



VIRGINIA RAILWAY EXPRESS

PROJECT UPDATE | MARCH-APRIL 2026

# ALEXANDRIA STATION IMPROVEMENTS, KING ST & COMMONWEALTH AVE RAIL BRIDGE REPLACEMENT



## THE PROJECT

Virginia Railway Express (VRE) and the Virginia Passenger Rail Authority (VPRRA) are launching a major upgrade project at Alexandria Station (110 Callahan Drive, Alexandria, VA) and adjacent rail bridges. This project will reconstruct station platforms, replace the aging King St and Commonwealth Ave railroad bridges, and install new elevators to improve safety, accessibility, and the overall passenger experience. The work is being coordinated with the VPRRA Alexandria Fourth Track Project to minimize community and railroad passenger impacts.

- **Project Owner:** VRE and VPRRA
- **Project Location:** Alexandria Station (110 Callahan Drive, Alexandria, VA)
- **Construction Cost:** \$100,194,092.50
- **VRE Project Team**
  - ▶ **Construction Manager:** GFT Infrastructure Inc.
  - ▶ **General Contractor:** Kokosing Construction Company Inc.
  - ▶ **Designer of Record:** HDR Inc.
- **Project Website:** [VRE.org/alexandria-station-project/](http://VRE.org/alexandria-station-project/)
- **Project Email:** [AlexandriaStationImprovements@vre.org](mailto:AlexandriaStationImprovements@vre.org)
- **VRE Phone Number:** 800-743-3873



## UPCOMING PUBLIC EVENTS

Interested in Alexandria/Arlington Community Advisory Group (CAG) meetings? Information on past and upcoming meetings is available on the VPRRA Alexandria Fourth Track project page at <https://vapassengerrailauthority.org/projects/alexandria-fourth-track/> Scroll down to the “Public Involvement and Community Outreach” section for details.

**Meetings are held virtually each quarter. The next CAG will take place on April 20th, 2026, 12:30 pm.**



## PROJECT BENEFITS

- **Enhanced Safety:** Eliminates at-grade crossings and replaces aging infrastructure.
- **Improved Accessibility:** Replacement of the tunnel, installation of elevators, and raising of the platforms will provide easier boarding and site circulation.
- **Reduced Maintenance:** New bridges and modernized facilities will lower future maintenance needs.
- **Faster Boarding & Transfers:** Longer platforms allow more doors to open, which help reduce boarding times. Adding an additional boarding edge will allow more trains to simultaneously board at the station.
- **Community Coordination:** Work is scheduled to minimize disruption and align with other infrastructure projects in the corridor



## TIMELINE

**February 2026**

Survey activities and site mobilization, including the installation of stormwater management controls.

**March 2026**

Installation of construction entrances on King Street, Commonwealth Avenue, and Callahan Drive. Crane mobilization will begin, along with preparation for sheet pile driving at bridge abutments. CSX will install temporary track crossings to allow construction vehicles and equipment to cross railroad tracks.

**April 2026**

Five weekends of work to install bridge jump spans at the King Street and Commonwealth Avenue rail bridges. Activities include sheet pile driving and rail work. This work is tentatively scheduled from March 27 through April 25.





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## WHAT'S NEW/PROJECT UPDATES?

The construction contract has been awarded to Kokosing Construction Company Inc. as of October 30, 2025. Notice to Proceed was issued on January 30, 2026 allowing the contractor to begin mobilizing on-site and preparing for construction activities. In February, the first visible changes at the station site will include the installation of erosion and sediment control measures, temporary site fence for the contractor laydown areas, and temporary contractor field office trailers.

## DID YOU KNOW?

- Alexandria Union Station opened on September 15, 1905
- King St and Commonwealth Ave Rail bridges were constructed in 1903-04



## UPCOMING CONSTRUCTION ACTIVITIES

Early sitework in February 2026 includes the installation of erosion and sediment control measures, temporary site fence for the contractor laydown areas, and temporary contractor field office trailers. Weekend work tentatively scheduled from March 27th thru April 25th will include the installation of bridge jump spans at the king and commonwealth rail bridges.

| Transit Impacts  | Community Impacts  | Traffic Impact   |
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| No impacts to rail service are anticipated; however, access to the station and boarding locations will change. Riders should follow posted pedestrian detour signage. During weekend track work, the number of available boarding platforms at Alexandria Station will be temporarily reduced. | Delivery of materials may result in brief, intermittent traffic stoppages. Weekend work is subject to City of Alexandria noise variance permit approval to help mitigate potential disturbances. | Jump span installation weekends will require full road closures of King Street. Commonwealth Avenue will remain open with one travel lane maintained under traffic flagging operations. Traffic control plans have been submitted to the City for review and include measures to minimize disruptions. |

