



# Rail Preservation Fund Grant Application - Delmarva Central Railroad

July 17, 2018



Virginia Department of Rail and Public Transportation

# Background



- May 2018: Bay Coast Railroad ceased operations on the Eastern Shore
- June 2018: STB approved lease of northern 14.8 miles to Delmarva Central RR (DCR)
  - Hallwood, VA to Pocomoke City, MD
  - Railroad will “discontinue” service south of Hallwood to Cape Charles
  - All customers are located in the northern 14.8 miles
- DCR operates north of Pocomoke City, MD to an interchange with Norfolk Southern in northern Delaware



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- **Scope: Programmatic upgrades to improve service reliability, safety, and state of good repair**
  - Upgrade tracks to Class 1 Track Safety Standards
  - Increases track speeds from 5mph to 10mph
  - Improve safety for transportation of hazardous materials
  - First phase of longer term program to upgrade tracks to Class 2 Track Safety Standards
- **Budget: \$2.6M over 2 years (\$1.3M RPF per year)**
  - Transfer of \$2.6M Rail Enhancement Funds to Rail Preservation Fund for FY2019 and FY2020
  - \$3.9 M total project cost (30% funding match from Delmarva Central Railroad)





**Thank You**  
Questions?

