



VIRGINIA RAILWAY EXPRESS

PROJECT UPDATE | SPRING 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/](https://vre.org/alexandria-station-project/)
- **Project Email:** AlexandriaStationImprovements@vre.org
- **VRE Phone Number:** 800-743-3873



UPCOMING PUBLIC EVENTS

Rosemont Citizens Association (RCA) Meetings

<https://www.rosemontcitizens.org/meetings>

All Meetings held at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church | May 14th, 2026, 7:00pm

Alexandria/Arlington Community Advisory Group (CAG) meetings are held

virtually each quarter. The next CAG will take place on April 20th, 2026,

12:30 pm. Information on past and upcoming meetings is available on the

VPRRA Alexandria Fourth Track project page at

<https://vapassengerrailauthority.org/projects/alexandria-fourth-track/#details>



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

April 2026



Three cranes have arrived on-site and will begin temporary sheet pile driving at the bridge abutments in advance of the jump span installation. CSX will install temporary track crossings to allow construction vehicles and equipment to cross railroad tracks.

May 2026



Three weekend outages are scheduled for temporary rail bridge jump span installation, with work starting Friday evening and finishing Monday evening on the weekends of May 1, 15, and 29.

June 2026



Bridge abutment excavation will include frequent dump truck activities. Preliminary micropile drilling in support of the final bridge foundation.





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WHAT'S NEW/PROJECT UPDATES?

The construction and demolition part of the project is beginning and access to the station will be changing. The largest of 3 cranes on the project, the Liebherr LR1300 Crane, has been erected at the station site. This crane will be used throughout the duration of the project to install the temporary rail bridge jump spans and final rail bridges. Please follow pedestrian detours throughout the station site. Additionally, noise and vibration monitoring equipment has been installed and baseline readings are being established.

DID YOU KNOW?

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

Three cranes used for bridge replacement work.



UPCOMING CONSTRUCTION ACTIVITIES

Weekend work beginning Friday evening and concluding Monday evening is scheduled for the weekends of May 1, 15, and 29. This work will include the installation of temporary rail bridge jump spans at the King Street and Commonwealth Avenue rail bridges. Please visit VRE.org/Alexandria-Station-Project for up-to-date information about project impacts.

Transit Impacts	Community Impacts	Traffic Impact
The sidewalk connecting King Street to the station tunnel will be closed for the duration of construction. Riders should use the sidewalk ramp to access the station.	Construction material deliveries may cause brief, intermittent traffic stoppages near the work site. A City noise variance permit for planned weekend work is currently under review and includes measures to help reduce potential impacts to nearby residents.	During jump span installation weekends, King Street will be fully closed between Russell Rd and Daingerfield Rd. Commonwealth Avenue will remain open with a single travel lane carrying alternating traffic in both directions, directed by flaggers. Traffic control plans have been submitted to the City for review and are intended to reduce delays and maintain safe access.

Example of a Temporary Rail Bridge Jumpspan.

