



# VIRGINIA RAILWAY EXPRESS L'ENFANT STATION AND FOURTH TRACK



Preliminary Engineering/NEPA Phase  
Working Group Meeting #1  
February 8, 2024

# AGENDA

1. Introductions & Safety Briefing
2. Working Group Meetings
3. Project Recap
4. PE/NEPA Phase
5. Q&A
6. Next Steps/Wrap-Up

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# PROJECT TEAM



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Stakeholder Lead - Meghan Powell  
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# WORKING GROUP MEMBERS

- Advisory Neighborhood Commission (ANC) 6D
- Amtrak
- Commission of Fine Arts (CFA)
- Committee of 100 on the Federal City
- CSXT
- DC Office of Planning (DCOP)
- Virginia Department of Rail and Public Transportation (DRPT)
- District Department of Energy and Environment (DOEE)
- District Department of Transportation (DDOT)
- DC Historic Preservation Office (HPO)
- Federal City Council
- Federal Railroad Administration (FRA)
- **Federal Transit Administration (FTA)\***
- General Services Administration (GSA)
- Greater Washington Partnership (GWP)
- National Capital Planning Commission (NCPC)
- National Park Service (NPS)
- NPS National Mall and Memorial Parks (NAMA)
- Northern Virginia Transportation Commission (NVTC)
- Potomac and Rappahannock Transportation Commission (PRTC)
- Smithsonian Institution
- Southwest Business Improvement District (BID)
- Southwest Neighborhood Assembly (SWNA)
- Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority (WMATA)
- Nearby property owners

\*Lead federal agency

# PURPOSE OF WORKING GROUP MEETINGS

- Purpose: To bring together stakeholders with interests, potential concerns, or oversight related to the VRE L'Enfant Station and Fourth Track project
- Goals:
  - Seek ongoing feedback about designs and potential environmental or cultural/historic impacts
  - Provide updates on project progress
  - Inform and support public engagement efforts

# PREVIOUS WORKING GROUP MEETINGS

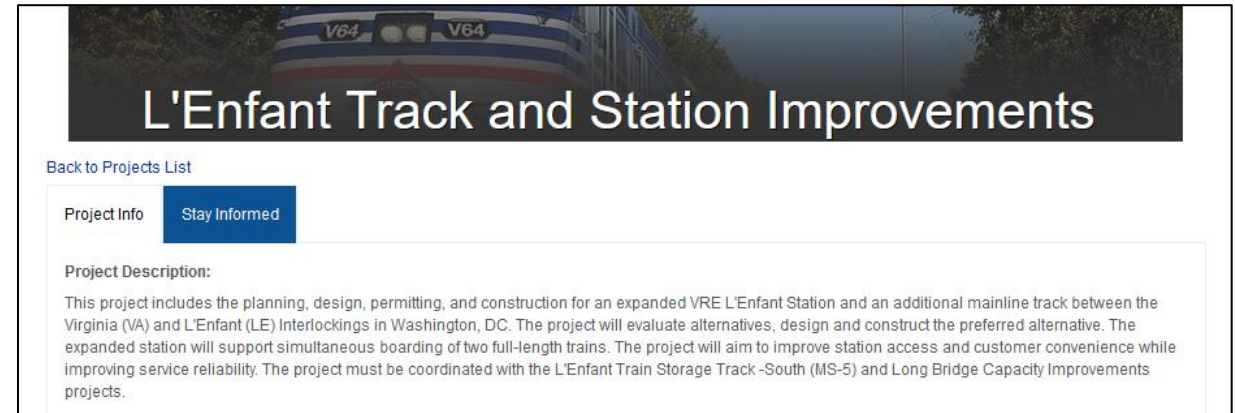
Date	Working Group(s)	Topics Discussed
August 3, 2021	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Agency Working Group</li> <li>▪ Stakeholder Working Group</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Project objectives and proposed Alternatives Analysis process</li> </ul>
November 10, 2021	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Agency Working Group</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Fatal flaw analysis and feedback on alternatives</li> </ul>
November 18, 2021	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Stakeholder Working Group</li> </ul>	
June 9, 2022	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Agency Working Group</li> <li>▪ Stakeholder Working Group</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Alternatives analysis &amp; recommended Preferred Alternative</li> </ul>
September 8, 2022	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Joint – both Working Groups</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Concept plans for Preferred Alternative and next steps for PE/NEPA phase</li> </ul>

Previous meeting notes and other project information available online:

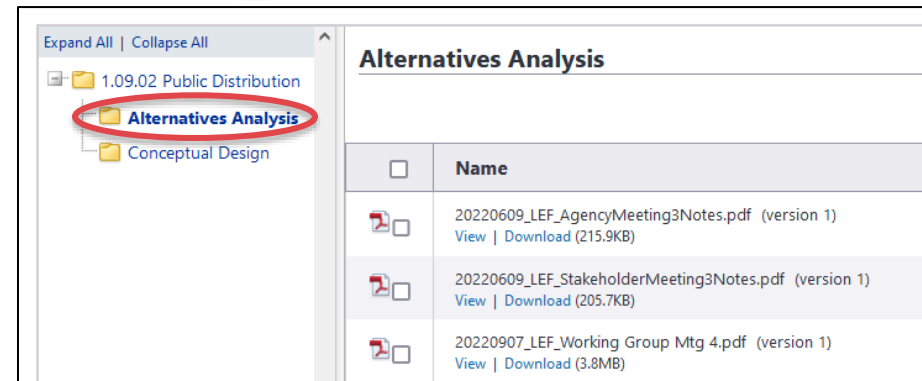
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Scroll down to “Project Documents” for link (or click [here](#))

Click “Alternatives Analysis” for previous phase documents

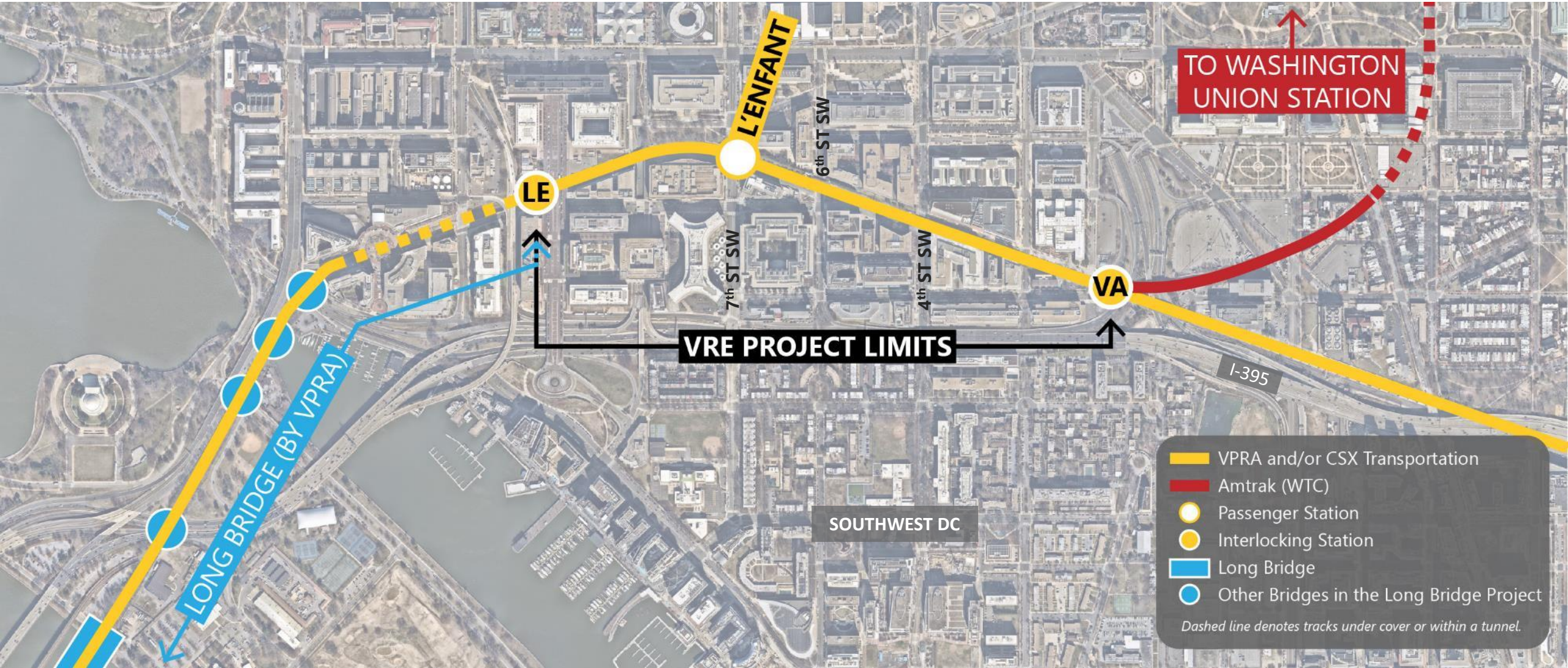


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# PROJECT LOCATION



# EXISTING VRE L'ENFANT STATION

- Side platform, one track edge
- Length: 550 ft
- Width: 12.5 ft
- Egress/Accessibility
  - Two staircases (6th and 7th St.)
  - One ADA ramp (7th St./Hancock Park)



# ALTERNATIVES ANALYSIS PHASE

Universe of Options – 5 Alternative Concepts

## STEP 1: FEASIBILITY

Island platform with two platform edges that can accommodate two trains simultaneously

Remain within existing railroad right-of-way, if practicable

Continuous fourth track for the full length of the project limits

Schematic Design of Alternatives – 2 of 5 Initial Concepts Evaluated Further\*

## STEP 2: EFFECTIVENESS

Enhance regional connectivity

Enhance local connectivity

Enhance user experience and integrate station with surrounding community

1 Preferred Alternative

\* Evaluation included investigating platform width and track alignment modifications to minimize adjacent property impacts

# PREFERRED ALTERNATIVE\*

- Best balances VRE operational needs, user experience, and adjacent property impacts
- 22-foot-wide platform provides enough space for circulation at platform level and estimated future passenger loading
- Reducing platform width minimizes property impacts at Hancock Park
- Tangent track enables a uniform gap at the platform edge



LEGEND	
	Platform
	Walkway
	Track Alignment
	Wall
	Property Line
	Permanent Easement Area
	Permanent Encroachment Area

\* Refinements currently being evaluated based on changes to VRE plans allowing for reduced platform length compared to Alternatives Analysis requirement

# PREFERRED ALTERNATIVE



**6TH ST SW TUNNEL ENTRY**



**7TH ST SW TUNNEL ENTRY**

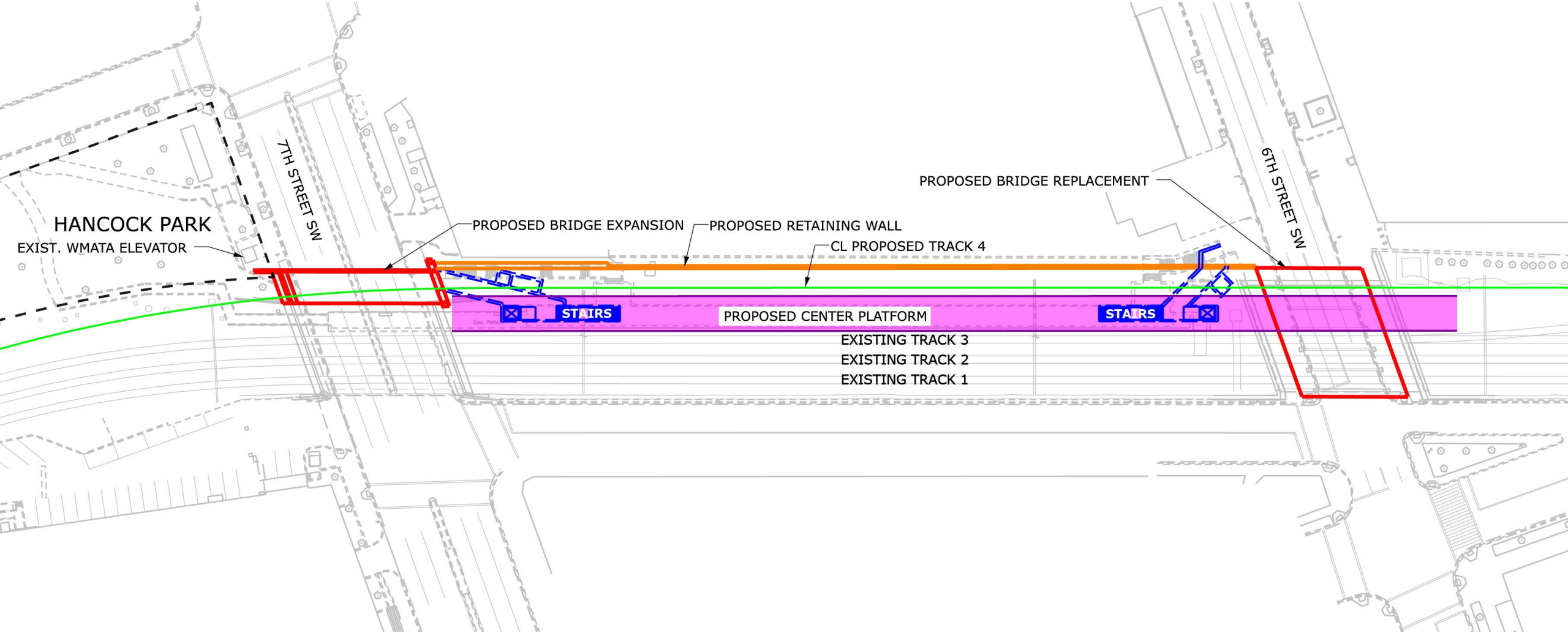


**PLATFORM VIEW TOWARDS STAIR AND ELEVATOR**

# PE/NEPA PHASE SCOPE OF WORK

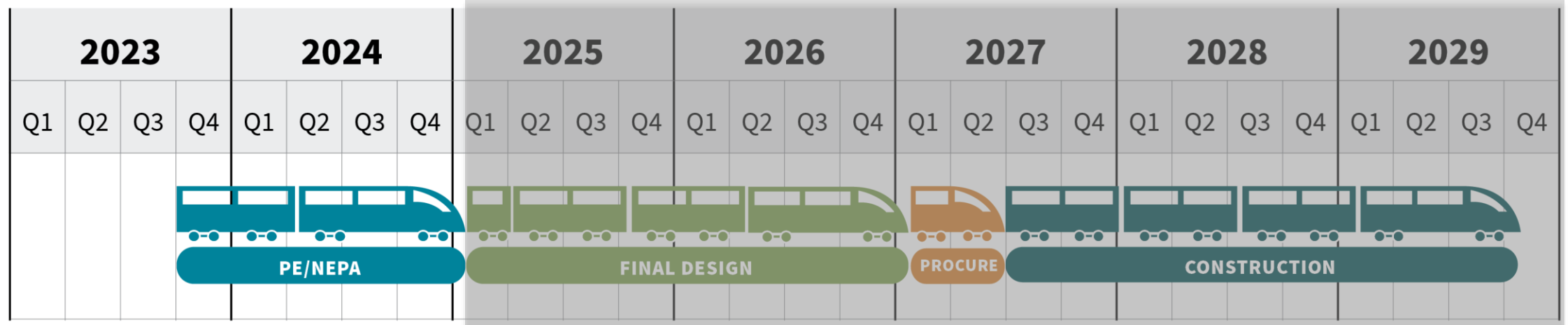
- Preliminary Engineering (30%)
  - Supplemental survey and utility locating
  - Soil borings, geotechnical engineering
  - Basis of Design
  - Draft and Final 30% submissions
  - NCPC/CFA approvals
  - Construction cost estimating
  - Construction schedule
- Environmental review and documentation
  - NEPA
  - Section 106
- Stakeholder coordination and public outreach
  - Working group meetings
  - Public meeting
  - Pop-up events
  - Communication materials

# CURRENT DESIGN



# PROJECT TIMELINE

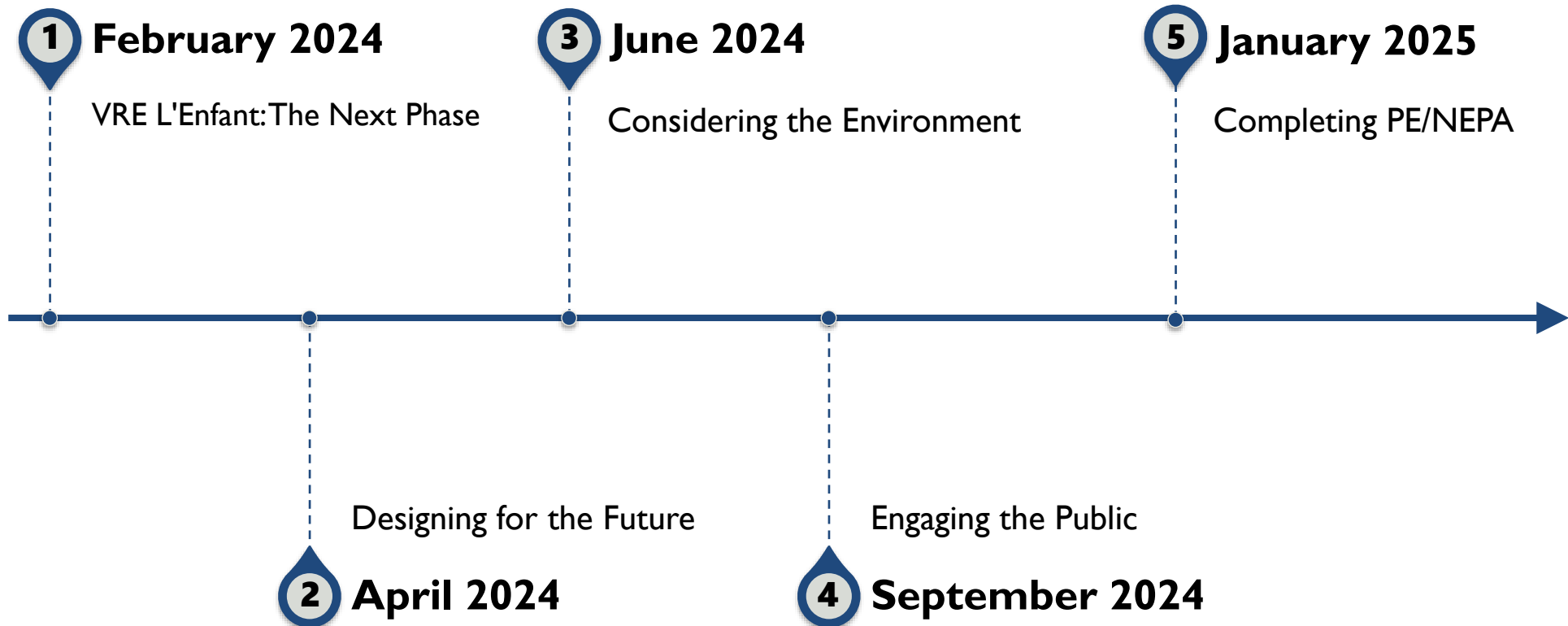
- Basis of Design
- South Elevator Feasibility
- Survey/Utility Mapping
- Soil Borings
- Draft 30% Design Drawings



# PROJECT COMPONENTS AND SCHEDULE

LEF PE/NEPA Phase	2023	2024				2025
	Oct - Dec	Jan - Mar	Apr-Jun	Jul-Sept	Oct-Dec	Jan-Feb
<b>Preliminary Engineering</b>	Draft 30% Design Plans	Updates to 30% Plans and Review		Final 30% Plans and Review		Submit Final Plans
<b>NEPA</b>	FTA and Other Federal Agency Coordination		NEPA Analysis & Draft Documentation		Finalize NEPA	
<b>Section 106</b>	FTA Coord.	Initiate Consultation & Assess Effects		Draft, Review, & Finalize Mitigation		
<b>NCPC/CFA Approvals</b>			Staff Consultation and Commission Info Item	Concept Approval		
<b>Stakeholder Coordination &amp; Public Engagement</b>	Working Group Meetings					
			Pop-ups & Briefing		Public Meeting	

# WORKING GROUP SCHEDULE





# DISCUSSION

# Thank you for your participation!

**For more information, visit:**  
[VRE L'Enfant Station and Fourth Track](#)

*You are invited to provide comments to VRE about this project by:*

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- Sending US mail to:  
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