

# Virginia's

# Amtrak Intercity Trains



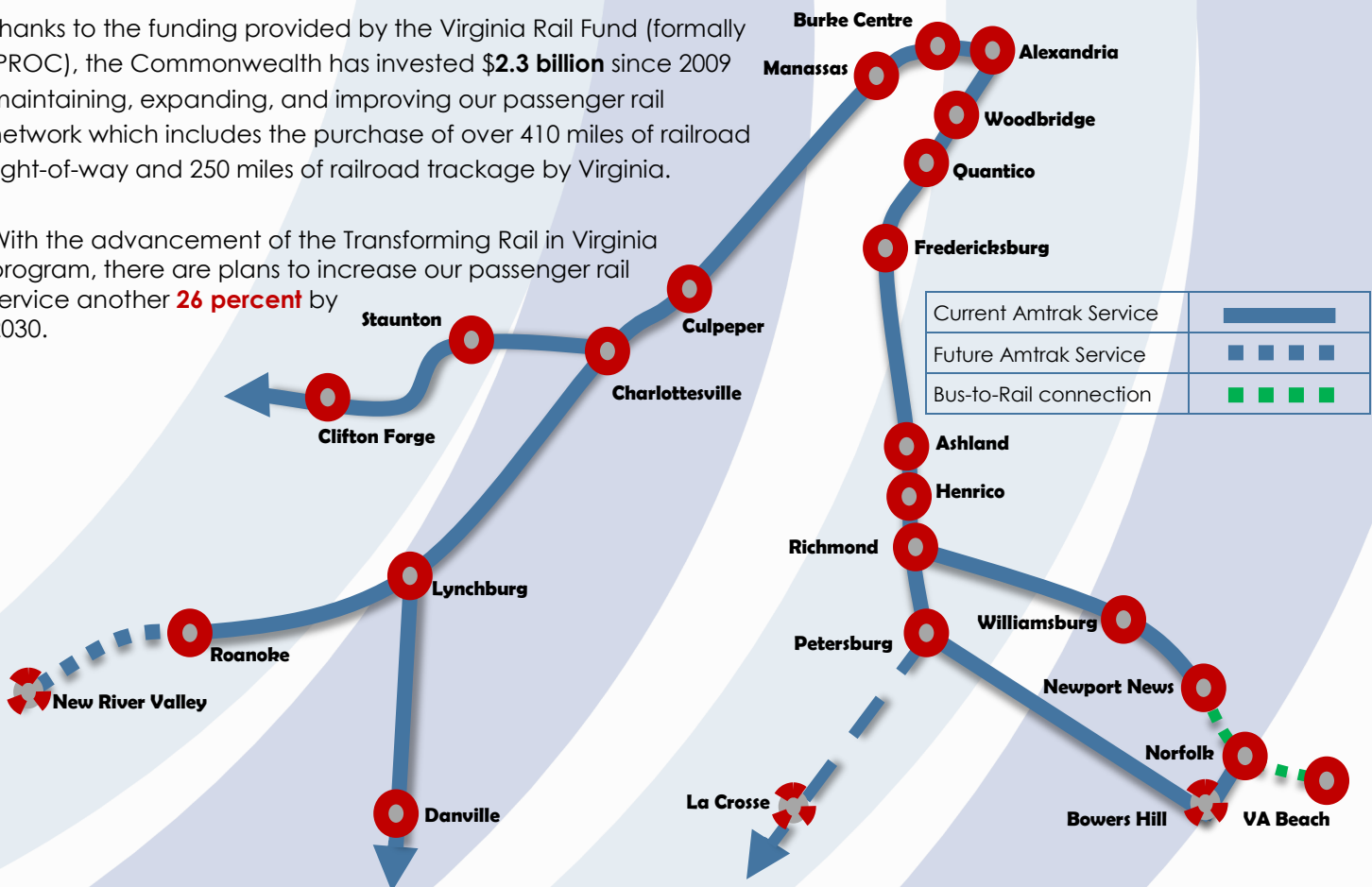
## Ridership breaks records!

Since Virginia joined Amtrak as one of their partner states in 2009, our entire Amtrak intercity passenger rail network has continued to grow and thrive. However, the global pandemic caused service disruptions on many of our trains which led to reduced ridership. Ridership during FY 2023 broke all previous records both statewide and at many of our stations with nearly **2.2 million** Amtrak trips in Virginia last fiscal year.

Virginia is served by eight roundtrip Virginia Amtrak Regional trains including our two Regional trains operating on the DC-Newport News corridor, three operating on the DC-Norfolk corridor, one operating on the DC-Richmond corridor, and two operating on the DC-Roanoke corridor; and six Amtrak National trains which are the Auto-train, Cardinal, Crescent, Silver Star, Silver Meteor, and Palmetto. Lastly, we're served by one Southeast Amtrak Regional trains in the form of the North Carolina Carolinian service. Our trains serve 21 stations across the Commonwealth, as well as two bus-to-rail stops (Blacksburg and Virginia Beach). Nine of our stations are in the top 100 largest stations (out of 511 total stations) by passenger volume in Amtrak's entire network.

Thanks to the funding provided by the Virginia Rail Fund (formally IPROC), the Commonwealth has invested **\$2.3 billion** since 2009 maintaining, expanding, and improving our passenger rail network which includes the purchase of over 410 miles of railroad right-of-way and 250 miles of railroad trackage by Virginia.

With the advancement of the Transforming Rail in Virginia program, there are plans to increase our passenger rail service another **26 percent** by 2030.



## Our Trains **Connect** Virginia



**7.2 million**  
Virginians



**2.8 million**  
Jobs



**88 percent**  
Higher education  
students



**11 percent**  
US Armed forces

## Our Trains Mean **Business** (annually)



**\$799.7 Million**  
Economic benefits  
generated



**8,100+**  
Jobs created/sustained  
each year



**\$122.6 million**  
Tourism spending

## Our Trains Help the **Environment** (annually)



**794.4 Million**  
Passenger miles  
off our roads



**16.7 million**  
Gallons of fuel  
not burned



**149,000+**  
Metric tons of CO2  
emissions not released

## Building **Success** (2008-23)!



**56 percent**  
Service increase



**22.7 million**  
Passenger Trips



**143 percent**  
Ridership growth.

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