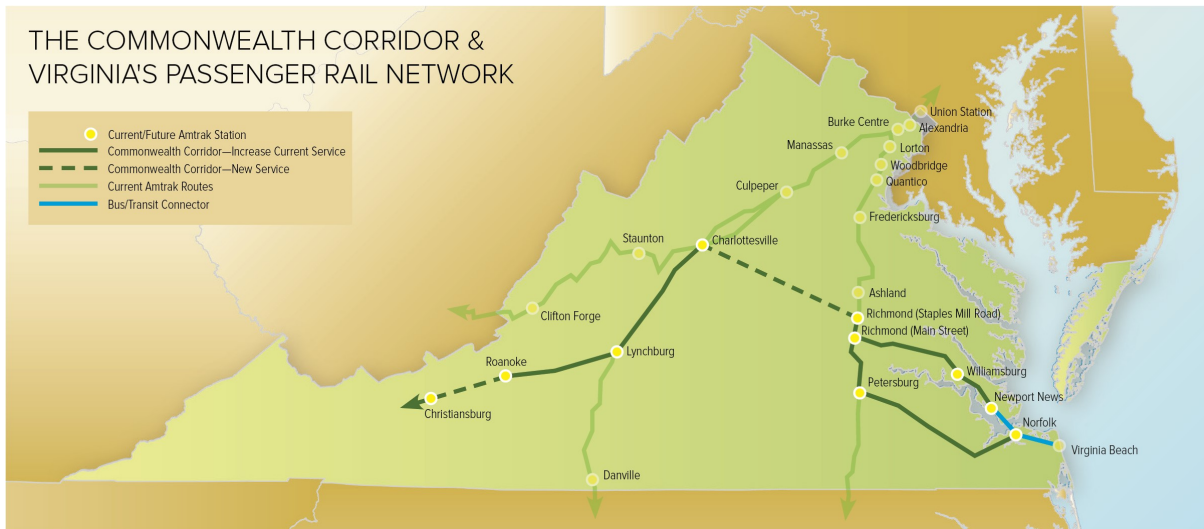


The Commonwealth Corridor

Feasibility Study

Support SJ 50 and HJ 55



| Overview |

SJ 50 and HJ 55 asks the Virginia Department of Rail and Public Transportation (VDRPT) to do a feasibility study on the Commonwealth Corridor, the state's first cross-state intrastate intercity passenger rail service which would connect southwest Virginia to Hampton Roads via Charlottesville and Richmond. There has not been east-west passenger rail service in Virginia in over 40 years.

In December of 2019, the Commonwealth announced that it was purchasing the Buckingham Branch railroad which controls the corridor's segment between Charlottesville and Richmond.

| Quick Facts |

- Connects **3.7 million** Virginians;
- Serves over **330,000** of our higher education students;
- Links **45 percent** of our jobs;
- Connects over **240,000** members of our nation's military and their support staff;
- Serves **eight** of Amtrak's largest 160 (out of 520+) stations by passenger volume.
- The nine stations that the corridor would serve today handle over **875,000** passengers annually, which in return removes **210+ million** passenger miles from our roads, reduces our fuel consumption by **6.3 million** gallons, prevents the release of **56,000+** metric tons of greenhouse gas emission, and generates over **\$411 million** in economic benefits every year;

| Supporting Organizations |



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