



New River Valley Update

Presentation to the I-81 Committee
July 14, 2025

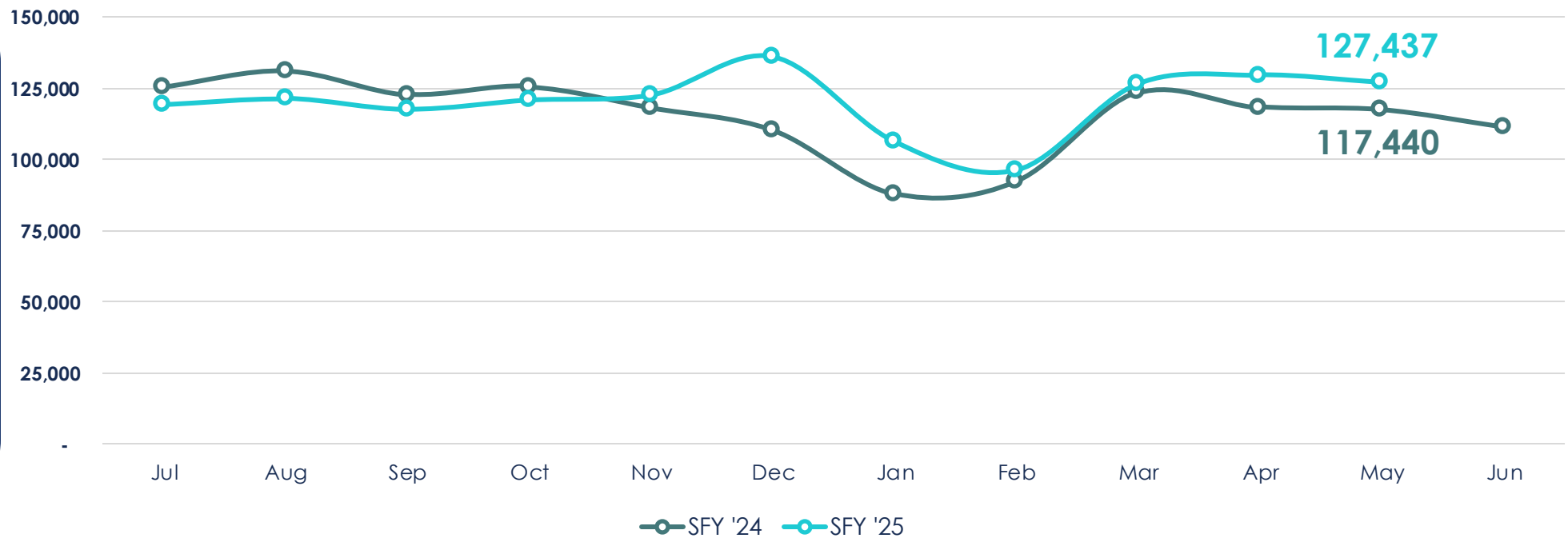


Virginia-Supported Amtrak Monthly Ridership and Station Activity

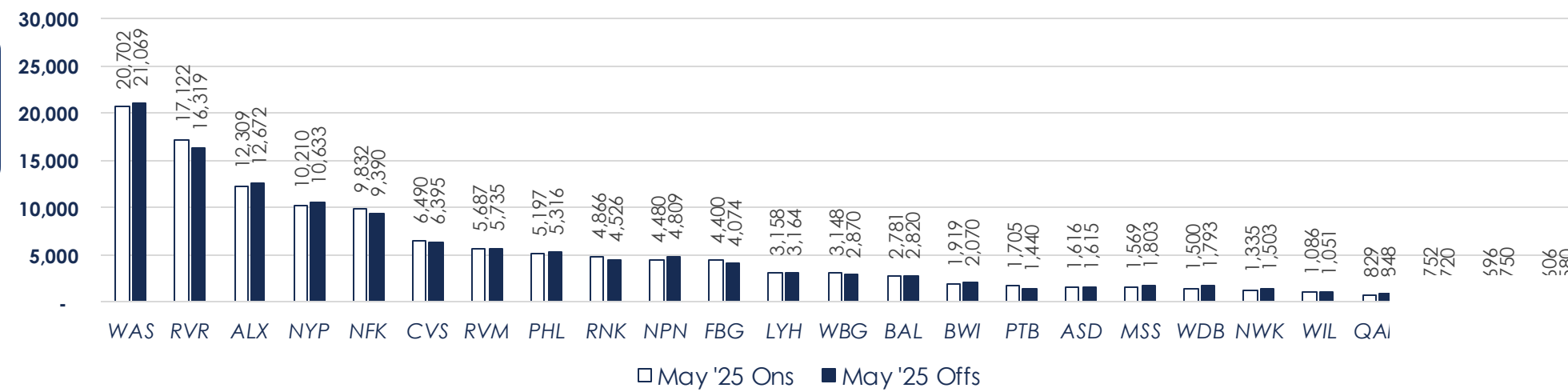
May 2025:
+8.5% ridership YoY

May 2025 was the fourth-highest ridership month since Virginia-supported service began in 2009 and had the highest May ridership on record.

State Fiscal Year Ridership To Date: +4.1%



Station Ons: The number of passengers who board
Station Offs: The number of passengers who alight

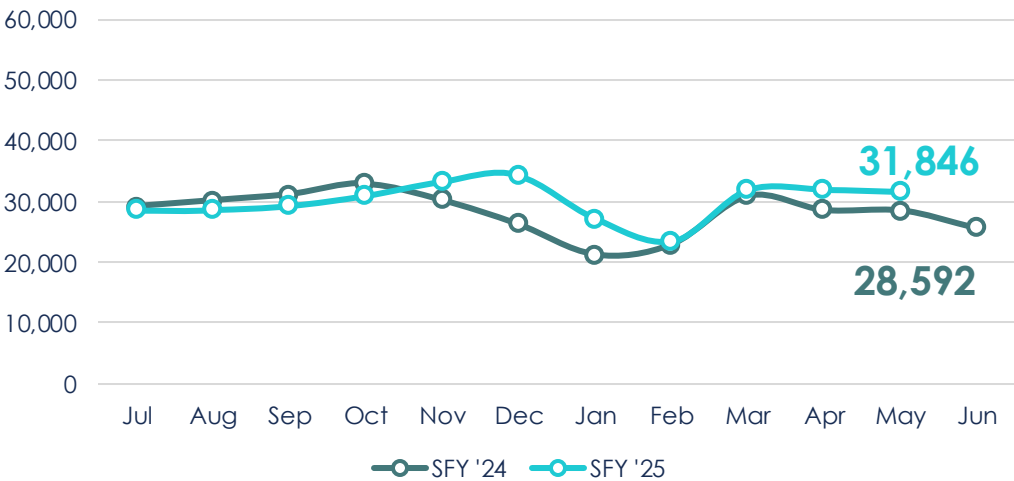


Virginia-Supported Monthly Ridership by Route SFY '25 vs. SFY '24

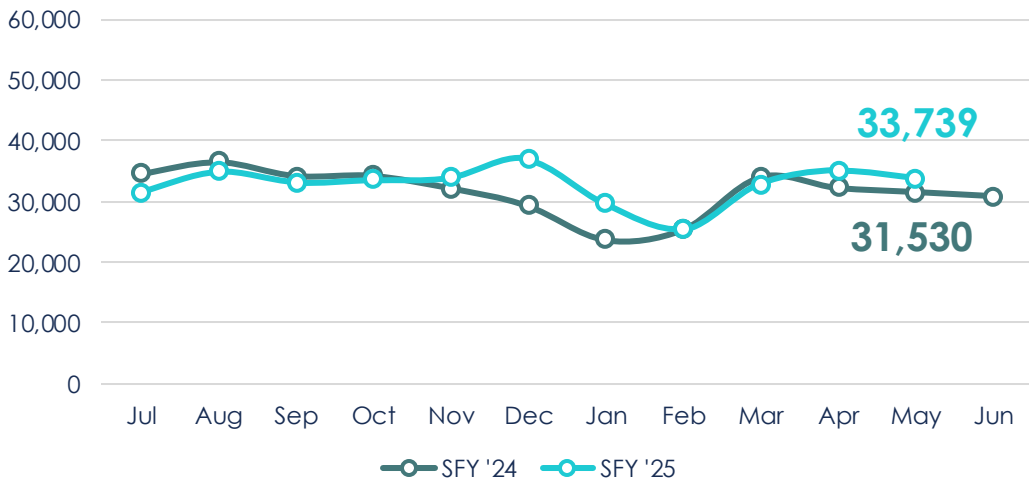
Eight trains cancelled due to WAS Terminal Interlocking work weekend of 5/17-5/18.

Friday – Sunday remain the most popular travel days.

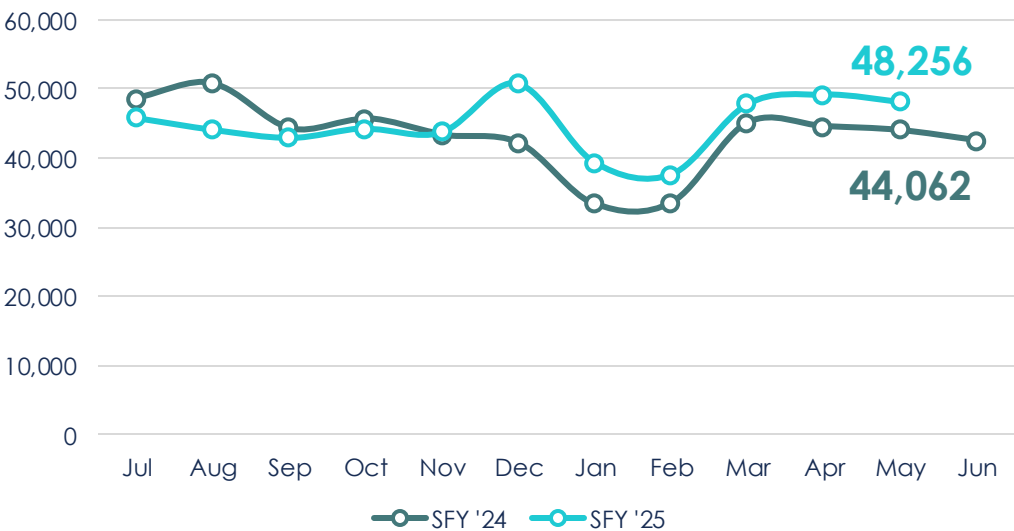
Route 46: Roanoke (+11.4%)



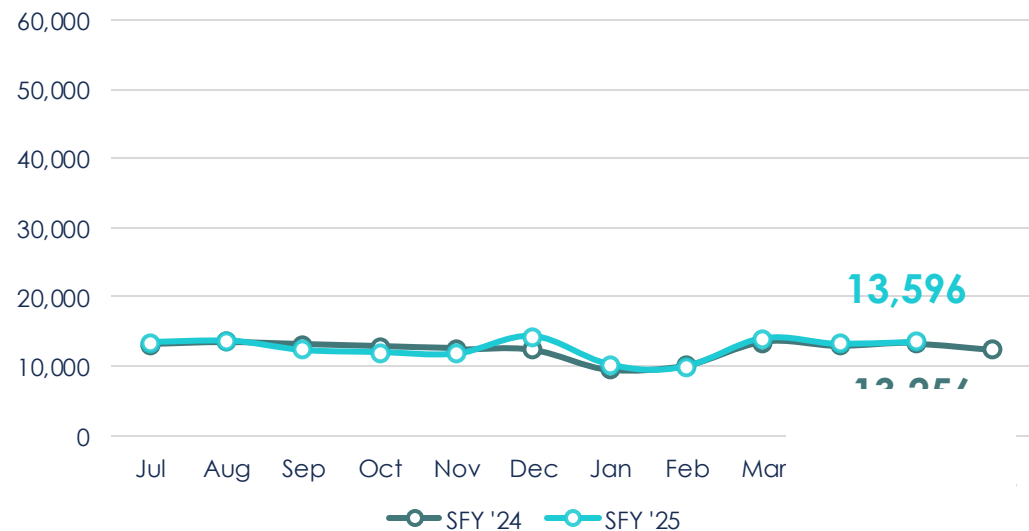
Route 47: Newport News (+7.0%)



Route 50: Norfolk (+9.5%)



Route 51: Richmond (+2.6%)



Growth of Amtrak Virginia's Roanoke Corridor

Calendar Year	Ridership
2024	343,585
2023	331,836
2022	268,774
2021 - Pandemic	143,101
2020 - Pandemic	79,711
2019	224,521

*Ridership has increased 53% from pre-pandemic (record) levels.



New River Valley Project Overview

Extension of Roanoke service will bring passenger rail back to the New River Valley for the first time since 1979.

A new agreement between VPRA and Norfolk Southern, completed last fall, will result in service returning to Christiansburg sooner than expected and at a lower cost.

The New River Valley Passenger Rail Station Authority has the lead on the renovations to the historic station at Cambria.

Amtrak Virginia service is expected to begin in 2027 with two daily roundtrips between the New River Valley and Washington, DC connecting to Amtrak's Northeast Corridor.

New River Valley Project Funding: Sources & Uses

Cambria platform, pocket track, parking, and layover facility at Radford: **\$73M**

- \$48M from 2021 Commonwealth Appropriations Act
- \$25M from VPRA's Commonwealth Rail Funding

Roanoke Yard Improvements: **\$36.5M**

- \$36.4M from Commonwealth High Priority Projects Program (via SMART SCALE recommendation)
- \$.1M from VPRA's Commonwealth Rail Funding

Western Rail Improvements: **\$131.5M**

- \$100M from I-81 funding
- \$13.5M from Commonwealth High Priority Projects Program (via SMART SCALE recommendation)
- \$17.9M from VPRA's Commonwealth Rail Funding

Passenger Capacity Grant: **\$25M**

- \$25M from 2021 Commonwealth Appropriations Act



New River Valley Groundbreaking

Event held on April 24, 2025

Attendees included Governor Youngkin, Secretary Miller, local and state elected officials, and representatives from Norfolk Southern and Amtrak.

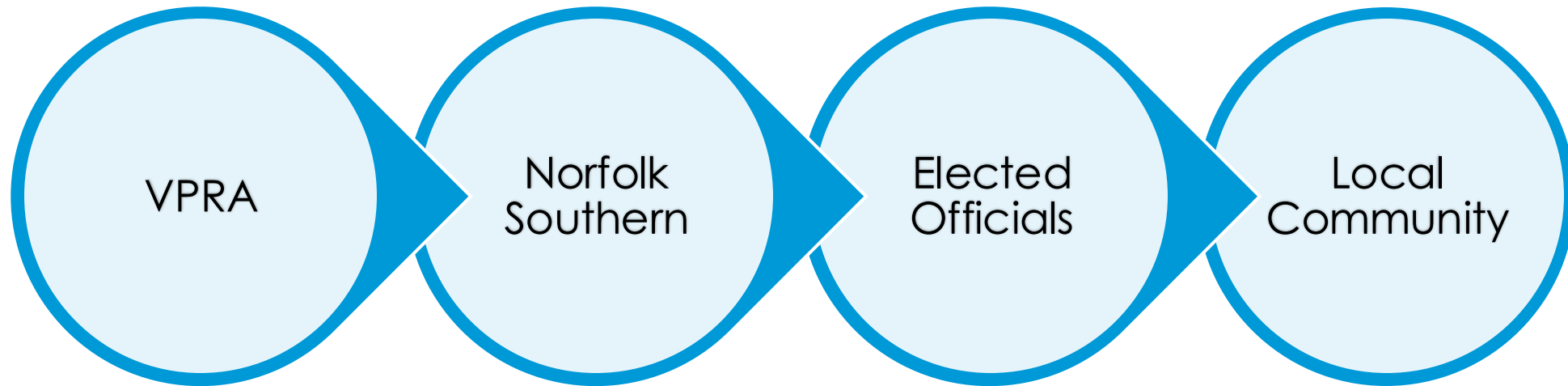
More than 200 local leaders attended.

Media coverage included all 4 Roanoke TV affiliates as well as all local news outlets and trade publications.

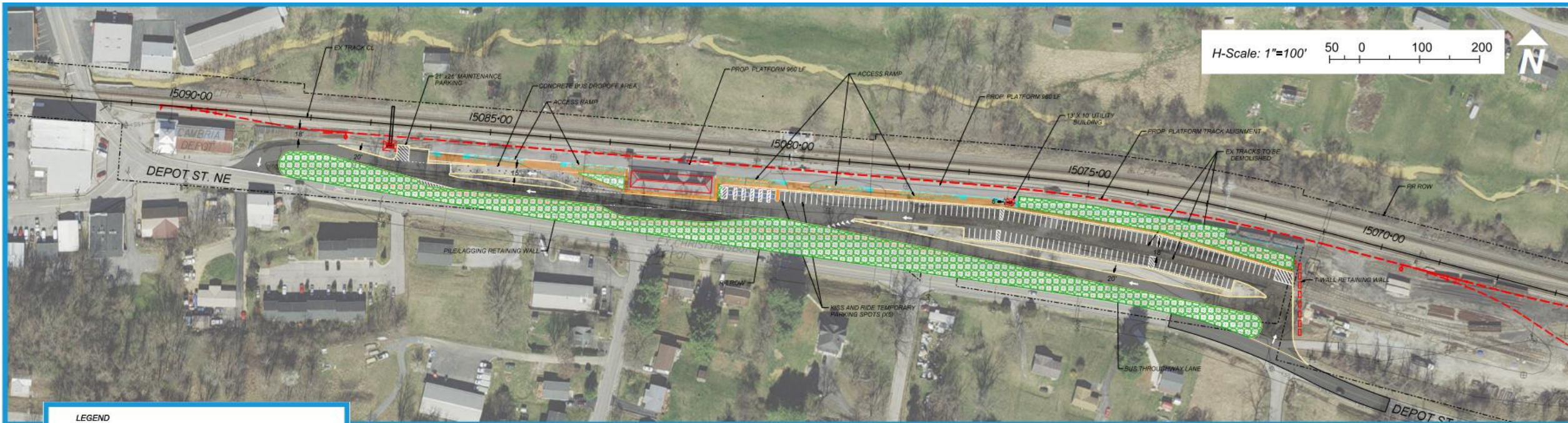


Success of NRV Project

- Strong local support for years led to plans for the extension of service.
- Partners working together will make the project run smoothly.
- Everyone willing to do what needs to be done means the project will be completed on time and on budget.



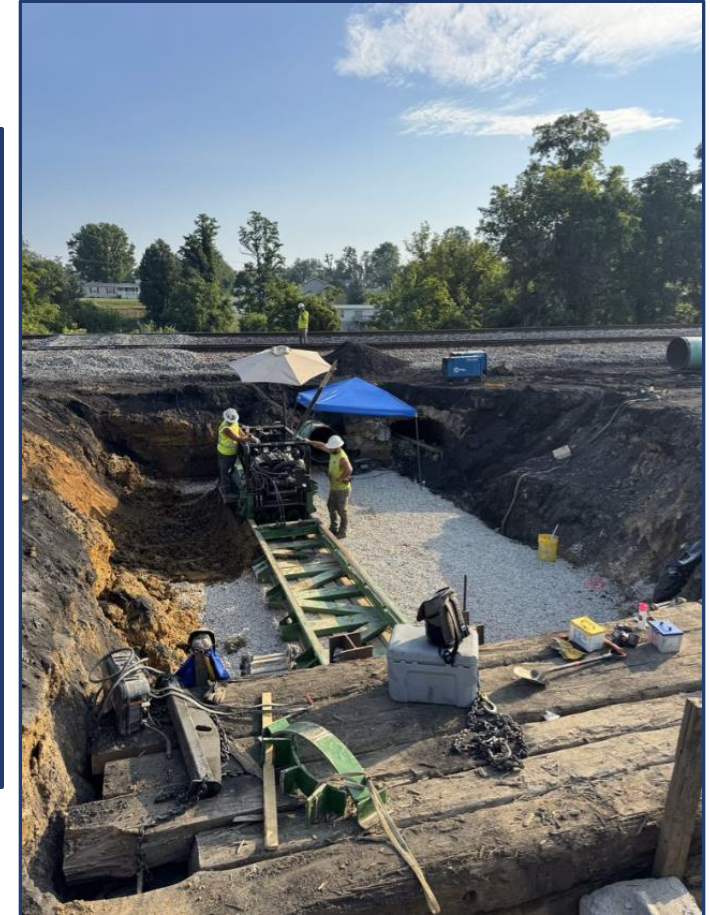
Cambria Station Site



VPRA is building platform with canopy, access roads, parking lot, and track improvements including an updated signaling system.

Construction Progress – Cambria Station Site

- Tree removal at the site is complete.
- Removal is necessary to make room for the jack and bore machines.
- These machines will be used to install pipes and other underground structures.
- Construction crews are removing the existing tracks east of the new Norfolk Southern Maintenance of Way building.
- Old yard tracks were removed to make way for construction of the platform and parking lot.
- Access road has been roughly graded.



Construction Progress – Radford Layover Facility

- Crews are using a crane and vibratory hammer to install a sheet pile retaining wall.
- Should be completed in the next few weeks.
- Stormwater diversion ditch has been lined with erosion and sediment stone to slow the speed of storm runoff.
- Crews have placed a different, smaller stone along the access road east of the overpass.



Future Service

Service to launch in 2027

Two Daily Roundtrips

Stops in Virginia:

Roanoke, Lynchburg, Charlottesville, Culpeper, Manassas, Burke Centre, and Alexandria

Trip Times:

50 minutes between Christiansburg and Roanoke

Just under 6 hours from Christiansburg to Washington, DC



NRV Station at Cambria Rendering

Recent VPRA Updates

In the month of June, VPRA executed two major construction contracts.

For the **Long Bridge North Package**, VPRA executed the Phase 2 (Construction) Contract Amendment with Skanska-Flatiron Joint Venture on June 27.

- Project budget of \$1.65B in FY26 Amended Budget.
- SFJV will continue early works construction activities on the North Package.



For the **Franconia-Springfield Bypass**, VPRA executed the Phase 2 (Construction) Contract Amendment with Flatiron-Herzog Joint Venture on June 13.

- Project budget of \$532M in FY26 Amended Budget.
- VPRA issued notice to proceed to FHJV for construction of the shoofly tracks.





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