



# COMMONWEALTH of VIRGINIA

## *Commonwealth Transportation Board*

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*Agenda item # 2*

### RESOLUTION OF THE COMMONWEALTH TRANSPORTATION BOARD

December 6, 2022

#### MOTION

Made By: Mr. Brown, Seconded By: Mr. Kasprowicz

Action: Motion Carried Unanimously

**Title: Location Approval for the Fall Line Trail in the Cities of Petersburg and Colonial Heights and the Counties of Chesterfield and Henrico from the Appomattox River Crossing to 0.2 miles south of Winfrey Road**

**WHEREAS**, State Project 9999-964-724, P101 (UPC# 120289) will complete the remaining segments of the Fall Line Trail from Patton Park in the City of Petersburg to approximately 0.2 miles south of Winfrey Road in Henrico County. From Petersburg, these segments of the Fall Line Trail will follow the historic Seaboard Air Line Railroad corridor through a section of Colonial Heights and Chesterfield and will incorporate planned and existing active transportation facilities throughout Chesterfield and Henrico Counties, as well as the City of Richmond; and

**WHEREAS**, the Fall Line Trail is a regional shared-use path that is planned to span seven localities and connect rural, suburban, and urban landscapes and a multitude of places of interests and uses along approximately 43 miles in the Richmond region from the City of Petersburg to the Town of Ashland; and

**WHEREAS**, on October 25, 2022, the Commonwealth Transportation Board (CTB) approved the location of the northernmost 4.8 miles of the Fall Line Trail, from approximately 0.2 miles south of Winfrey Road in Henrico County to a 0.46-mile section of the existing Trolley Line Trail in the Town of Ashland; and

**WHEREAS**, the remaining segments of the Fall Line Trail are being developed and implemented by VDOT and the intersected localities; and

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**WHEREAS**, the location of the Fall Line Trail was identified through VDOT’s *Ashland to Petersburg Trail Study* (the “Study”) that included the evaluation of six primary corridors and the identification of a recommended preferred corridor, the “Orange” corridor option, that was presented to the public at duplicate public information meetings conducted on September 30, 2019, and October 1, 2019 as shown on the attached “Ashland to Petersburg Trail Study Preliminary Corridor Options” exhibit; and

**WHEREAS**, the Study was completed in February 2022 with input and feedback from: (i) 13 individual or group meetings with members of the Stakeholder Technical Advisory Group composed of representatives from 15 localities, metropolitan planning organizations, planning district commissions, and special interest groups; (ii) 10 meetings with the Environmental Agency Working Group composed of representatives from the Federal Highway Administration, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, and the Department of Environmental Quality; and (iii) two (2) public information meetings attended by over 340 community members; and

**WHEREAS**, the Study identified the recommended preferred corridor, the “Orange” corridor option, as the most practicable corridor that would provide connectivity to destinations of interest; align with state, regional, and local transportation plans; and the least impactful option to environmental resources, with consideration given to cost and feasibility of implementation; and

**WHEREAS**, since the completion of the Study and the identification of the 43-mile recommended preferred corridor, which was officially named the Fall Line Trail in October 2020, a number of alignment refinements have been incorporated though continued coordination with locality stakeholders in order to be consistent with current local and regional priorities for active transportation, recreation, and economic development; and

**WHEREAS**, in accordance with the § 33.2-208 of the *Code of Virginia* and the policies and regulations of the CTB, including 24 VAC 30-380-10, duplicate In-Person Location Public Hearings (“Hearings”) were held on May 3, 2022 and May 5, 2022, for the purpose of soliciting public input on a recommended location of the Project as shown on the attached “Fall Line Trail Preferred Corridor” exhibit; and

**WHEREAS**, proper notice of the Hearings was given in advance, and all those present were given a full opportunity to express their opinions and recommendations on the alternatives under consideration, and their statements have been duly recorded; and

**WHEREAS**, the economic, social, and environmental effects of the Fall Line Trail will be carefully examined and given proper consideration as segments move forward to development and construction; and

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**WHEREAS**, each segment of the Fall Line Trail will be coordinated with appropriate federal, state, and local agencies as part of the environmental review and approvals required throughout the project development process; and

**WHEREAS**, the Counties of Chesterfield and Henrico, as well as the Cities of Petersburg and Colonial Heights, support the location of the Fall Line Trail. Chesterfield County’s Transportation Department Director provided a letter of support dated October 25, 2022, Henrico County’s Director of Public Works and County Engineer provided a letter of support dated August 30, 2022, Colonial Heights Director of Public Works and City Engineer provided a status letter of support dated November 14, 2022, and Petersburg’s City Council provided a SMART SCALE application resolution that includes this portion of the Fall Line Trail on July 19, 2022. See attached; and

**WHEREAS**, review of all data resulted in VDOT’s recommendation that the Fall Line Trail be located as shown on the attached “Fall Line Trail Preferred Corridor” exhibit, in the Cities of Petersburg and Colonial Heights and the Counties of Chesterfield and Henrico.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the CTB hereby approves the location of the Fall Line Trail, as shown on the attached “Fall Line Trail Preferred Corridor” exhibit, in the Cities of Petersburg and Colonial Heights and the Counties of Chesterfield and Henrico, Virginia.

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## Commonwealth Transportation Board (CTB) Decision Brief

### **Location Approval for the Fall Line Trail in the Cities of Petersburg and Colonial Heights and the Counties of Chesterfield and Henrico, Virginia from the Appomattox River Crossing to 0.2 miles south of Winfrey Road**

#### **State Project No.: 9999-964-724, P101 (UPC# 120289)**

Issue: The Fall Line Trail will provide a continuous shared-use path with varying widths, consistent with Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) and locality design standards, extending approximately 43 miles, from just south of the Appomattox River in the City of Petersburg to the existing Trolley Line Trail in the Town of Ashland, Virginia. Once complete, the Fall Line Trail will provide accommodations for bicyclists, pedestrians, and other active transportation users through seven (7) localities in Central Virginia, including the counties of Chesterfield, Hanover, and Henrico, as well as the cities of Colonial Heights, Petersburg, and Richmond, and the Town of Ashland.

The remaining segments of the Fall Line Trail are being developed and implemented by VDOT and the intersected localities, and will extend from Patton Park in the City of Petersburg to approximately 0.2 miles south of Winfrey Road in Henrico County. From Petersburg, these segments of the Fall Line Trail will follow the historic Seaboard Air Line Railroad corridor through a section of Colonial Heights and Chesterfield and will incorporate planned and existing active transportation facilities throughout Chesterfield and Henrico Counties, as well as the City of Richmond.

The location of the northernmost 4.8 miles of the Fall Line Trail, from approximately 0.2 miles south of Winfrey Road in Henrico County to a 0.46-mile section of the existing Trolley Line Trail in the Town of Ashland, was approved by the Commonwealth Transportation Board (CTB) at their meeting on October 25, 2022.

VDOT will be responsible for maintenance of the segments of the trail on new location or adjacent to existing state-maintained transportation facilities, approximately 25 miles of which are aligned through Petersburg, Colonial Heights, Chesterfield, and Henrico. Approximately one (1) mile will be maintained by Henrico County.

#### **Facts:**

- The *VTrans2040 – Multimodal Transportation Plan 2025 Needs Assessment*, prepared in 2017 by the Office of Intermodal Planning and Investment for the CTB, identified the need for redundancy and mode choice across districts and within VDOT's Richmond District, along the I-64 and I-95 corridors, as well as US Route 1, US Route 60/360, and US Route 250.

- The Fall Line Trail is a regional shared-use path that is planned to span seven localities and connect rural, suburban, and urban landscapes and a multitude of places of interests and uses along approximately 43 miles in the Richmond region from the City of Petersburg to the Town of Ashland.
- The location of the Fall Line Trail was initially identified in the *Ashland to Petersburg Trail Study* (the “Study”).
- The purpose of the Study was to locate a shared-use path that would enhance the active transportation network in the Richmond region, including the counties of Chesterfield, Hanover, and Henrico; the cities of Colonial Heights, Petersburg, and Richmond; and the Town of Ashland.
- The Study included the evaluation of six primary corridors and the identification of a recommended preferred corridor, the “Orange” corridor option. The primary corridors evaluated were developed based on planned and existing bicycle facilities, designated bicycle routes, regional trail networks, existing utility easements, abandoned rail corridors, and destinations of interest.
- The six primary corridors and the identification of a recommended preferred corridor, the “Orange” corridor option, were presented to the public at duplicate public information meetings conducted on September 30, 2019, and October 1, 2019, as shown on the attached “Ashland to Petersburg Trail Study Preliminary Corridor Options” exhibit.
- The Study was completed in February 2022 with input and feedback from: (i) 13 individual or group meetings with members of the Stakeholder Technical Advisory Group composed of representatives from 15 localities, metropolitan planning organizations, planning district commissions, and special interest groups; (ii) 10 meetings with the Environmental Agency Working Group composed of representatives from the Federal Highway Administration, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, and the Department of Environmental Quality; and (iii) two (2) public information meetings attended by over 340 community members.
- The Study identified the recommended preferred corridor, the “Orange” corridor option, as the most practicable corridor that would provide connectivity to destinations of interest and align with state, regional, and local transportation plans; and the least impactful option to environmental resources, with consideration given to cost and feasibility of implementation.

- Since the completion of the Study and the identification of the 43-mile recommended preferred corridor, which was officially named the Fall Line Trail in October 2020, a number of alignment refinements have been incorporated though continued coordination with locality stakeholders in order to be consistent with current local and regional priorities for active transportation, recreation, and economic development.
- VDOT held duplicate Location Public Hearings (“Hearings”) on May 3, 2022 and May 5, 2022, for the purpose of soliciting input on the location of the Project as shown on the attached “Fall Line Trail Preferred Corridor” exhibit.
- Once complete, the Fall Line Trail will include approximately 19 miles on new location and approximately 14 miles along VDOT maintained roadways. Approximately 10 miles of the Fall Line Trail will follow existing county or city-maintained roadways.
- VDOT is pursuing the development and implementation of segments of the Fall Line Trail in the Cities of Petersburg and Colonial Heights as well as Chesterfield County through design-build contracts.
- Henrico County is administering the development and implementation of segments of the Fall Line Trail, in coordination with VDOT.
- At this time, the requested approval does not include the segments located within the City of Richmond limits as analyses of potential traffic impacts, public involvement, and coordination remains ongoing.

**Recommendations:** VDOT recommends approval of the location for the Fall Line Trail, as shown on the attached “Fall Line Trail Preferred Corridor” exhibit, in the Cities of Petersburg and Colonial Heights and the Counties of Chesterfield and Henrico.

**Action Required by CTB:** The *Code of Virginia* § 33.2-208, requires the majority vote of the CTB to locate and establish the routes to be followed by the facilities comprising systems of state transportation system between points designated in the establishment of such systems.

**Result, if Approved:** If approved by the CTB, segments of the Fall Line Trail will move forward to the development and construction along the route approved by the CTB.

**Options:** Approve, Deny or Defer

**Public Comments/ Reaction:**

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A total of two-hundred eighty-five (285) members of the community attended the Hearings. The public was given the opportunity to provide comments at the Hearings or by completing an online survey, in addition to mailing or emailing comments. Of the 517 comments received, 439 (85%) supported the 43-mile Fall Line Trail alignment, 72 commenters (14%) suggested potential modifications to the recommended preferred alignment as presented, and 62 (12%) indicated opposition to the Fall Line Trail<sup>1</sup>.

The Counties of Chesterfield and Henrico, as well as the Cities of Petersburg and Colonial Heights, support the location of the Fall Line Trail. The Chesterfield County Transportation Department Director provided a letter of support dated October 25, 2022. The Henrico County Director of Public Works and County Engineer provided a letter of support dated August 30, 2022. The Colonial Heights Director of Public Works and City Engineer provided a status letter of support dated November 14, 2022. The Petersburg City Council provided a SMART SCALE application resolution that includes this portion of the Fall Line Trail on July 19, 2022. See attached.

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<sup>1</sup> Note: Multiple themes may have been referenced by a single commenter (i.e. one commenter may have indicated support for the project and also suggested potential alignment changes).

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# CTB LOCATION PUBLIC HEARING SUMMARY

## Fall Line Trail

### Cities of Petersburg and Colonial Heights and the Counties of Chesterfield and Henrico

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State Project: 9999-964-724, P101 (UPC# 120289)

Federal Project: N/A

Fr: Patton Park

To: 0.2 m south of Winfrey Road

Project Length: 26 miles (in the Cities of Petersburg and Colonial Heights and the Counties of Chesterfield and Henrico)

**PROJECT HISTORY** – The Fall Line Trail was initially identified through the Virginia Department of Transportation’s (VDOT) *Ashland to Petersburg Trail Study* (the “Study”) that included the evaluation of six primary corridors and the identification of a recommended preferred corridor, the “Orange” corridor option. The Study was completed in February 2020. Since the completion of the Study and the identification of the 43-mile recommended preferred corridor, a number of alignment refinements have been incorporated through continued coordination with locality stakeholders, to be consistent with current local and regional priorities for active transportation, recreation, and economic development.

The Fall Line Trail was presented at duplicate Location Public hearings held on May 3, 2022, and May 5, 2022, for the purpose of soliciting public input on the proposed location of the Fall Line Trail.

The location of the northernmost 4.8 miles of the Fall Line Trail, from approximately 0.2 miles south of Winfrey Road in Henrico County to a 0.46-mile section of the existing Trolley Line Trail in the Town of Ashland, was approved by the Commonwealth Transportation Board (CTB) at their meeting on October 25, 2022.

The remaining segments of the Fall Line Trail are being developed and implemented by VDOT and the intersected localities, and will extend from Patton Park in the City of Petersburg to approximately 0.2 miles south of Winfrey Road in Henrico County. From Petersburg, these segments of the Fall Line Trail will follow the historic Seaboard Air Line Railroad corridor through a section of Colonial Heights and Chesterfield and will incorporate planned and existing active transportation facilities throughout Chesterfield and Henrico Counties, as well as the City of Richmond.

VDOT will be responsible for maintenance of the segments of the trail on new location or adjacent to existing state-maintained transportation facilities, approximately 25 miles of which are aligned through Petersburg, Colonial Heights, Chesterfield, and Henrico. Approximately one (1) mile will be maintained by Henrico County.



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**PROJECT PURPOSE** – The purpose of the Fall Line Trail is to enhance the active transportation network in the Richmond region by improving bicycle and pedestrian safety, expanding non-motorized travel choices, and providing increased system linkage and connectivity to population centers, as well as key local and regional destinations, consistent with state, regional, and local transportation planning initiatives.

### **TYPICAL SECTION** –

The Fall Line Trail will provide a continuous shared use path with varying widths, consistent with VDOT and locality design standards.

### **PUBLIC HEARING** –

Type: Location

Date: May 3, 2022 and May 5, 2022

Time: 5 – 7 p.m.

Locations: Lewis Ginter Botanical Garden Kelly Education Center, Massey Conference Center Auditorium (May 3, 2022) and Hilton Garden Inn Richmond South/Southpark Capital Ballroom (May 5, 2022).

**ATTENDANCE** – Two-hundred five (205) community members attended the Location Public Hearing on May 3, 2022, and eighty (80) attended on May 5, 2022, for a total of two-hundred eighty-five (285) total participants in the duplicate Location Public Hearings.

**COMMENTS RECEIVED** – Five-hundred seventeen (517) total comments were submitted for the record, including four-hundred sixty-nine (469) comment sheets submitted at the Location Public Hearings or through an online survey form; an additional forty-eight (48) written comments were either emailed or mailed. Of the 517 comments received, 439 (85%) supported the 43-mile Fall Line Trail alignment. Seventy-two (72) commenters (14%) suggested potential modifications to the recommended preferred alignment as presented and 62 commenters (12%) indicated opposition for the Fall Line Trail<sup>1</sup>.

**ENVIRONMENTAL DATA** – Segments of the Fall Line Trail will be implemented using a variety of federal, state, regional, and local funding sources. Each segment will be coordinated with appropriate federal, state, and local agencies as part of the environmental review and approvals required throughout the project development process. All required environmental clearances and permits will be obtained prior to construction. Strict compliance with all environmental conditions and commitments resulting from regulatory approvals, in addition to adherence to VDOT's specifications and standard best practices, will minimize impacts to the environment during construction.

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**ESTIMATED COST** – The current estimated cost for the remaining segments of the Fall Line Trail is approximately \$285.4M, including approximately \$181.4M for the segments aligned through Petersburg, Colonial Heights, Chesterfield, and Henrico.

These estimated costs represent pre-scoping estimates inflated to CY2027 and will be refined as the project design advances.

**ADVERTISEMENT** – The remaining segments Fall Line Trail are being developed and implemented by VDOT and the intersected localities. Advertisement for a Design-Build contract for the southernmost segments of the Fall Line Trail is planned for mid-2023.

VDOT is pursuing the development and implementation of additional segments of the Fall Line Trail through future design-build contracts.

Henrico County is administering the development and implementation of segments of the Fall Line Trail, in coordination with VDOT.

**RIGHT OF WAY** – No families, businesses, or non-profit organizations will be displaced as a result of the Fall Line Trail.

**TRAFFIC DATA** – N/A.

**STAFF RECOMMENDS** – Approval of the location for the Fall Line Trail, as shown on the “Fall Line Trail Preferred Corridor” exhibit, in the Cities of Petersburg and Colonial Heights and the Counties of Chesterfield and Henrico.



# COMMONWEALTH of VIRGINIA

## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Stephen C. Brich, P.E.  
Commissioner

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December 1, 2022

The Honorable W. Sheppard Miller, III  
The Honorable Stephen C. Brich, P. E.  
The Honorable Jennifer DeBruhl  
The Honorable Darrell Byers  
The Honorable Burwell W. Coleman  
The Honorable Tom Fowlkes  
The Honorable Mary Hughes Hynes  
The Honorable Bert Dodson, Jr.  
The Honorable Carlos M. Brown  
The Honorable H. Randolph Laird  
The Honorable Thomas Lawson  
The Honorable Mark H. Merrill  
The Honorable E. Scott Kasprovicz  
The Honorable Laura Sellers  
The Honorable Raymond D. Smoot, Jr.  
The Honorable Frederick T. Stant, III  
The Honorable Greg Yates

Subject: Location Approval for the Fall Line Trail in the Cities of Petersburg and Colonial Heights and the Counties of Chesterfield and Henrico from the Appomattox River Crossing to 0.2 miles south of Winfrey Road.

Dear Commonwealth Transportation Board Members:

The Department has initiated the above request for Location Approval for your consideration. The proposed Location Approval on State Projects 9999-964-724, P101 (UPC# 120289) has been recommended for approval by the Department's staff.

I have reviewed the staff's recommendations and determined that this request should be considered by the Board.

Sincerely,

Barton A Thrasher  
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Barton A. Thrasher, P.E.  
Chief Engineer



## Chesterfield County, Virginia Transportation Department

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**Brent Epps, P.E.**  
Director

October 25, 2022

Mr. Stephen C. Brich, PE  
Commissioner  
Virginia Department of Transportation  
1401 E. Broad Street  
Richmond, VA 23219

RE: Chesterfield County Support for the Fall Line Trail

Dear Commissioner Brich,

Chesterfield County would like to express its support for the location and alignment of the Fall Line Trail, 17 miles of which is in Chesterfield County. As you know, there is tremendous support from the region to deliver this 43-mile trail to the public as soon as possible. Not only will the trail provide recreational, economic development and tourism benefits, but it will also provide a safe facility for active transportation by citizens in the region.

The southern-most section is located primarily within the campus of Virginia State University, the nation's oldest state-supported, land grant college for African Americans, located in Chesterfield County. We are pleased that VDOT was able to work with VSU to develop an alignment acceptable to the university.

We look forward to continuing to work with VDOT staff in completing this exciting project.

Sincerely,

Brent Epps  
Transportation Department Director

**A RESOLUTION OF SUPPORT FOR SMART SCALE APPLICATIONS SUBMITTED BY THE TRI-CITIES AREA METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION AND THE CRATER PLANNING DISTRICT COMMISSION AND TO AUTHORIZE THE USE OF CITY-OWNED PROPERTY.**

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**WHEREAS**, SMART SCALE is a process established in 2014 to help Virginia meet critical transportation needs using limited tax dollars by evaluating potential transportation projects based on key factors like how they improve safety, reduce congestion, increase accessibility, contribute to economic development, promote efficient land use, and affect the environment; and

**WHEREAS**, through the SMART SCALE process, the anticipated benefits of proposed transportation projects are calculated, and the projects are scored and ranked; and

**WHEREAS**, project scoring and selection under SMART SCALE takes place as part of the Six-Year Improvement Plan (SYIP) development process; and

**WHEREAS**, the scoring and ranking information is used by the Commonwealth Transportation Board to help guide and inform their project selection and funding decisions; and

**WHEREAS**, to demonstrate that a project has the support of key stakeholders, and that the public has been afforded the opportunity to provide comments and input, all applications must include a Resolution of Support from the locality's governing body; and

**WHEREAS**, the City Council of the City of Petersburg has previously approved resolutions and ordinances supporting the development of the Appomattox River Trail, Ashland to Petersburg/Fall Line Trail, and University Boulevard Gateway; and

**WHEREAS**, applications for the following projects located in the City of Petersburg were submitted in Smart Scale for funding approval by the Tri-Cities Area Metropolitan Planning Organization:

APP. 9104 - Fall Line Trail Phase 1A, Patton Park Through VSU to River Rd

APP. 9125 – Trailhead for ART and FLT (in Patton Park)

APP. 9126 - Appomattox River Trail, Adams Street to I-95 and Bridge to Colonial Heights; and



**WHEREAS**, applications for the following projects located in the City of Petersburg were submitted in Smart Scale for funding approval by the Crater Planning District Commission:

APP. 9166 - Appomattox River Trail, Old Town Petersburg (Squaw Alley to Adams Street); and

**WHEREAS**, all resolutions of support must be approved and uploaded as supporting documents to the SMART Portal system before the August 1 application deadline.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the City Council of the City of Petersburg hereby supports these SMART SCALE applications and approves this Resolution of Support.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that if any of these applications are approved, a legal instrument will be submitted to the City Council for approval.

Resolution 22-R-47  
Adopted by the City of Petersburg  
Council of the City of Petersburg on:

July 19, 2023

Walter O. Lucas  
Clerk of City Council





# CITY OF COLONIAL HEIGHTS

## DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

Todd Flippen, P.E.  
Director/City Engineer

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November 14, 2022

Mr. Stephen C. Brich, PE  
Commissioner  
Virginia Department of Transportation  
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RE: Fall Line Trail – Colonial Heights

Dear Commissioner Brich:

This is to provide information regarding the efforts that have been made thus far by the City and to ultimately have our Council consider a motion to provide a Letter of Support in December 2022.

Over the past number of weeks, the City has conducted multiple site visits to the area where the proposed Fall Line Trail will be located in Colonial Heights. We have been engaged with VDOT, along with Sportsbackers, on these tours to help provide information to our City Council members. A Public walkthrough of portions of the proposed Fall Line Trail within the City occurred on Saturday, November 5<sup>th</sup>. We feel these tours were necessary, prior to Council action, to make sure our decision makers were fully informed.

My hope is that this letter can serve as a status update until our Council has the ability to meet and vote on the appropriate course of action moving forward.

Please advise if you have any questions or need additional information.

Sincerely,

Todd Flippen, PE  
Director of Public Works/City Engineer



COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA  
**COUNTY OF HENRICO**

**TERRELL C. HUGHES, P.E.**  
**DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS**  
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August 30, 2022

Mr. Stephen C. Brich, PE  
Commissioner  
Virginia Department of Transportation  
1401 E. Broad Street  
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Re: Henrico County Support for Fall Line Trail Alignment

Dear Commissioner Brich:

This is to affirm our support for the proposed location and alignment of the Fall Line Trail for the approximately 7.5 miles through Henrico County.

The County's efforts to develop the best route for this regional trail in advance of VDOT's A to P Study helped inform the preferred alignment between Bryan Park in the City of Richmond and the Chickahominy crossing into to Hanover County. We have been engaged with VDOT, as well as the other regional stakeholders, in the planning, development, and funding for this exciting project.

Henrico County is committed to do our part to plan, construct, and help maintain our portion of what promises to be a world class trail facility located right here in Central Virginia. We value our partnership with VDOT in helping bring the Fall Line Trail to fruition as expeditiously as possible, so that the residents and visitors to our region can enjoy the benefits that this trail promises.

Please advise if you have any questions or need additional information.

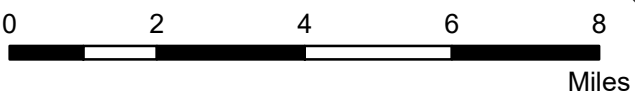
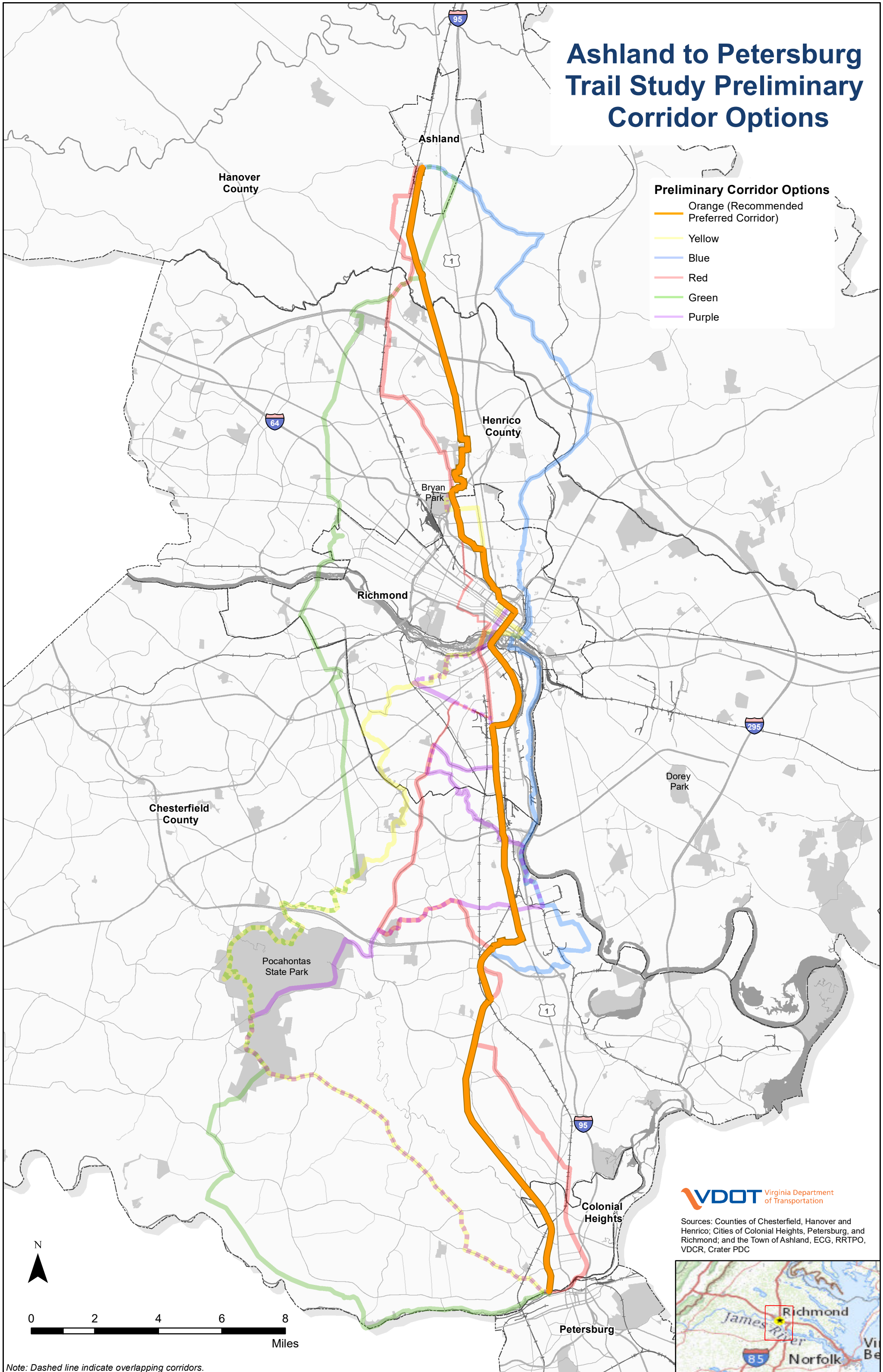
Sincerely,

Terrell C. Hughes, P.E.  
Public Works Director

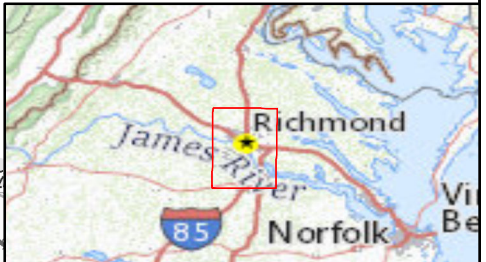
# Ashland to Petersburg Trail Study Preliminary Corridor Options

## Preliminary Corridor Options

- Orange (Recommended Preferred Corridor)
- Yellow
- Blue
- Red
- Green
- Purple



Sources: Counties of Chesterfield, Hanover and Henrico; Cities of Colonial Heights, Petersburg, and Richmond; and the Town of Ashland, ECG, RRTPO, VDCR, Crater PDC



Note: Dashed line indicate overlapping corridors.



Ashland

Trolley Line Trail  
(Completed)

Fall Line Trail  
NORTHERN SECTION  
4.8 miles  
CTB Approved Location  
October 2022

1

Hanover  
County

64

Henrico  
County

Fall Line Trail  
CTB Location Approval  
December 2022

26 miles

VDOT Maintained: 25  
Maintained by Others: 1

Richmond

Pocahontas  
State Park

Chesterfield  
County

295

1

95

Colonial  
Heights

Petersburg

Fall Line Trail  
(Preferred Corridor)

- VDOT Maintained
- Non-VDOT Maintained
- County Boundary



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