

Virginia's



Amtrak Intercity Trains

The Impact from the Pandemic

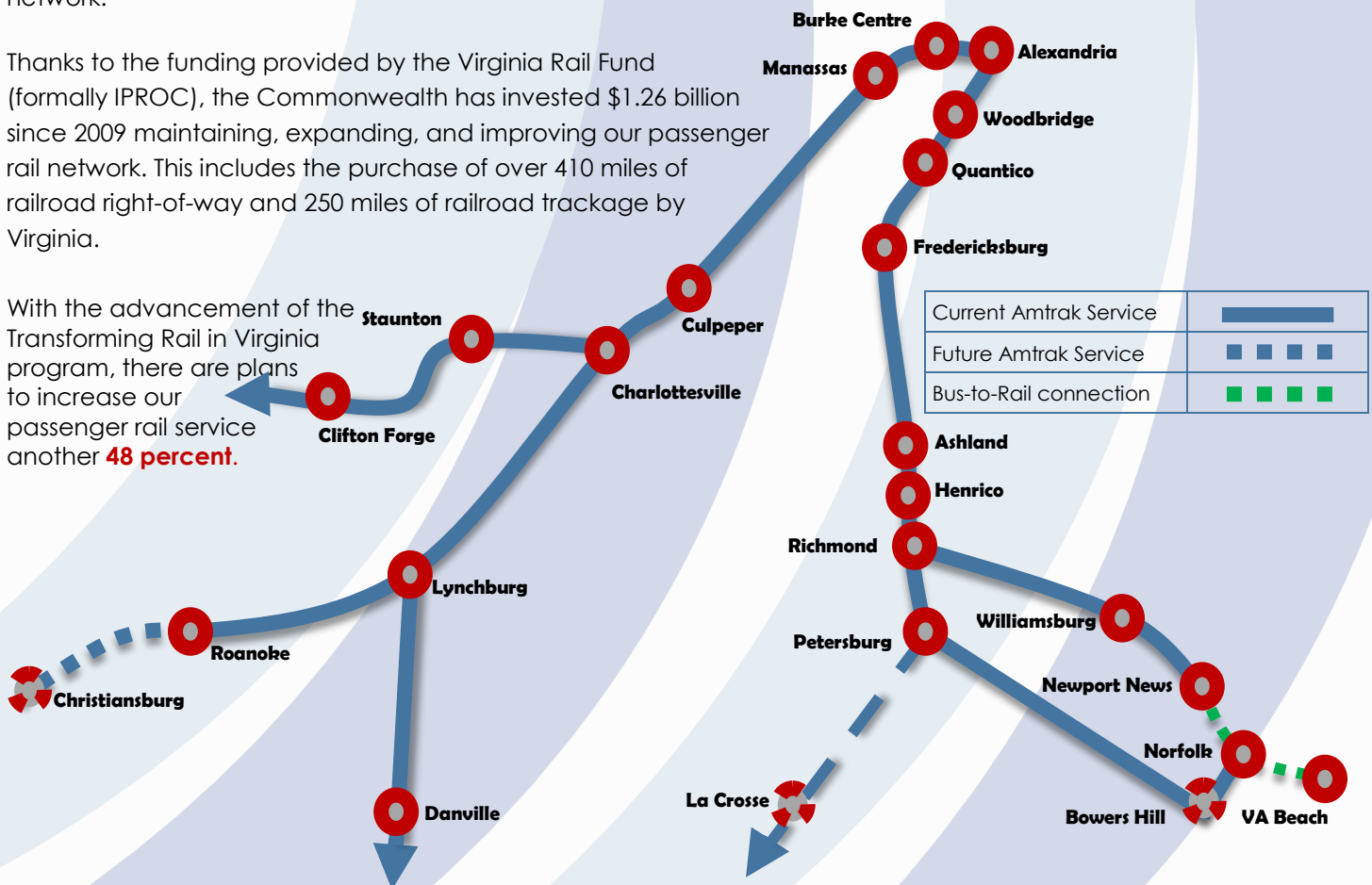
FY 2020 and FY 2021

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, COVID and the necessary safety precautions caused service disruptions on many of our trains which led to reduced ridership. This overview covers both of the primary pandemic years and it looks at the positive impact that our passenger trains had on our Commonwealth.

Today, Virginia is served by sixteen Virginia Amtrak Regional trains (eight northbound and eight southbound) including our four Regional trains operating on the DC-Newport News corridor, six operating on the DC-Norfolk corridor, two operating on the DC-Richmond corridor, and four operating on the DC-Roanoke corridor; and twelve Amtrak National trains which are the Auto-train, Cardinal, Crescent, Silver Star, Silver Meteor, and Palmetto. Lastly, we're served by two 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). Thirteen of our stations are in the top 200 largest stations (out of 527 total stations) by passenger volume in Amtrak's entire network.

Thanks to the funding provided by the Virginia Rail Fund (formerly IPROC), the Commonwealth has invested \$1.26 billion since 2009 maintaining, expanding, and improving our passenger rail network. This 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 **48 percent**.



Our Trains **Connect** Virginia



7.2 million
Virginians



3 million
Jobs



88 percent
Higher education
students



11 percent
US Armed forces

Our Trains Mean **Business**



\$936 Million
Economic benefits
generated



9,500+
Jobs created/sustained
each year



\$51 million
Tourism spending

Our Trains Help the **Environment**



704 Million
Passenger miles
off our roads



9.3 million
Gallons of fuel
not burned



82,500+
Metric tons of CO2
emissions not released

Building **Success** (2009-22)!



55 percent
Service increase



17.8 million
Passenger Trips



74.2 percent
Ridership growth on state
supported trains

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