

## What is the New River Valley Passenger Rail Project?

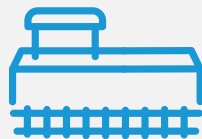
*The New River Valley Passenger Rail Project will bring passenger rail service to the region for the first time since 1979.*

This project will focus on the rail corridor between Roanoke and the New River Valley (NRV), addressing needs for infrastructure improvements, including track, signaling, tunnels, and a station platform, with the ultimate goal of extending passenger rail service westward.

### PASSENGER RAIL INFRASTRUCTURE ELEMENTS



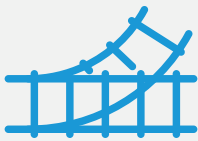
Station and Platform



Layover Facility



Tunnel Improvements



Track Improvements



Infrastructure Improvements



Access Roads

### NRV PASSENGER RAIL STATION AUTHORITY

The NRV Passenger Rail Station Authority was enabled in 2021 by the Virginia General Assembly. This regional entity will lead the construction and maintenance of the future station facility.

### HISTORY

1979

Amtrak service to Christiansburg, VA, ends

2013

NRV Passenger Rail community initiative is formed to bring passenger rail service back to the New River Valley

2017

Passenger rail service is re-established between Lynchburg and Roanoke

2020

Virginia Passenger Rail Authority (VPRA) is created to promote, sustain, and expand passenger and commuter rail service in the Commonwealth

2021

New River Valley Passenger Rail Station Feasibility Study

**MAY 2021**

Agreement with Norfolk Southern Railway (NS) to extend passenger rail service from Roanoke to the NRV is announced

2022

**JUNE 2022**

Agreement finalized which includes second train on Roanoke route, extension of trains to NRV, and purchase of 28 miles of track from Salem to Christiansburg

2023

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2024

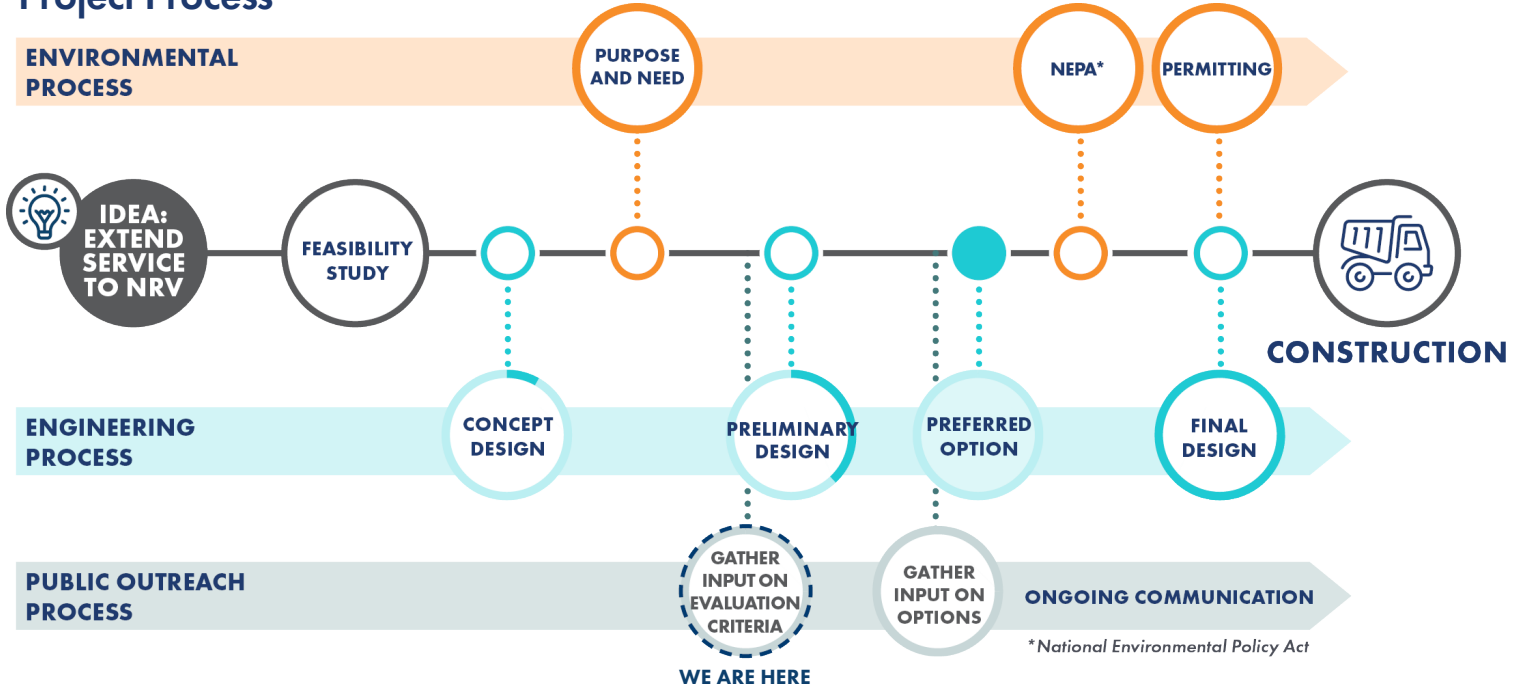
**JANUARY 2024**

Public Outreach Round 1 (We are here!)

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Preliminary Design

**Project Process**



**PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT AT A GLANCE**

VPRA will gather input from the greater New River Valley community to assist in the decision-making process to choose a preferred option from the locations studied during the preliminary engineering design effort.

Engagement strategies:

- Digital and mail-in surveys
- Webinars and virtual events
- Open houses and pop-up events
- Fact sheet
- Social media
- Briefings
- Digital communications toolkit



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 Virginia Passenger Rail Authority

Virginia Passenger Rail Authority is an independent authority created by the Virginia General Assembly in 2020 to promote, sustain, and expand the availability of passenger and commuter rail service in the Commonwealth. Partnering with Amtrak, VRE, NS, and CSX, we are working to provide passenger rail service throughout the state that is convenient and affordable.