

The State of Public Transportation in Virginia 2020-2022

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What's next in VA?



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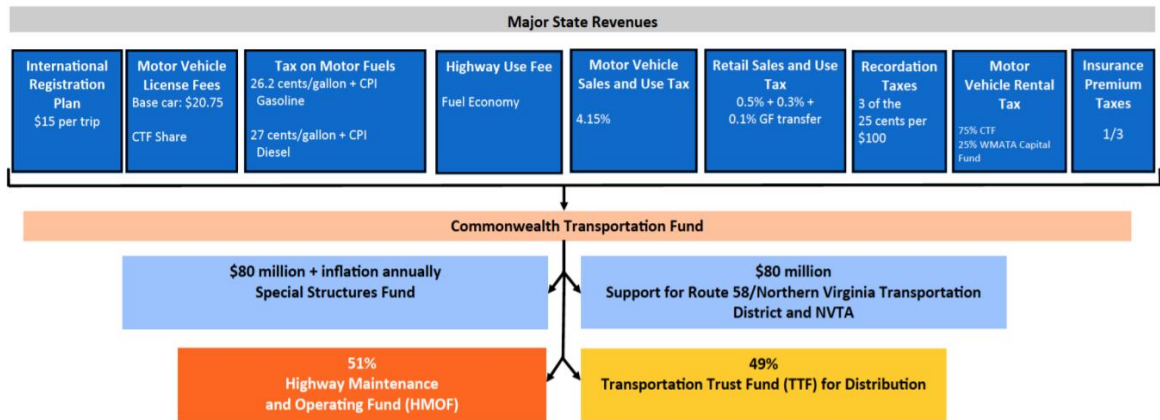
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- Modernized and streamlined the transportation allocation model;
- Increased averaged public transit funding by **65 percent**;
- Created the Transit Ridership Incentive Program (TRIP) for free/reduced fares and regional routes;
- Created the VA Passenger Rail Authority to maintain, construct, and support the operations of Virginia Railway Express and Amtrak service in VA;



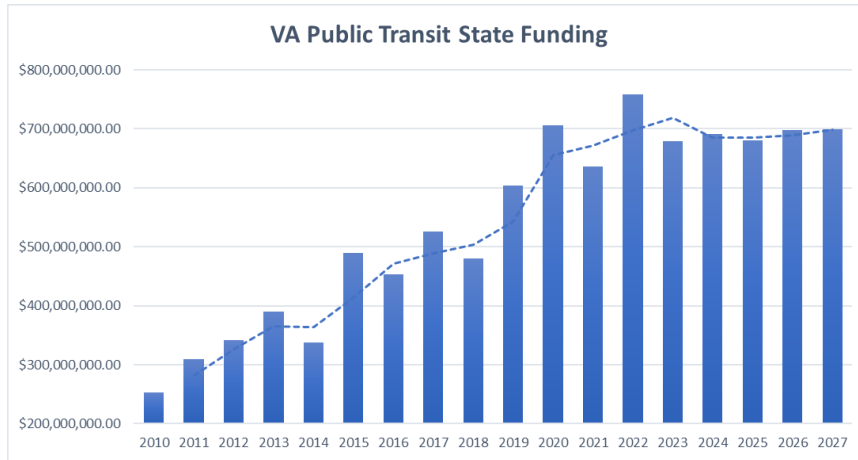
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TRIP

Transit Ridership Incentive Program

- **Promote increased ridership of large Urban transit systems** (75 percent)
- **Reduce the barriers to transit use for low-income individuals** (25 percent)
- **Application Period closed in late September:**
 - 10 Zero-Fare Applications (\$11.2M)
 - 3 Regional Connectivity Applications (\$2.2M)
- **CTB will approve applications for \$20M in available funding:**
 - FY22 – Includes \$10M in 2021 Transportation Initiative Funding dedicated for Zero-Fare Pilots

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Virginia Transit Equity & Modernization Study

- Passed by 2021 General Assembly (HJ 542)
- Needs assessment of:
 - Equitable delivery of transit services
 - Modernization of transit services
- Emphasis on underserved and underrepresented communities



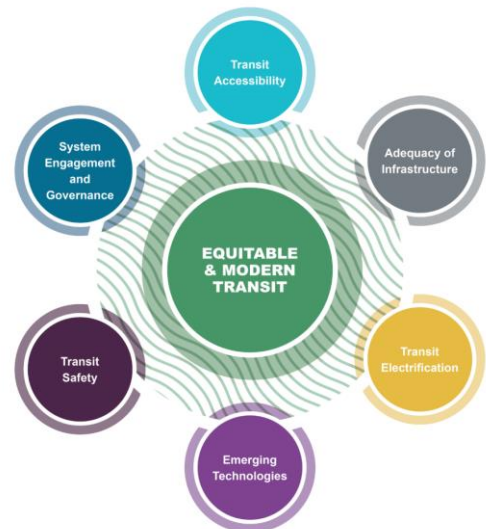
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The study will address:

- Opportunities or Gap Assessment of Transit Service
- Needs and barriers to improve transit infrastructure
- Opportunities to reduce carbon footprint through electrification
- Strategies to inform priorities of implementing emerging technologies
- Framework for identifying and engaging disadvantaged populations and underserved communities



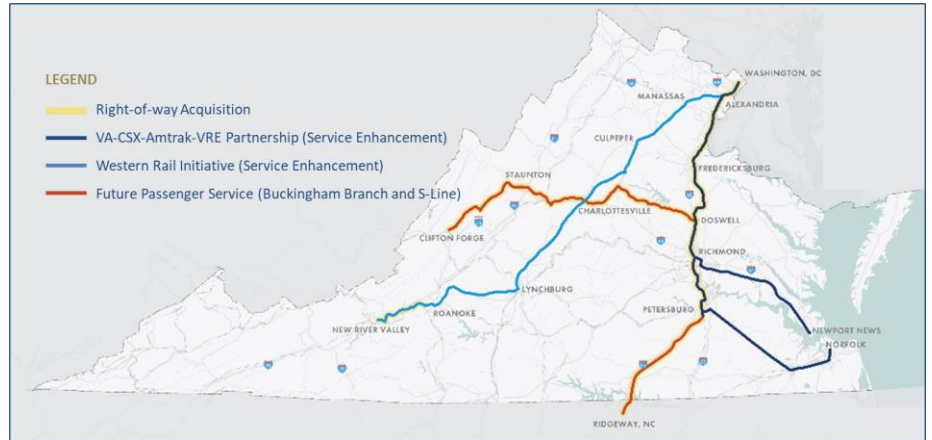
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Created the VA Passenger Rail Authority to maintain, construct, and support the operations of Virginia Railway Express and Amtrak service in VA (Transforming Rail in VA)

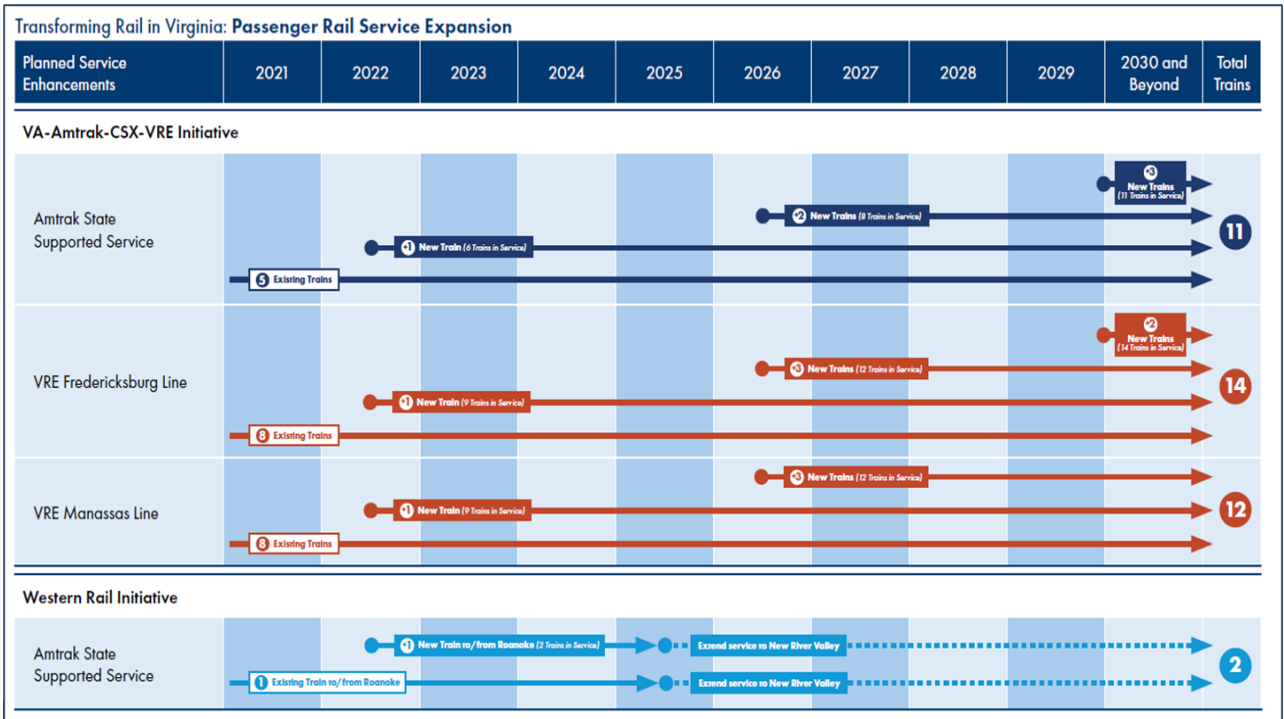
412.5 mi of ROW
 251.5 mi of Trackage
 44 mi of new Trackage



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Major Federal Legislation | 2020-21

Pandemic Legislation

- [The Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act \(CARES Act\)](#) – March 2020
- [The Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations \(CRRSA\) Act](#) – December 2020
- [The American Rescue Plan Act \(ARPA\)](#) – March 2021

Post-Pandemic(ish) & Surface Reauthorization Legislation

- [Invest Act](#): Passed House on July 1, 2021
- [Invest Act](#) becomes [Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act \(IIJA\)](#): Passed Senate on August 10, 2021
- [IIJA](#): Passed House on November 5, 2021

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Federal Legislation	Transit Funding	State Targeted Amtrak Funding	VA Transit Funding	VA Amtrak Funding
CARES Act of 2020	\$ 25,000.00	\$ 239.00	\$ 456.40	\$ 22.50
CRRSA of 2020	\$ 14,000.00	\$ 175.00	\$ 223.60	\$ 12.60
ARPA of 2021	\$ 30,500.00	\$ 175.00	\$ 800.10	\$ 12.60
Millions	\$ 69,500.00	\$ 589.00	\$ 1,480.10	\$ 47.70
Source: FTA			2.1%	8.1%



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Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act of 2021

FY 2022- 26 Appropriations	Infrastructure Investment & Jobs Act of 2021	Increase over baseline
Formula Programs	\$69,900,000,000	38.4%
<i>Virginia Formula Funding</i>	<i>\$1,225,445,575</i>	<i>35.6%</i>
Competitive Programs	\$15,750,000,000	18.3%
Other Appropriated Competitive Grants	\$21,250,000,000	100.0%
<i>WMATA funding</i>	<i>\$750,000,000</i>	0.0%
	\$106,900,000,000	

FY 2022- 26 Appropriations	IJA of 2021	Increase over baseline	Baseline
Amtrak - NEC	\$12,570,000,000.00	250.6%	\$3,585,000,000
Amtrak - National Network	\$28,650,000,000.00	330.5%	\$6,655,000,000
CRISI	\$10,000,000,000.00	420.8%	\$1,920,000,000
Federal-State Grants	\$43,500,000,000.00	4143.9%	\$1,025,000,000
RR Crossing Grants	\$5,500,000,000.00		
Other Grants	\$1,927,500,000.00		
	\$102,147,500,000.00	591.6%	\$14,770,000,000

CRISI: Consolidated Rail Infrastructure and Safety Improvement Grants

Federal-State Grants: Federal-State Partnership for Intercity Passenger Rail Grants



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What does the IIJA mean for surface transportation in Virginia?

Virginia will receive \$1.6 billion in additional formula funding over next 5-years

- Virginia transit agencies will receive ~\$640M in additional formula funding over the next 5-years
- Numerous discretionary grant opportunities
 - Intercity passenger rail expansion
 - Priority projects
 - “Reconnecting communities”
 - Bridge replacements
 - “Low/no” emission bus purchases

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Via VA Secretary of Transportation

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Change is coming to Virginia's Capitol



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What's Next in Virginia?

- **Lots of unknowns:**
 - Who will be Secretary of Transportation/Director of Rail & Public Transportation
 - What is impact of additional federal funding?
- **Focus on:**
 - Transit Equity and Modernization Study
 - Rebalancing TRIP program
 - Attracting and retaining transit employees
 - Looking to future of zero-emissions transit
 - Rebuilding ridership

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Questions?

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