Long Bridge is a 2-track railroad bridge over the Potomac River. It is the only freight railroad bridge between the District of Columbia and Virginia. The next closest bridge is in Harpers Ferry, WV. The current bridge was built in 1904, and is owned and maintained by CSX Transportation. In addition to freight trains, the bridge is used by VRE and Amtrak.

**Future Public Comment Opportunities**

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**Contact Us**

The deadline for EIS scoping comments is October 14, 2016
Comments can be provided any of the following ways:
+ At this meeting
+ Website: www.longbridgeproject.com
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  Washington, DC 20590

**EIS Scoping Process**

Scoping is the first step in preparation of the EIS. We are hoping to get comments on matters such as:
+ What rail service improvements are critical to you (e.g., reliability, frequency)?
+ Are there any other environmental resources, parks or recreational facilities, neighborhoods, or community facilities in the study area which you feel could be affected by the project?

Following the scoping period we will prepare a report summarizing public and agency comments. This report will be available on the project website (www.longbridgeproject.com).
The EIS Study Area extends approximately 3.2 miles from the VRE Crystal City Station in Arlington, VA to Control Point Virginia located near 3rd Street, SW in Washington, DC. The Study Area includes park land; historic and cultural properties; the Potomac River; offices, hotels, and apartment buildings; transportation facilities; and numerous pedestrian and bicycle trails.

The number of trains using the bridge each day is expected to increase from 74 today to 192 in 2040. On-time performance for Amtrak is expected to drop from 69% today to 16% in 2040. For VRE, on-time performance is expected to drop from 94% to 48% in the same period.

The purpose of the project is to address reliability and long-term railroad capacity issues for the Long Bridge corridor. The project is needed to identify alternatives that would increase capacity to meet projected demand for passenger and freight rail services; improve operational flexibility and resiliency; and provide redundancy for this critical link in the local, regional, and national railroad network.

Environmental Considerations

- Transportation
- Social and economic conditions
- Property acquisition
- Parks and recreational resources
- Visual and aesthetic resources
- Historic and archaeological resources
- Air quality
- Aquatic navigation
- Greenhouse gas emissions and resilience
- Noise and vibration
- Ecology (including wetlands, water and sediment quality, floodplains, and biological resources)
- Threatened and endangered species
- Hazardous waste and contaminated materials
- Environmental Justice