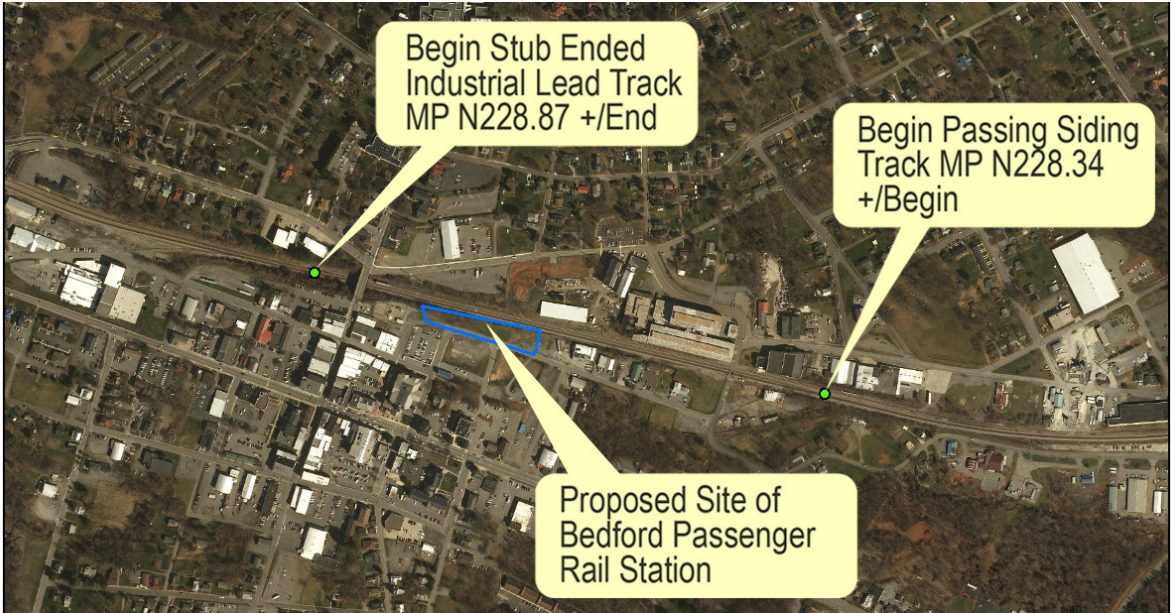
	2010	2013
Bedford, VA	75,004	76,439
Lynchburg, VA	75,709	77,440
Roanoke, VA	194,682	196,906

Source: Bedford Feasibility Study

- Ridership Forecasts
- Station Design
- Norfolk Southern Requirements



# Existing Conditions



Norfolk Southern Railroad Section Through Bedford's Proposed Station Site Location (Looking West)

# Schedule

TASKS	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEPT	OCT	NOV	DEC
Study Area and Route Assessment	■						
Rail Route Existing Conditions and Inventory		■					
Rail Service Schedules and Financials		■					
Station Needs Assessment		■					
Service and Capital Cost Estimates			■				
Operational and Infrastructure Constraints and Impacts			■				
Conclusions and Recommendations			■		■	●	◆

Draft Report
  Final Report
  Due to General Assembly