

From FAQs from DRPT DC2RVA Website:<http://dc2rvarail.com/resources/faqs#scrollhere>

### **What is the Washington, D.C. to Richmond Southeast High Speed Rail project?**

The project consists of environmental reviews and preliminary engineering on a series of improvements to the existing rail corridor between Washington, D.C. and Richmond, VA, with the goal of determining the Preferred Alternative to increase rail capacity and speed within the corridor. The project is being conducted through the mechanism of an Environmental Impact Statement to satisfy the requirements of the National Environmental Policy Act. The Washington to Richmond segment will provide the critical link between the Northeast Corridor and the rest of the Southeast High Speed Rail Corridor.

### **Where will the funds to build this project come from?**

Future funding is beyond anyone's ability to predict. Even in the absence of a known funding source, it is important to complete the federal planning process in order to qualify for future federal funds, if and when they are available. This Tier II EIS is a key element to the federal planning process, and a requirement for federal funding. DRPT has a successful track record of partnering with Amtrak, CSX, FRA, VRE, and others to get projects funded and built using a mix of funding sources. It may be necessary to build the project in an incremental fashion as funding becomes available.

### **How much will the project cost and how will it be paid for?**

This project is funded through a cooperative agreement between DRPT and FRA for the completion of preliminary engineering and Tier II environmental review for the corridor between Washington, D.C. and Richmond, VA. There are several options available for funding beyond the scope of this study and the preliminary engineering, including funds from federal, state and local sources. These will be considered in more detail as more reliable cost estimates become available.

## **Fredericksburg-specific FAQs**

### **What Fredericksburg alternatives are still being considered?**

DRPT is studying three build alternatives in the Fredericksburg area: one alternative would result in a new 2-track bypass going to the east of Fredericksburg; one alternative would add a third track through Fredericksburg beside the existing tracks; and the third build alternative would not add any tracks through Fredericksburg, but would include various improvements to crossings, signals, and safety systems. The Fredericksburg station and platforms would need to be expanded and improved in all of these alternatives. You can view mapping of these alternatives and station options by visiting the [Fredericksburg Section](#) of the Interactive Corridor Maps.

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**Subject:** DC2RVA Rail - Fredericksburg Bypass Property Owner Letter Mailing

Dear Mr. Culley:

In an effort to keep local officials apprised of [DC2RVA Rail](#) activities in the Fredericksburg region, I am sending you information about an upcoming property owner letter mailing scheduled for this Saturday, May 14<sup>th</sup> from the [Virginia Department of Rail and Public Transportation \(DRPT\)](#). **To evaluate project alternatives' potential for cultural and environmental impacts, the DRPT team will be conducting field work along the route of the Fredericksburg bypass alternative in the coming weeks.** We are required by law to inform property owners of this activity via mail at least 15 days in advance of any field work.

This information is also being sent to elected officials in your area, including Delegates Howell, Cole, Ransone and Orrock; and State Senators Stuart, Reeves, and McDougle; and US Representative Rob Whittman. I am happy to also send this to the appropriate County BOS members, if you wish. Please let me know.

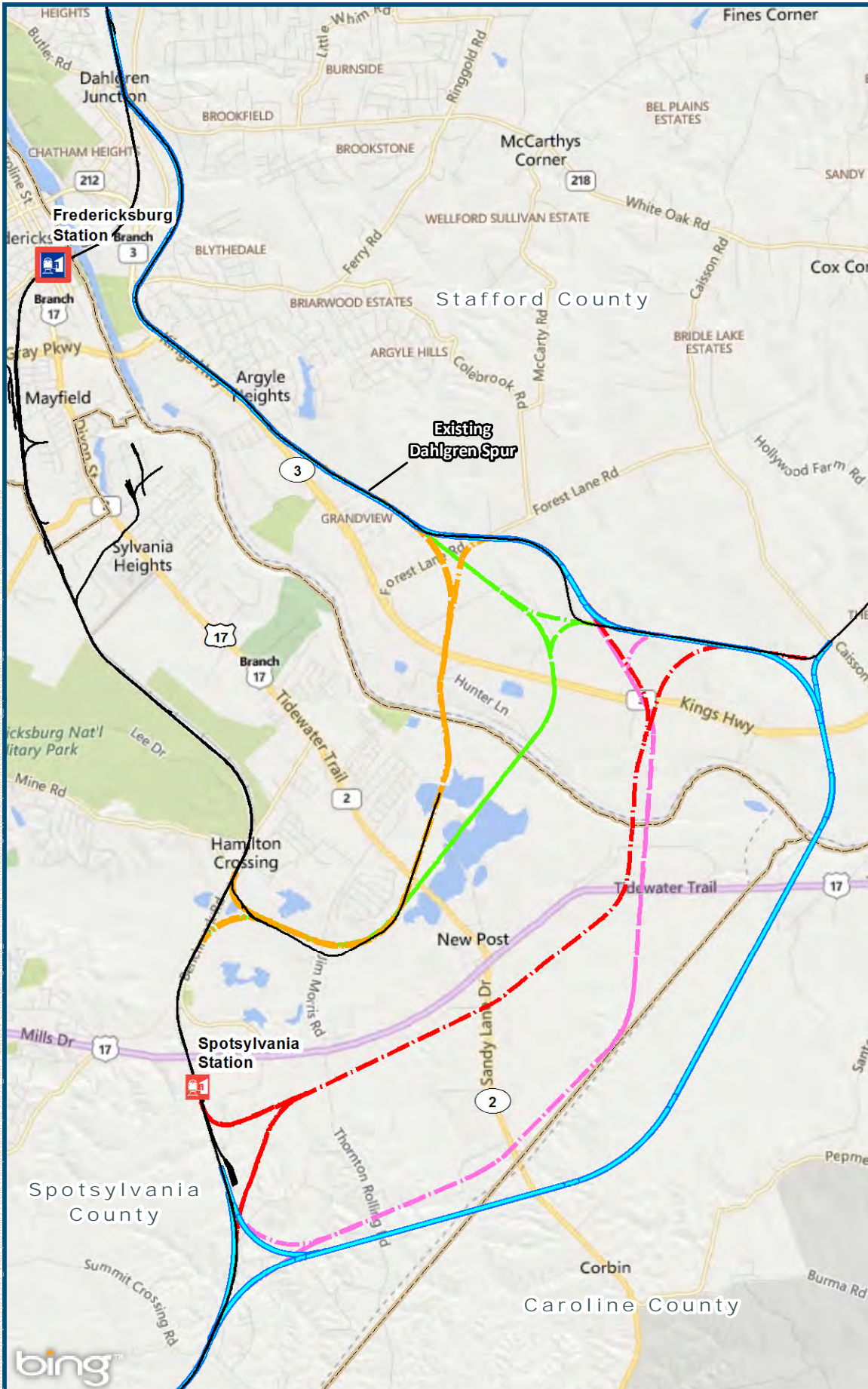
We are sending elected officials in the area the following materials in advance of the mailing. **Please click on the links below to access each document.**

- 1) [map](#) of the properties in relationship to the current bypass alignment
- 2) [sample letter/information package](#)

Please let me know if you have questions about the information. Please encourage citizens to sign up on the project mailing list via our website for project updates – [www.DC2RVArail.com](http://www.DC2RVArail.com). We also have a new [Property Owner Information Page](#) which is geared specifically to property owner questions.

Best Regards,  
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 Imagery: World Street Map

**Legend**

- VRE Station
- Amtrak/VRE Station
- Existing Track
- Current Fredericksburg Bypass Alternative
- Conceptual Options Presented at June 2015 Public Meeting**
- Option 2
- Option 2A
- Option 4B
- Option 5
- Conceptual Option Presented at December 2015 Public Meeting**
- Option 5

**Conceptual Fredericksburg Bypass Options**

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