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Public Hearings Scheduled for the DC2RVA High Speed Rail Study
~DC2RVA High Speed Rail Study Draft EIS Document Released for Public Comment~

RICHMOND —Today, the Virginia Department of Rail and Public Transportation ([DRPT](#)) and the Federal Railroad Administration ([FRA](#)) announced public hearings for the Draft Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) that is now available for review and comment. The Draft EIS details recommended infrastructure improvements to increase reliability and provide capacity to add nine daily passenger rail round trips between Washington, D.C. and Richmond, VA.

The Draft EIS provides an overview and comparison of the alternatives under consideration including recommendations for a preferred alternative in each corridor segment. The draft document is available online at <http://www.dc2rvarail.com/draft> and in paper copy at local libraries, planning district commissions, and the DRPT Richmond office.

Public Hearing Schedule

DRPT will host a combined open house and formal public hearing at each of the following locations. The public will have an opportunity to discuss the project with team members before providing comments for the official record either in writing or during the formal portion of the public hearing.

<p>Richmond, October 10, 2017 Open house: 6-9 p.m. Public hearing: 6:30 p.m. Main Street Station 1500 E. Main St., Richmond</p>	<p>Ashland, October 11, 2017 Open house: 6-9 p.m. Public hearing: 6:30 p.m. Patrick Henry High School 12449 W. Patrick Henry Rd., Ashland</p>
<p>Alexandria, October 17, 2017 Open house: 7-10 p.m. Public hearing: 7:30 p.m. Hilton Alexandria Old Town 1767 King St., Alexandria</p>	<p>Fredericksburg, October 18, 2017 Open house: 7-10 p.m. Public hearing: 7:30 p.m. James Monroe High School 2300 Washington Ave., Fredericksburg</p>
<p>Quantico, October 19, 2017 Open house: 7-10 p.m. Public hearing: 7:30 p.m. National Museum of the Marine Corps, 18900 Jefferson Davis Hwy, Triangle</p>	

Opportunities to comment by November 7, 2017:

- Complete the electronic form: www.DC2RVArail.com/Contact-us/
- Provide verbal or written comments at the public hearing.
- Provide comments to the court reporter at the public hearing or leave comments on the toll-free project hotline: 888-832-0900 or TDD 711.
- Mail written comments to: Emily Stock, DRPT, 600 E. Main St, Suite 2102, Richmond, VA 23219.

Special assistance accommodations

Meeting locations are accessible to persons with disabilities. DRPT strives to provide reasonable accommodations and services for persons who require assistance to participate. For special assistance, call the Title VI Compliance Officer, 804-786-6794 or TDD 711 at least 72 hours prior to the meeting date.

En Español? Si necesita servicios de traducción para participar, por favor envíe un correo electrónico a: español@DC2RVArail.com. También puede llamar a la línea directa del proyecto para dejar comentarios: 888-832-0900 or TDD 711.

For more information on the DC2RVA Tier II EIS project, visit <http://www.dc2rvarail.com/>.

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