Welcome to the Community Meeting for the Long Bridge Phase II Study

At this meeting you will learn about:

- The scope of the current Phase II Study
- Project history
- Study area and general information
- Study timeline and phasing
- Next steps
- How to contact us – we want to hear from you!
LONG BRIDGE FACTS

- Two-track railroad bridge owned by CSX Transportation (CSXT)
- Serves CSXT freight, intercity passenger (AMTRAK), and commuter rail (Virginia Railway Express)
- Only railroad bridge across the Potomac River between Virginia and DC; therefore, is a major link to the Northeast Corridor
- Three tracks north and south of the bridge
- Constructed in 1904, last known movable-span operation in 1969
- Located in the Monumental Core

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The study area, 2.2 miles long, begins approximately 1,750 feet south of George Washington Parkway (RO interlocking) in Arlington, VA and extends northeast, along the existing CSXT rail alignment, near the I-395 split from I-695 (CP-Virginia interlocking) in the District of Columbia.
POTENTIAL BENEFITS OF AN UPGRADED LONG BRIDGE

EXPANDED RAIL CAPACITY

+ Handle forecasted increase in freight and passenger services
+ Enhance regional mobility/connectivity
+ Compatibility with existing and future rail network

COMMUTER AND PASSENGER RAIL SERVICE IMPROVEMENT NEEDS

+ Increased frequency of service
+ Better and more reliable rail transportation options
+ Travel time savings = less time commuting
SITE CONCERNS

- Public Parks, Recreation Areas and Waterfowl/Wildlife Sanctuaries
- Historic Sites
- Rivers, Wetlands and Navigable Waters
- 100-Year Floodplain
- Runway Clear Zones
- General Habitat Conditions for Rare, Threatened and Endangered Species
- Landscapes and Aesthetics
- Right-of-Way Constraints
The District Department of Transportation (DDOT) received an American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) grant from the Federal Railroad Administration (FRA) to complete a preliminary analysis of the Long Bridge over the Potomac River.

The Phase I Study completed an initial identification of existing and future capacity needs for the Long Bridge.

The Phase II Study, currently underway, will expand on information gathered in Phase I to advance the initial National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) effort for work related to the replacement or rehabilitation of the Long Bridge.
What was done in Phase I?

- Initial identification of existing and future capacity needs
- Developed eight conceptual alternatives:
  - Alt 1: No-Build
  - Alt 2: Two-Track Bridge (rehabilitation or reconstruction)
  - Alt 3: Four-Track Bridge
  - Alt 4: Four-Track Tunnel
  - Alt 5: Four-Track Bridge and Pedestrian/Bicycle
  - Alt 6: Four-Track Bridge with Pedestrian/Bicycle and Streetcar
  - Alt 7: Four-Track Bridge with Pedestrian/Bicycle and Shared Streetcar/General-Purpose Lanes
  - Alt 8: Four-Track Bridge with Pedestrian/Bicycle, Shared Streetcar/General-Purpose Lanes and Additional General-Purpose Lanes
**What's Being Done in Phase II**

- **Long Term Service Plan**
  - Railroad Data Collection
  - Train Service Operations Simulation and Service Plan
  - Long-Range Service Plan
  - Survey

- **NEPA Preparation & Data Collection**
  - Draft Purpose and Need Statement
  - Alternatives Analysis Report
  - Notice of Intent for EIS
  - Environmental & Railroad Data Collection Report
  - Public Involvement and Agency Outreach
  - NEPA Scoping Report

- **Conceptual Level Engineering to Advance NEPA**
  - Conceptual Feasibility and Engineering Analysis
  - Concept Level Engineering Documentation

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## Project Schedule & What's Next

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- Email: info@longbridgeproject.com
- Call: 202-671-2218
- Write: Anna Chamberlin, AICP, DDOT, 55 M Street, SE, Suite 400, Washington, DC 20003-3515

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