



DC2RVA Draft EIS Recommendations

The Virginia Department of Rail and Public Transportation (DRPT) presented its recommendations for the Washington, D.C. to Richmond, VA Southeast High Speed Rail Corridor project (DC2RVA) to the Commonwealth Transportation Board during its December meeting. DRPT's recommendations are available for review on the project website, and included:

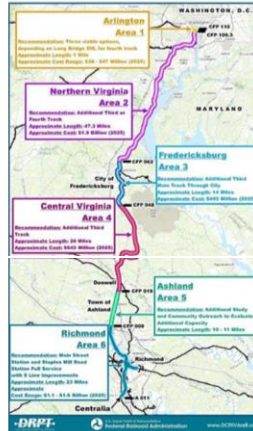
- adding additional track in northern Virginia; 4th track begins just south of Telegraph Road (CFP 104.4) and extends northward, and continuous 3rd track begins north of Furnace Road (CFP 90) and extends southward
- adding a third track through downtown Fredericksburg
- conducting a separate study to determine a plan for additional rail capacity in the Ashland area, and
- improvements to provide full passenger service at both Main Street and Staples Mill Road stations via the S-line

The DC2RVA project team also submitted its work on the Draft Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) and Alternatives Technical Report to the Federal Railroad Administration (FRA). Once FRA's comments are received and addressed, the Draft EIS will be released for a formal 60-day public comment period. A series of public hearings will be held in multiple locations throughout the project corridor during this time.

The project extends 123 miles along an existing rail corridor owned by CSX from Long Bridge in Arlington, VA, to Centralia, VA in Chesterfield County, south of Richmond. The DC2RVA project includes rail infrastructure improvements and service upgrades to deliver increased reliability, improved frequency, reduced travel time and increased system capacity.

DRPT's recommended improvements are described below:

Area	Recommendation
Arlington (Area 1)	Select one of three options depending on outcome of Long Bridge study
Northern Virginia (Area 2)	Add a third or fourth track
Fredericksburg (Area 3)	Continue the third track through the City
Central Virginia (Area 4)	Add a third track
Ashland (Area 5)	Separate study to evaluate additional capacity
Richmond (Area 6)	Main Street Station and Staples Mill Road Station - Full Service via S-Line



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