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# New River Valley Passenger Rail Station NRV MPO TAC Meeting

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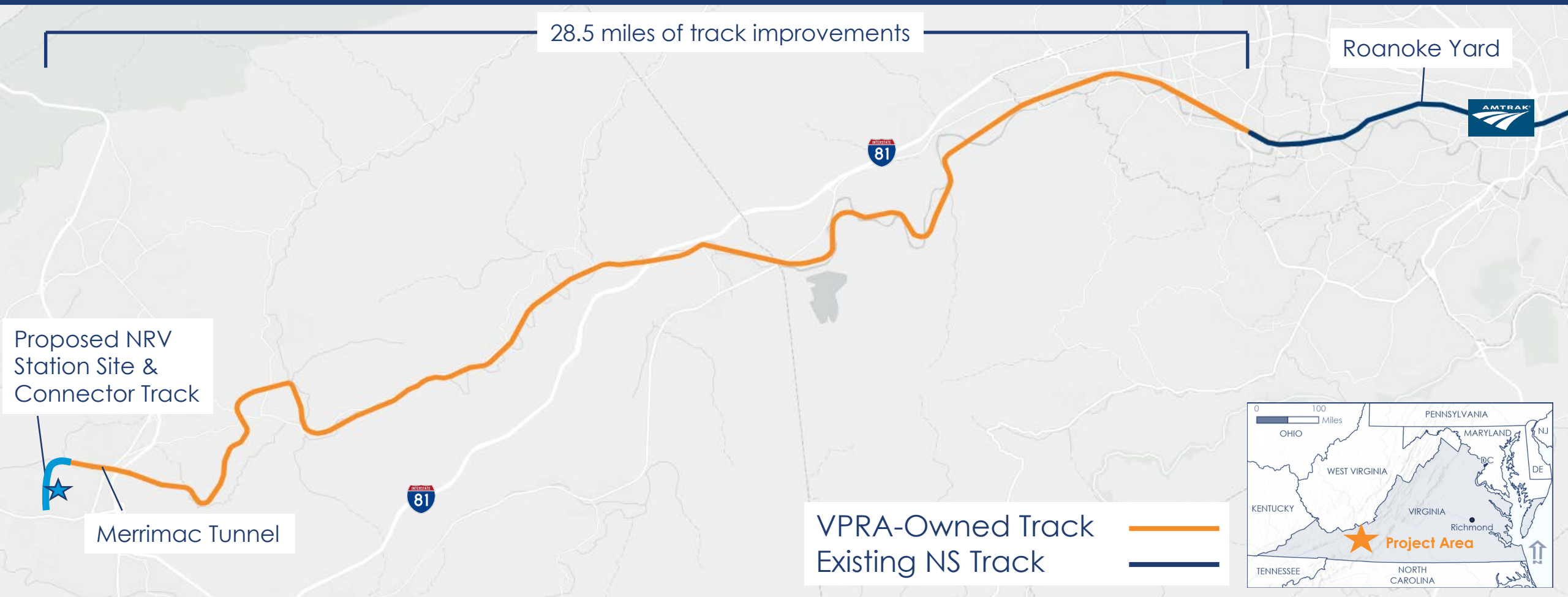
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# Background

- May 5, 2021: The Commonwealth & Norfolk Southern announce an agreement to extend passenger rail service to the New River Valley (NRV).
- Fall 2021 to Spring 2022: NRV Passenger Rail Station Feasibility Study.
- June 2022: Agreement with Norfolk Southern Railway for purchase of rail and right-of-way closed.
  - 28 miles of right-of-way along the Virginian Line from Salem Crossovers to Merrimac.
  - Improve the existing rail infrastructure to include a new passenger rail platform and related infrastructure.



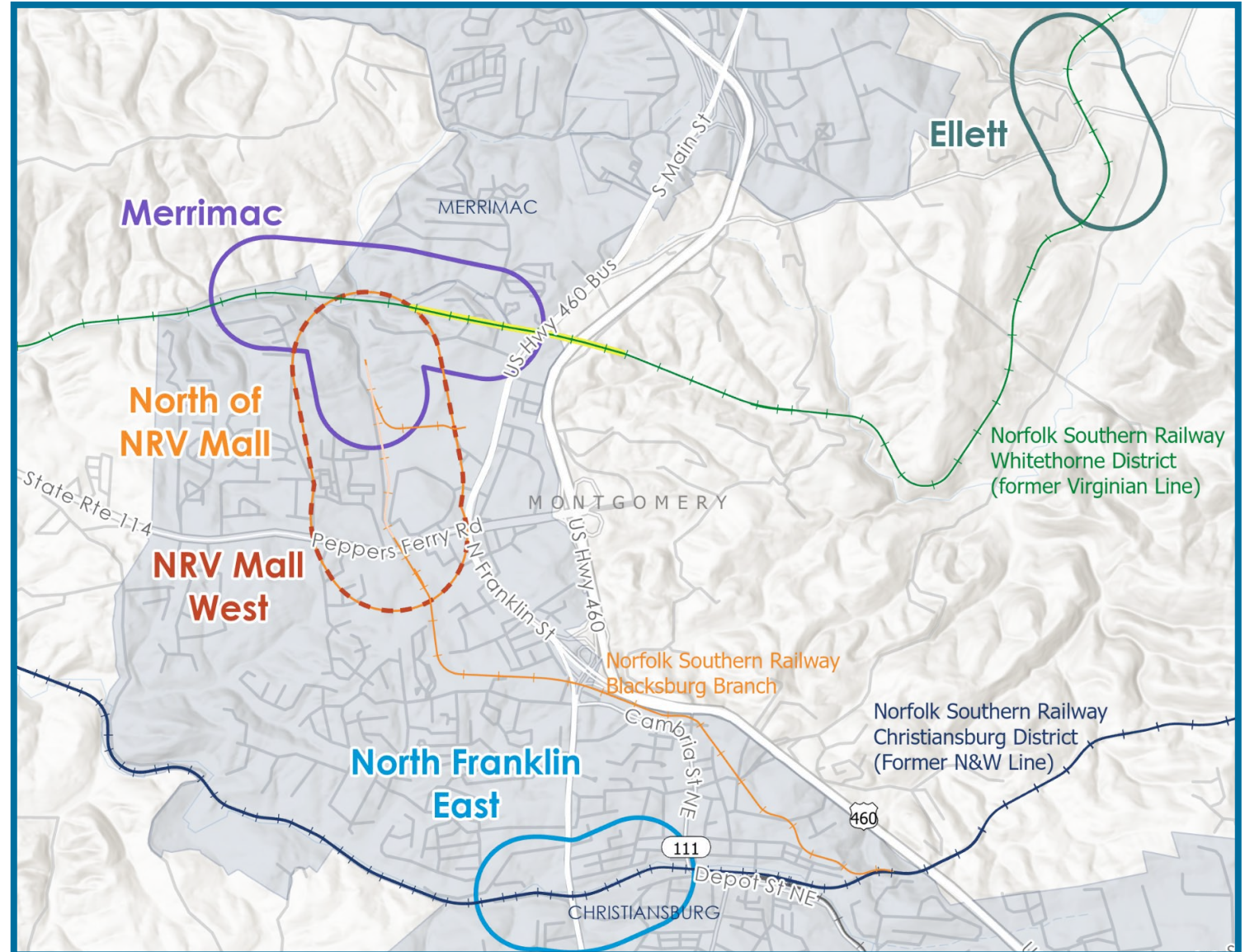
# Rail Improvements Necessary for NRV Extension



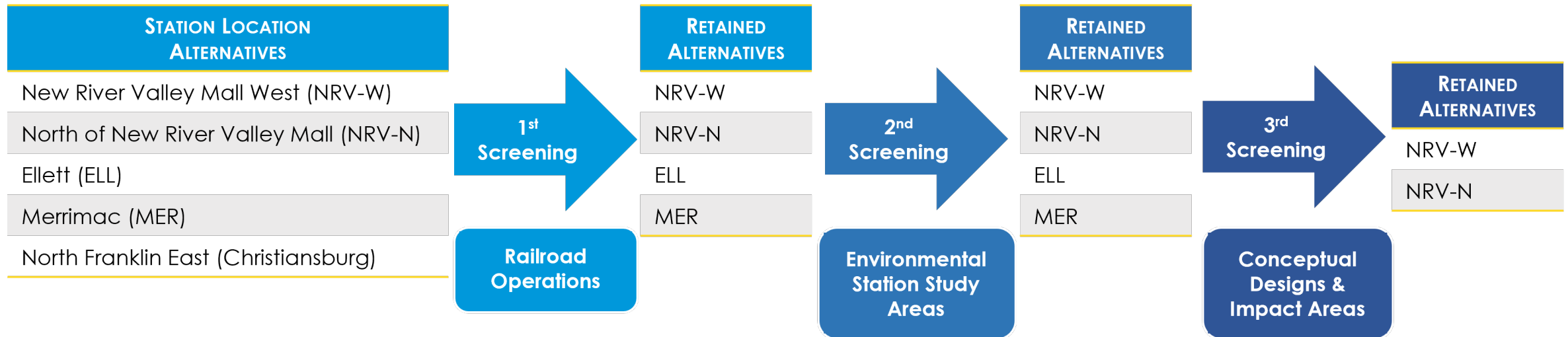
# Feasibility Study Areas Locations Considered

## Locations

- North or NRV Mall (NRV-N)
- NRV Mall West (NRV-W)
- Merrimac
- Ellett
- North Franklin East



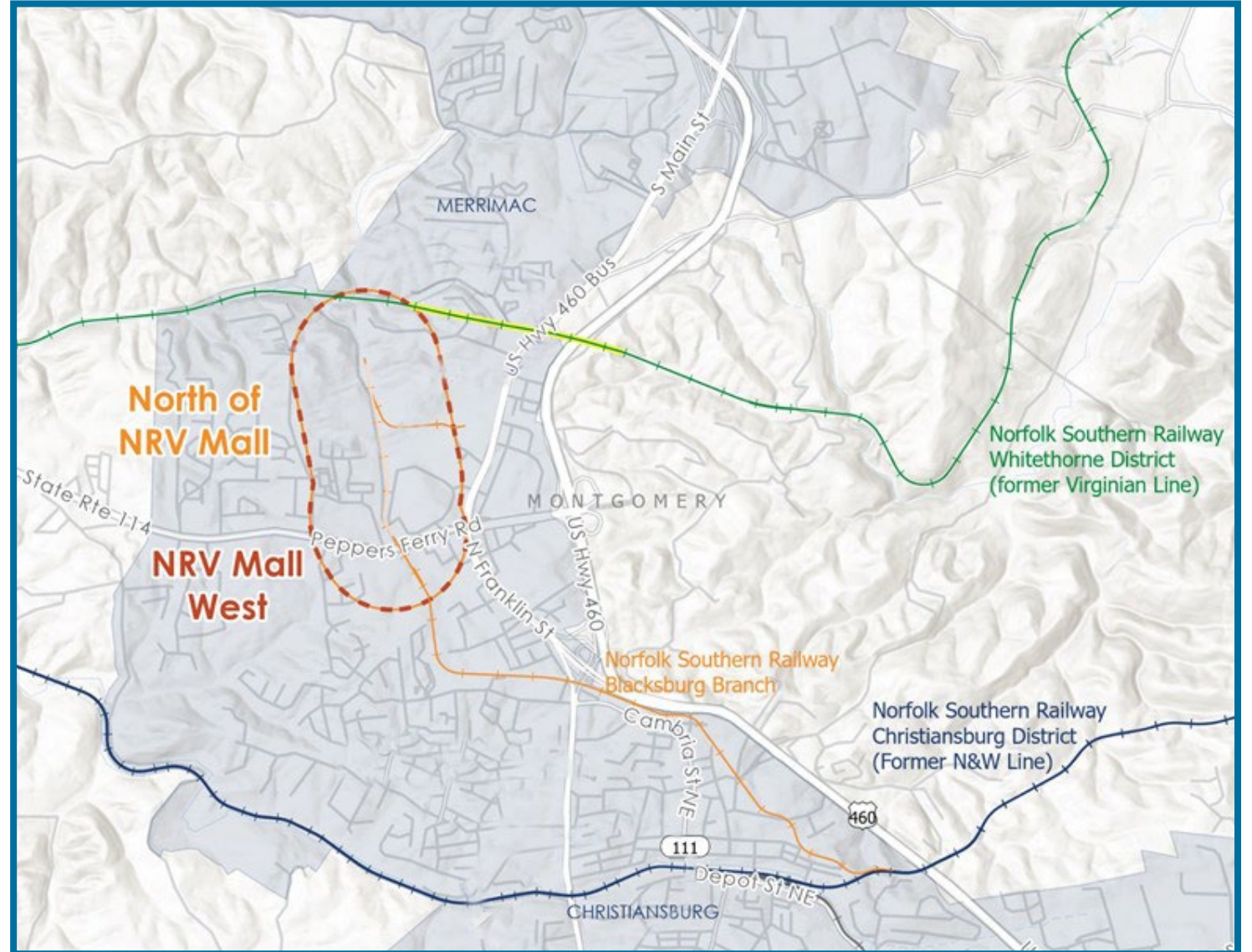
# Feasibility Study Screening Results



# Feasibility Study Findings

## Preferred Alternatives

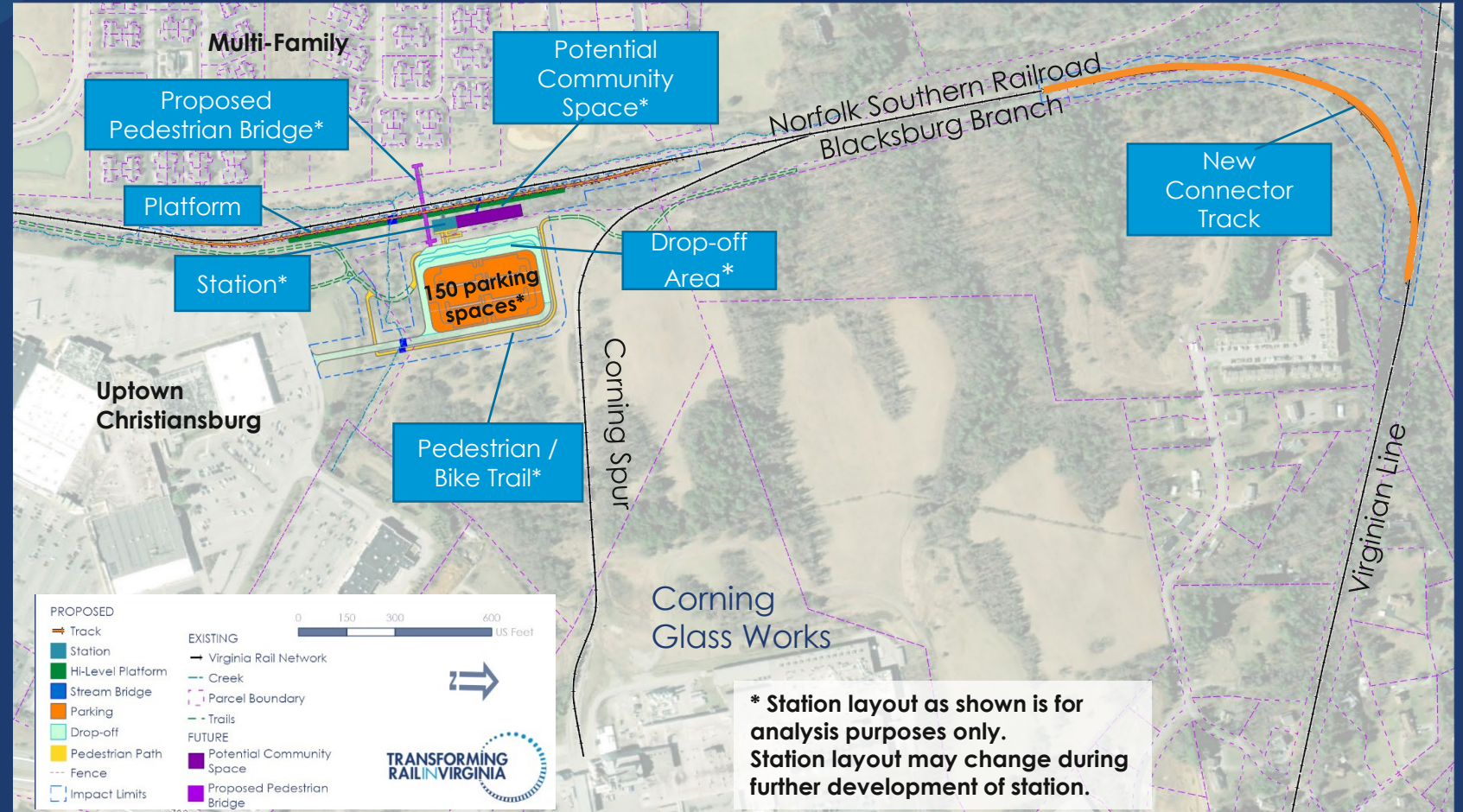
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# NRV Passenger Rail Projects Within NRV MPO Boundary

## NRV Passenger Rail Platform, Support Infrastructure, and Connector Track

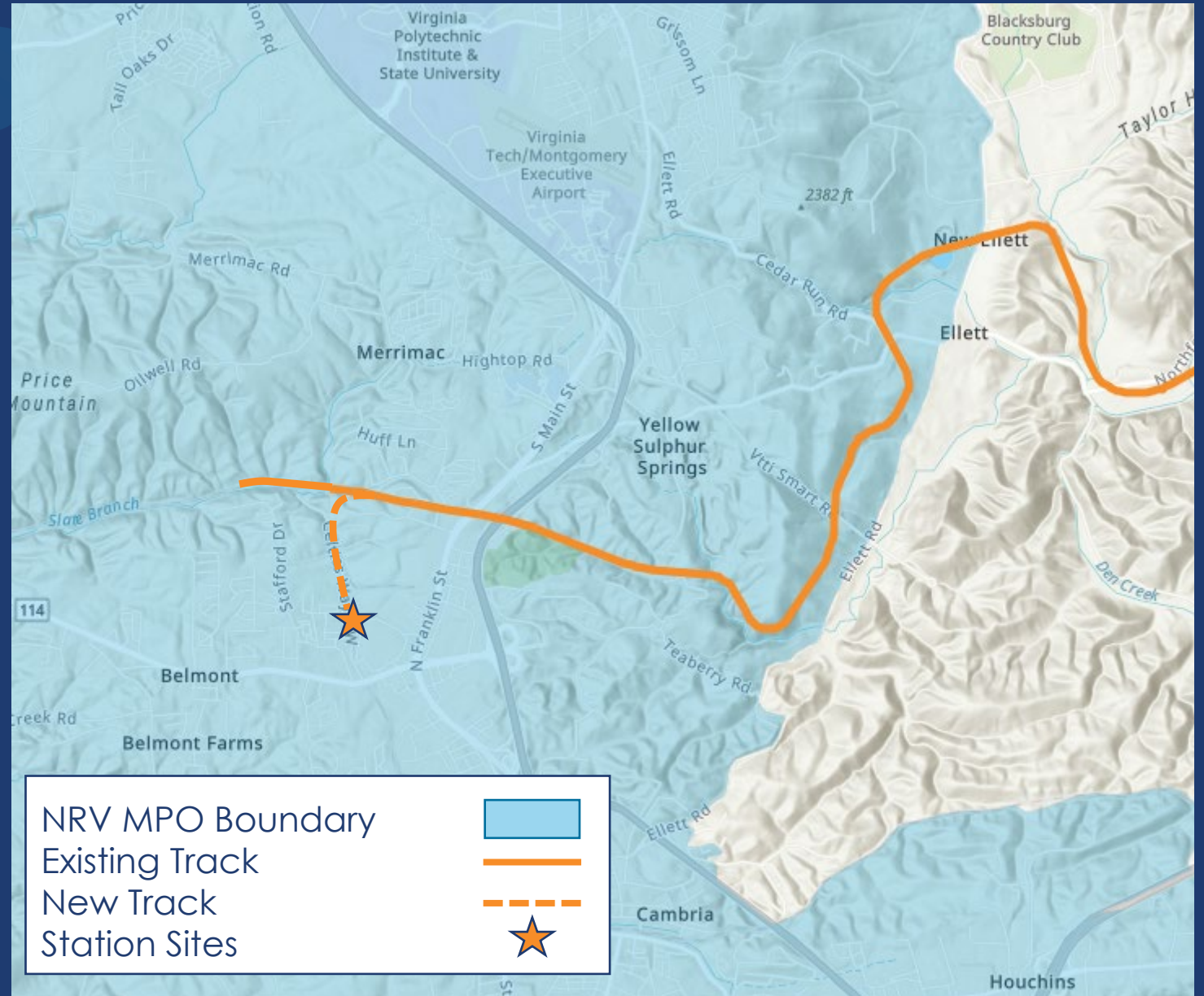
- Construction of a platform and connector track to allow passenger trains to reach proposed station site location.
- **Cost:** \$31.2M
- **Funding Source:** I-81 Funds



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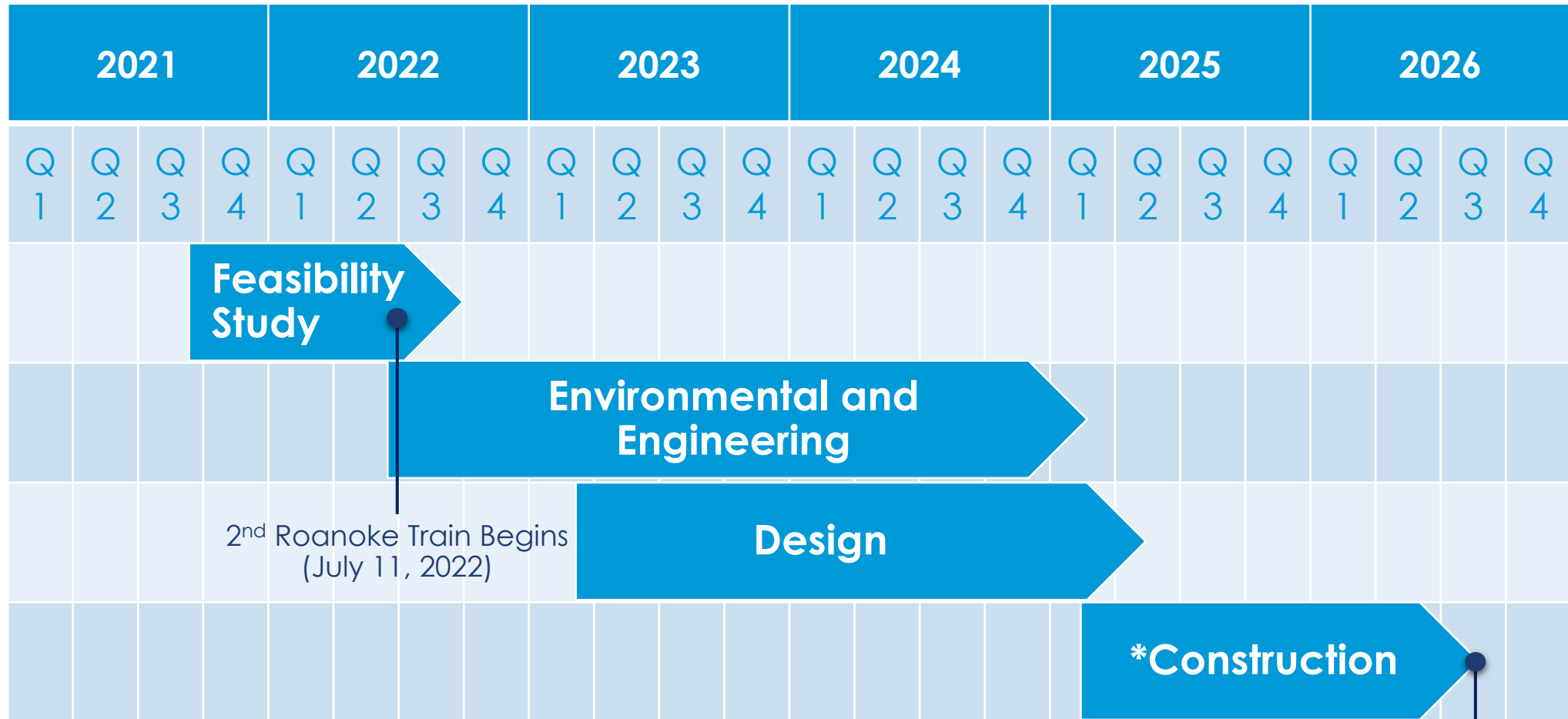
## Virginian Line (V-Line) Improvements

- Rail infrastructure improvements required by regulatory agencies to support passenger rail service to and from the NRV.
- **Total Cost:** \$43M
- **Cost within NRV MPO Boundary:** \$9.9M
- **Funding Source:** Commonwealth Rail Fund (CRF).





# Next Steps – NRV Project Timeline



\*Timeline does not include NRV Station Building or related enhancements  
 Proposed Station Building estimated completion timeline TBD  
 Please note that this is an estimated timeline

Platform/Canopy Opens & Service Begins

# Questions?

