PROJECT PROCESS

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CONCEPT DEVELOPMENT
• Identify Goals
• Review Alternatives
• Select Preferred Site
• Produce Conceptual Layout
• Conceptual Cost Estimate
• Identify Affected Properties

PRELIMINARY ENGINEERING
• Refine Facility Layout
• 30% Facility Design
• Develop Preliminary Cost Estimate

ENVIRONMENTAL INVESTIGATION
• National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) Analyses

COMMUNITY OUTREACH

 Concentrated Outreach Activities

VIRGINIA RAILWAY EXPRESS
Midday Storage Facility
VRE currently stores 13 trainsets in the Ivy City area.
Project would allow storage for 13 trainsets (no increase from existing storage).
Addresses “Core” State-of-Good-Repair needs.
Minimizes impact on New York Avenue NE right-of-way.
Adds capacity to the Amtrak Northeast Corridor.
Longer storage tracks supports longer trainsets (9 to 10 car trainsets).
- Allows Support System Plan 2040 “Phase 1” growth.
FACILITY CROSS-SECTION (EAST)

EAST OF FAIRVIEW AVENUE NE

VRE Midday Storage Facility

VIRGINIA RAILWAY EXPRESS
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*Not to scale

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FACILITY CROSS-SECTION (WEST)

WEST OF FAIRVIEW AVE. NE

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Federal Transit Administration (FTA) Environmental Process

What is NEPA?

National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) requires agencies that are receiving federal funding to consider the environmental effects of actions.

FTA’s NEPA regulations consider projects with minor impacts to be “categorically excluded” from the requirement to prepare an Environmental Assessment or Environmental Impact Statement.

- Evaluate environmental effects of project
- FTA prepares Categorical Exclusion checklist documenting environmental impacts
- FTA signs Categorical Exclusion, completing NEPA process

Categorically Excluded

Construction of rail storage and maintenance facilities in areas used predominantly for industrial or transportation purposes;

Where such construction is consistent with existing zoning and where there is no significant noise impact on the surrounding community.

VRE Midday Storage Facility: ☑️ Meets definition
ENVIRONMENTAL EVALUATION

A process to review projects and their potential impacts on the natural and built environment.

NOISE AND VIBRATION
No adverse impacts

PROPERTY
3 private parcels will need to be acquired.

CULTURAL RESOURCES
No historic properties will be affected.

AIR QUALITY
State of good repair will not increase the number of trains. The trains will not be idling while they are stored. No air quality impacts or changes from the existing conditions.

CONSTRUCTION IMPACTS
Potential short-term impacts will be addressed by using construction best practices.

HAZARDOUS MATERIALS
Several locations are likely to have soil contamination. Soil will be remediated.

The map shows the locations where VRE measured noise and vibration

Map Legend
- Receptor Locations
- Short Term Noise Measurement
- Long Term Noise Measurement
- Short Term Noise and Vibration Measurement
- Short Term Vibration Measurement
- Project Limits

VIRGINIA RAILWAY EXPRESS
Midday Storage Facility
New York Avenue NE is a Gateway into the District

Screening creates a boundary between railroad and active urban development
SCREENING: DECORATIVE ARTWORK
SCREENING: HISTORIC GRAPHIC PANELS