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# Transforming Rail in Virginia

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# 12/19/2019 Virginia-CSX Announcement

On December 19<sup>th</sup> Governor Northam and Secretary Valentine announced a **\$3.7B** landmark deal with CSX that includes purchase of over:

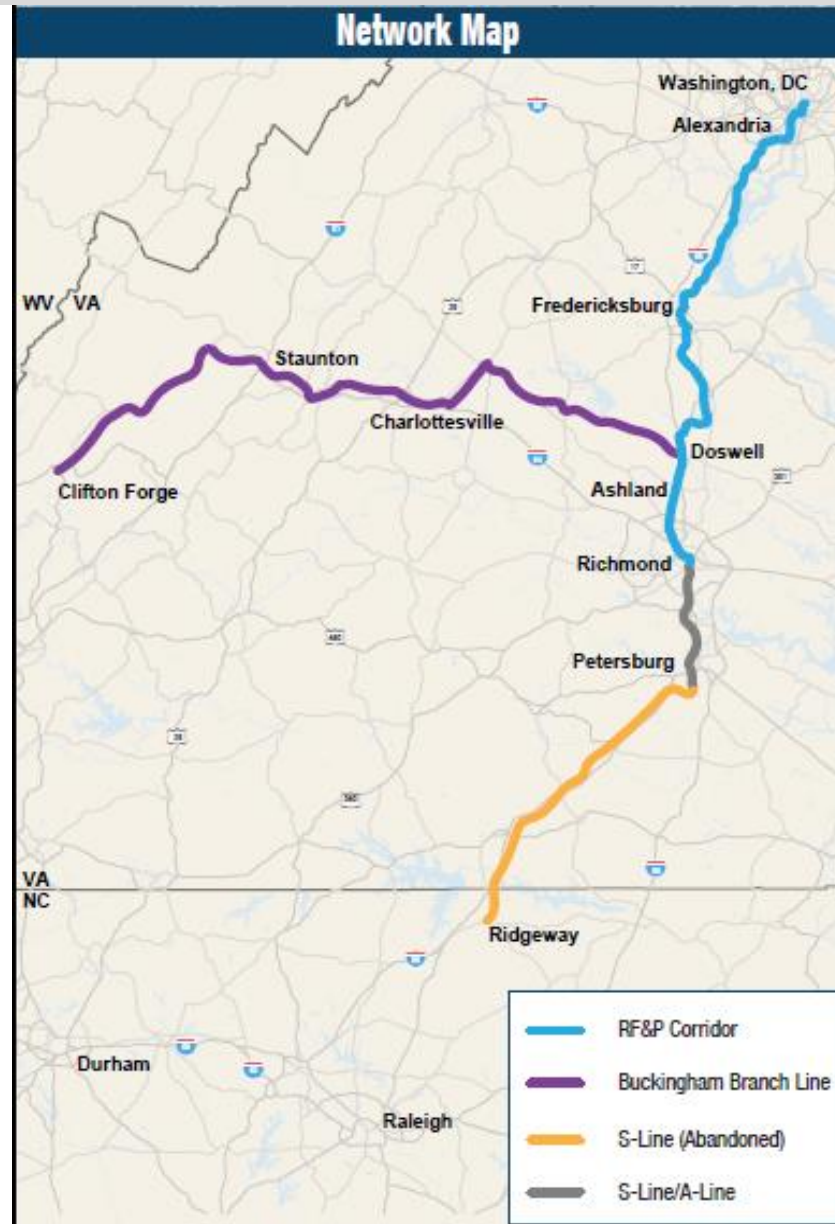
- **350 miles** of railroad right of way
- **225 miles** of track





# Acquisition

- 100+ miles of right of way and 39 miles of track from DC to Richmond along the “RF&P”
- 30 miles of passenger rights from Richmond to Petersburg
- 170+ miles of track on the Buckingham Branch from Doswell to Clifton Forge
- 75 miles of abandoned track from Petersburg to Ridgeway, NC





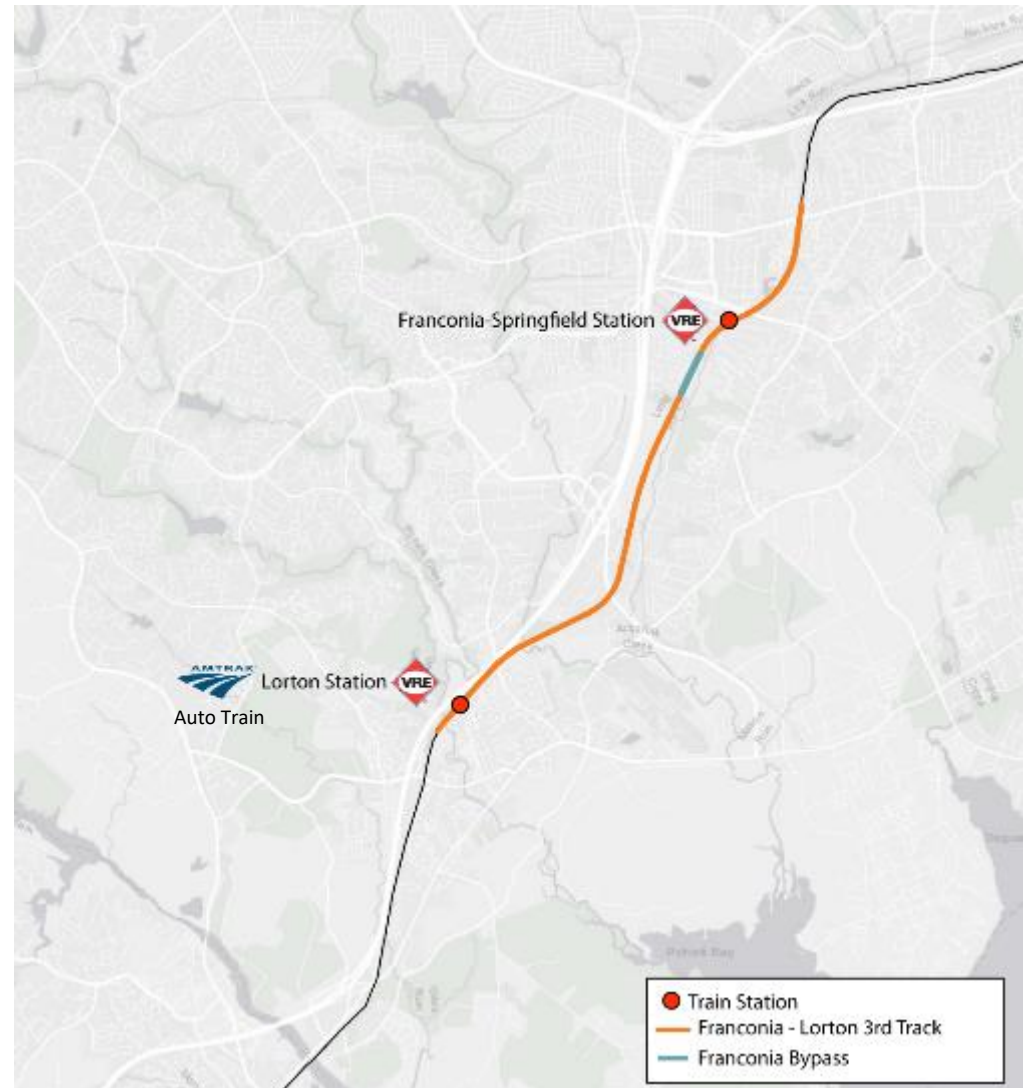
# Infrastructure – Long Bridge Corridor

- Construction of Long Bridge and 4<sup>th</sup> track in DC
- 4<sup>th</sup> track in Arlington and Alexandria
- All passenger trains in VA travel through this corridor



# Infrastructure – Franconia to Lorton

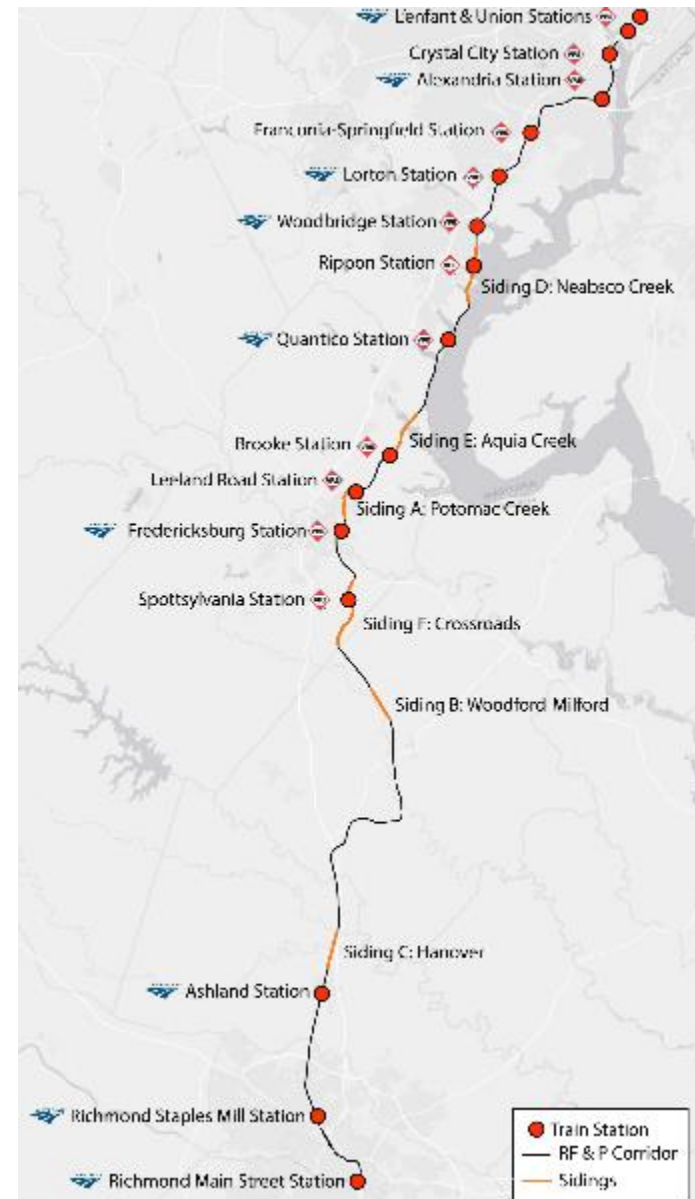
- 3<sup>rd</sup> track from Franconia to Lorton
- Franconia-Springfield Bypass



# Infrastructure – Six Sidings

Sidings consist of a third track built adjacent to existing two tracks at the following locations:

- A. Potomac Creek
- B. Woodford - Milford
- C. Hanover
- D. Neabsco Creek - Woodbridge
- E. Aquia Creek
- F. Crossroads



# Long Bridge

- Approximately 1.5 mile corridor includes a new two-track bridge over the Potomac and fourth track in DC
- Five additional structures over roadways and Washington Channel
- Estimated cost: \$1.9 Billion





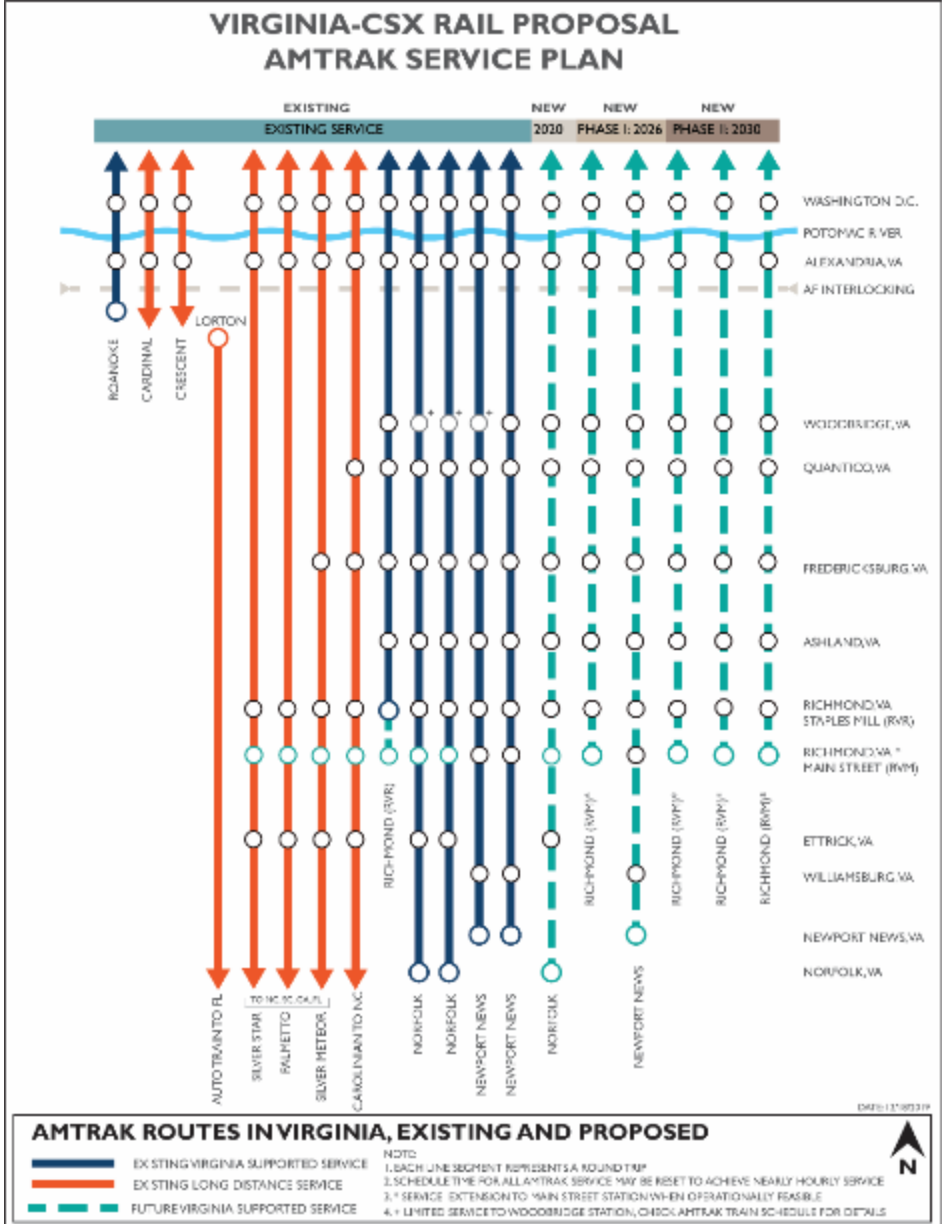
# Service

- Provides Virginia with control and guaranteed VRE / Amtrak service
- Double state-supported Amtrak, with nearly hourly service from DC to Richmond
- Additional train to Norfolk with mid-day arrival/departure
- New round-trip train to Newport News
- Increase VRE service by 75% along the Fredericksburg line + new late night service offering
- Allows future ability to increase trains on the VRE Manassas Line



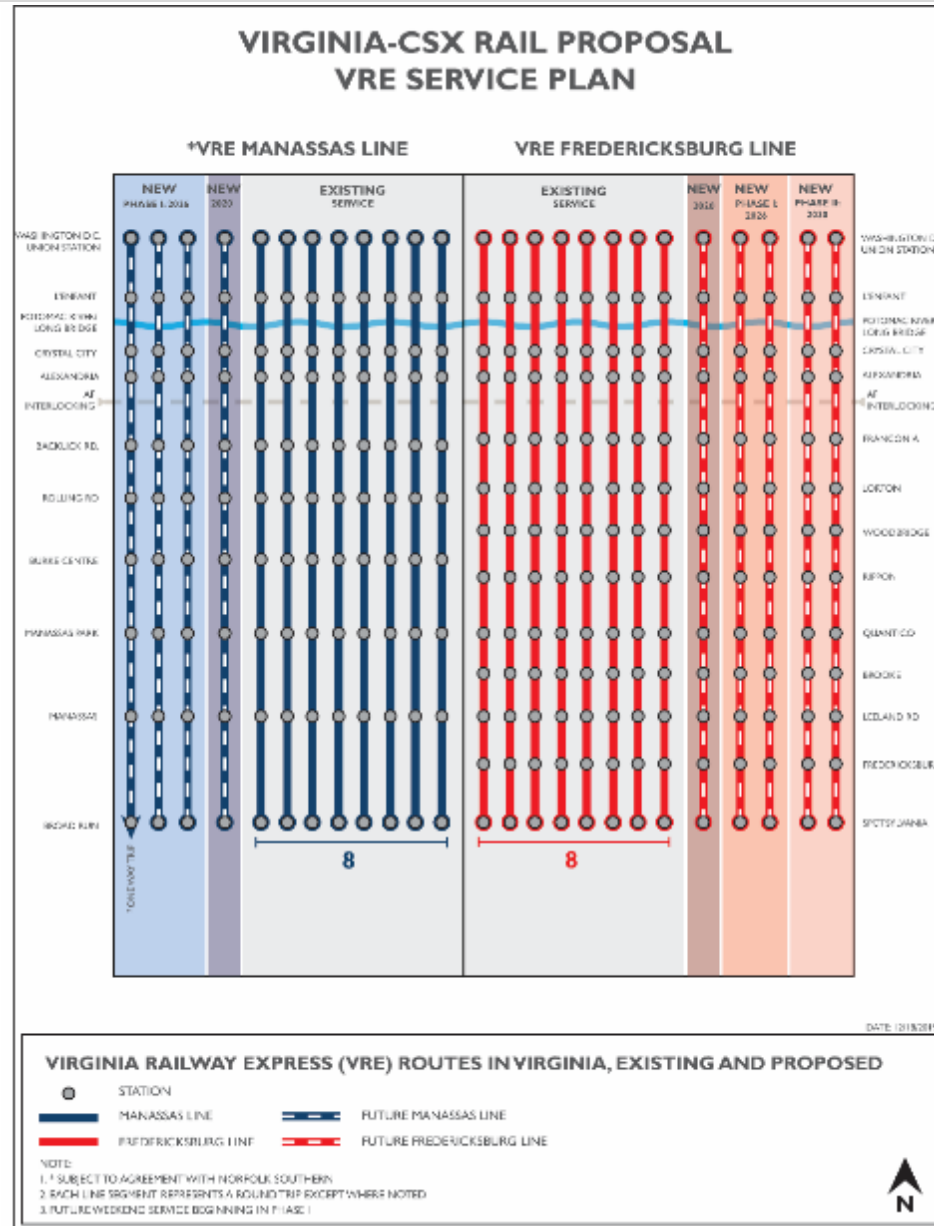
# Amtrak Service Plan

- 6 additional round-trip trains connecting Virginia to the northeast by 2030



# VRE Service Plan

- 5 additional round-trip VRE trains on the Fredericksburg Line by 2030
- Includes late-night & weekend service



# Next Steps

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- Finalize definitive agreements with CSX
  - Conduct land survey and title work necessary for agreements
  - Maintenance and operation agreement
  - Transition Agreement
- Develop service agreements with Amtrak and VRE
- Refine financial plan and secure commitments from other state, Federal and local funding partners
- Continue working with CSX and other stakeholders to advance rail projects in the corridor
  - Alexandria / Arlington 4<sup>th</sup> Track Design
  - Long Bridge Preliminary Engineering



# Questions?

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