VIRGINIA PASSENGER RAIL AUTHORITY

Project Updates

August 27, 2026

Right-of-Way Acquisition Updates

Data as of 8/12/26

Project	Total # of Acquisitions	Plats Status	Appraisals Status	Negotiations Status	Completed Acquisitions	Notes
Long Bridge North Package	**10**	**In Progress**	**Complete**	**In Progress**	**3 out of 10**	Amtrak is acquiring privately owned parcels on behalf of VPRA. VPRA is acquiring NPS & WMATA parcels.
Long Bridge South Package	**3**	**In Progress**	**Complete**	**In Progress**	**2 out of 3**	VPRA is acquiring parcels from NPS & Arlington County.
Alexandria Fourth Track	**28**	**Complete**	**Complete**	**In Progress**	**25 out of 28**	Only WMATA deeds remain incomplete.
Franconia-Springfield Bypass	**11**	**Complete**	**Complete**	**Complete**	**11 out of 11**	All condemnations have been filed and voluntary acquisitions have closed.
Franconia to Lorton Third Track (including Newington Rd bridge and Fairfax sewer relocations)	**56**	**Complete**	**In Progress**	**In Progress**	**16 out of 56**	Parcel count is F-L3T: 35, Newington Rd: 11, and Fairfax sanitary sewer relocation: 10. Offers have been made on all parcels.
Siding A **Potomac Creek Third Track South** (including Stafford sewer relocations)	**46**	**In Progress**	**In Progress**	**In Progress**	**1 out of 46**	Parcel count is Siding A: 36, Stafford sanitary sewer relocation: 10.
Ettrick Station Improvements	**2**	**Complete**	**Complete**	**In Progress**	**1 out of 2**	

Preliminary design plans and boundary surveys for Sidings C, D, E, and F are ongoing to determine number of acquisitions needed.

Utility Relocations

Corridor-wide Utility Relocations

- Corridor-wide utilities include:
  - Fiber-optic communications cables
  - Kinder Morgan gas pipeline
  - Water lines and sanitary sewers
  - Electricity (buried or overhead)
  - CSX signals

- Over the past year, it became apparent that utilities would delay TRV projects – VPRA has worked with CSX to mitigate these delays.
- In June 2026, VPRA, CSX and Railpros signed a three-party agreement that enabled VPRA to take a larger role in utility coordination.
- Challenges include:
  - Utility providers not relocating in a timely fashion.
  - Utility providers identifying faulty materials after relocation had begun and experiencing supply issues that have caused further delays to relocation.

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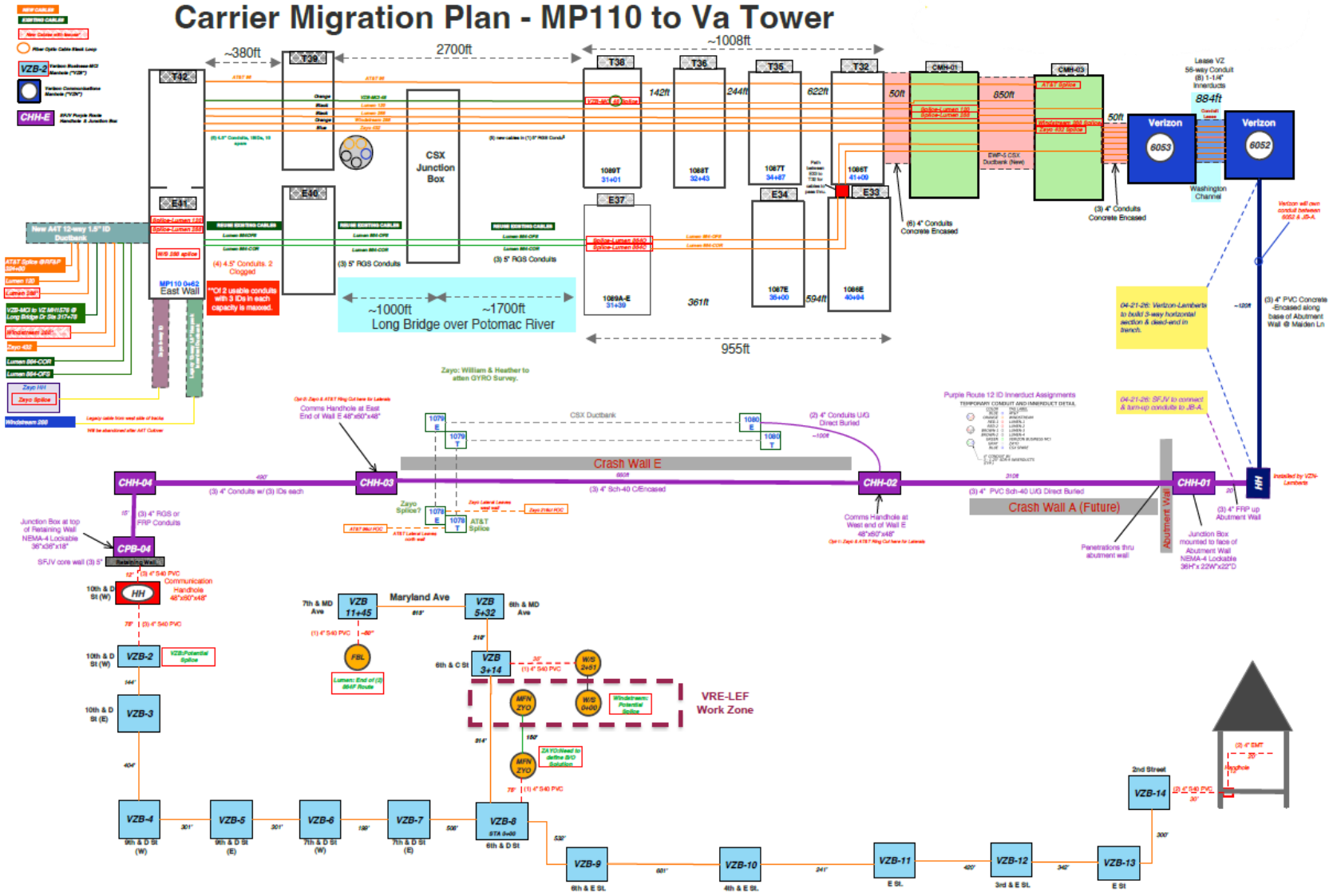
Utility Relocations: **Long Bridge**

- A majority of the utility relocations for the project have been completed. Fiber-optic relocations remain:
- **Lumen**:
  - Fiber cable availability is a key schedule risk
  - A 15,000-ft reel is being secured to support the relocation
- **Windstream:**
  - Fiber cable delivery is expected in August and is being prioritized for Long Bridge

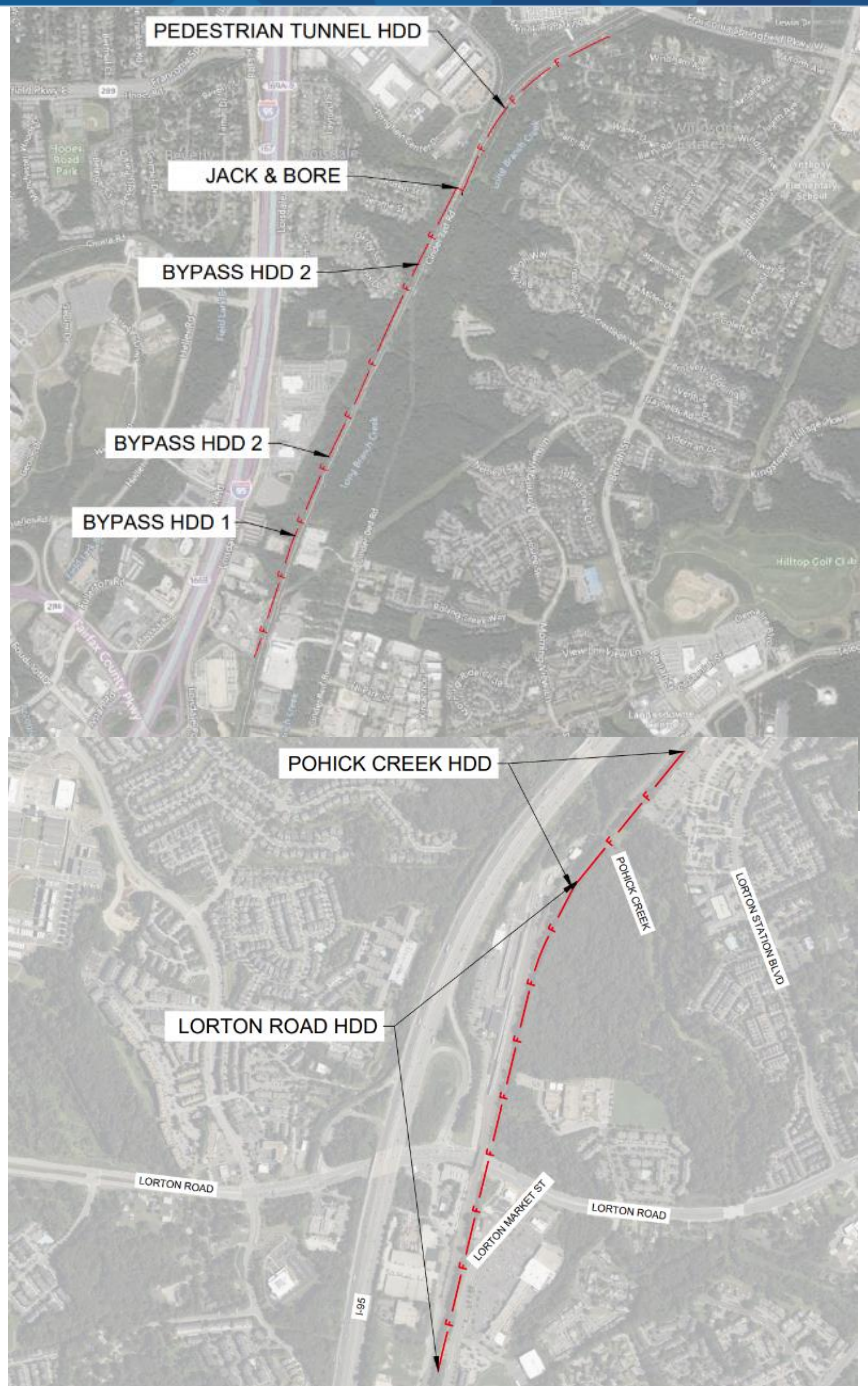


Utility Relocations: **Alexandria Corridor**

- **Lumen:**
  - Fiber relocation replacement is nearing completion
  - Completion targeted for September
- **Windstream:**
  - Windstream relocation replacement awaiting fiber material
  - Completion targeted for October
- **City of Alexandria Sanitary Sewer:**
  - CSX design approval pending
  - Completion targeted by end of year

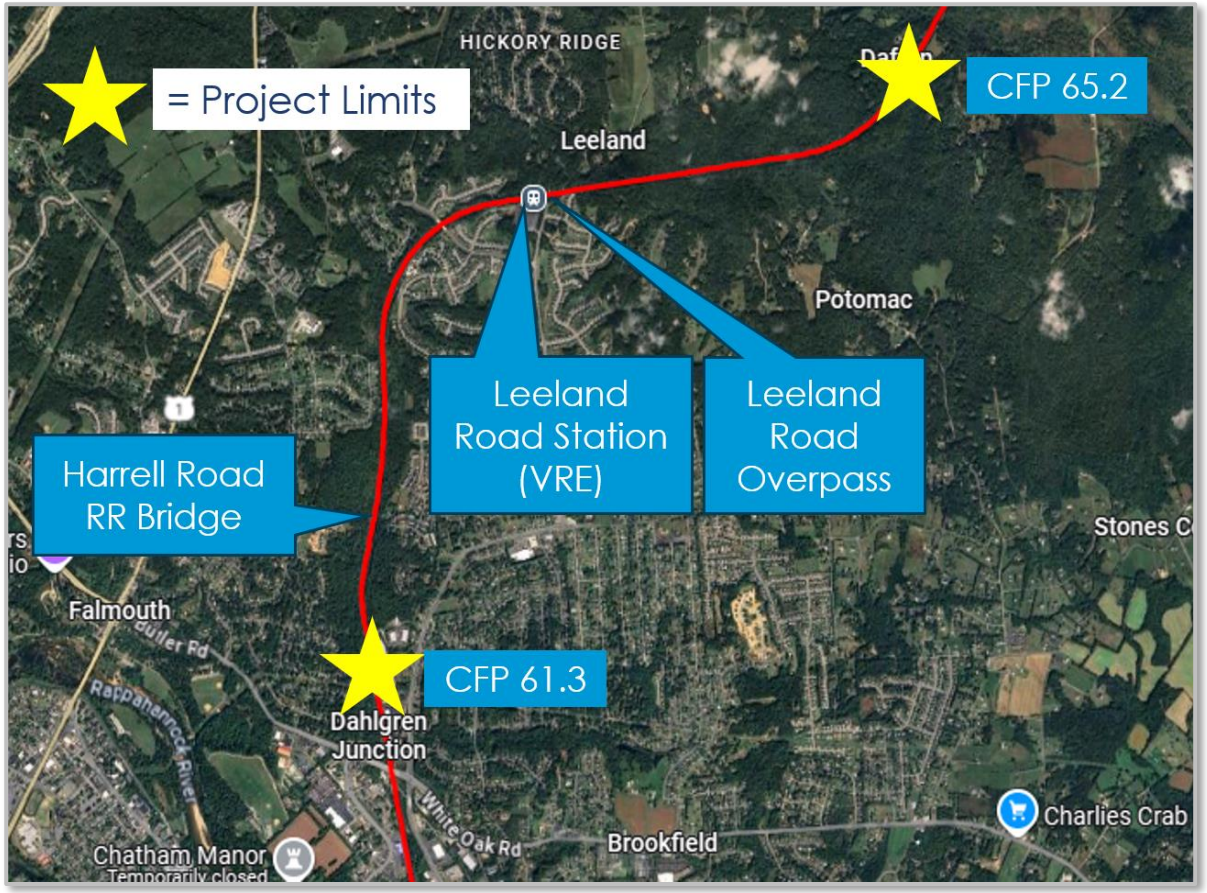
Utility Relocations:
Franconia Corridor

- **Lumen:**
  - Fiber availability remains a key risk
  - Available cable is expected to be sufficient to complete the Bypass project footprint
- **Kinder Morgan:**
  - Relocating two pipelines which feed jet fuel to Reagan & Dulles airports
  - Coordination ongoing for Newington Road bridge redesign
- **MCI/Verizon:**
  - Northern relocation work nearing completion



Utility Relocations: **Siding A**

- **Kinder Morgan:**
  - Primary utility schedule concern
  - Relocation currently projected for Summer/early Fall 2027
  - Timing is important for Leeland Road bridge replacement
- **Lumen:**
  - Fiber cable availability remains a schedule risk
- **MCI/Verizon:**
  - Design revisions underway
  - Construction targeted to start by September 2026
- **Stafford County sanitary sewer and water lines:**
  - Design and property acquisitions remain ongoing
  - Contractor procurement release expected in September



Project Funding Updates

Franconia to Lorton Third Track

FY27 Budget (Third Track): $274.3M
(Newington Road): $ 61.0M

- **Aug 2026** — CSX Invitation for Bid Released
- **Oct 2026** — Construction bids due
- **Nov 2026** — Contract award & NTP 1
- **June 2027** — NTP 2: Full Construction

- Design and construction led by CSX
- ROW acquisition in progress
- CP Beltway Early works construction completed
- **CSX released the construction Invitation for Bid August 7th**
- Multi-step Notice to Proceed for construction
  - NTP 1: Mobilization, tree clearing
  - NTP 2: Full construction

New signals in operation at CP Beltway

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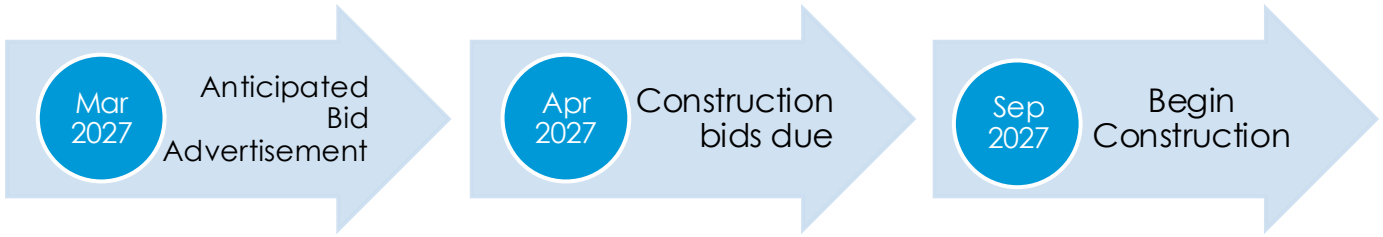
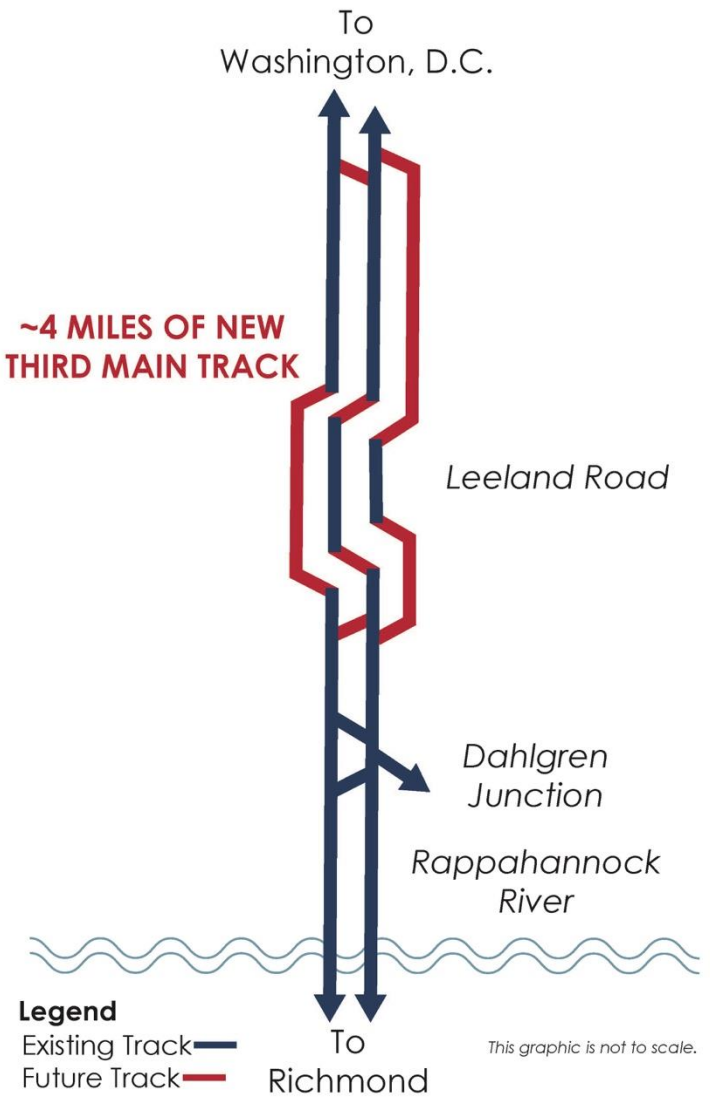
Potomac Creek Third Track South (Siding A)

FY27 Budget: $175.6M



- Design and construction of this project is being led by program partner CSX
- Final Design is nearly complete
- Property acquisitions and utility relocation designs are ongoing, which are critical to the timing of contractor procurement
- Early Works Tree Clearing anticipated Nov 2026-Mar 2027



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