



VPRA Update and Third-Party Projects Richmond Regional TPO

July 14, 2026



Transforming Rail in Virginia (TRV)

Promote, sustain, and expand the availability of passenger and commuter rail service in the Commonwealth of Virginia.



Fredericksburg – Richmond Projects

Program Highlights

RF&P Corridor

Half CSX ROW between Washington, DC and Richmond, VA (145mi) & 44 mi of track

RF&P Corridor Improvements

Phase 1

22.9 mi of new track

Phase 2

7.7 mi of new track

Legend



Passenger Stations



Existing Tracks



Phase 1



Phase 2

Crossroads Third Track (Siding F)

4.1 miles of new track

Taylorsville Third Track Siding

2.1 miles of new track

FREDERICKSBURG

SPOTSYLVANIA

Bowling Green

Lake Anna

Hanover

ASHLAND

RICHMOND
(STAPLES MILL)

RICHMOND
(MAIN STREET)

Goochland

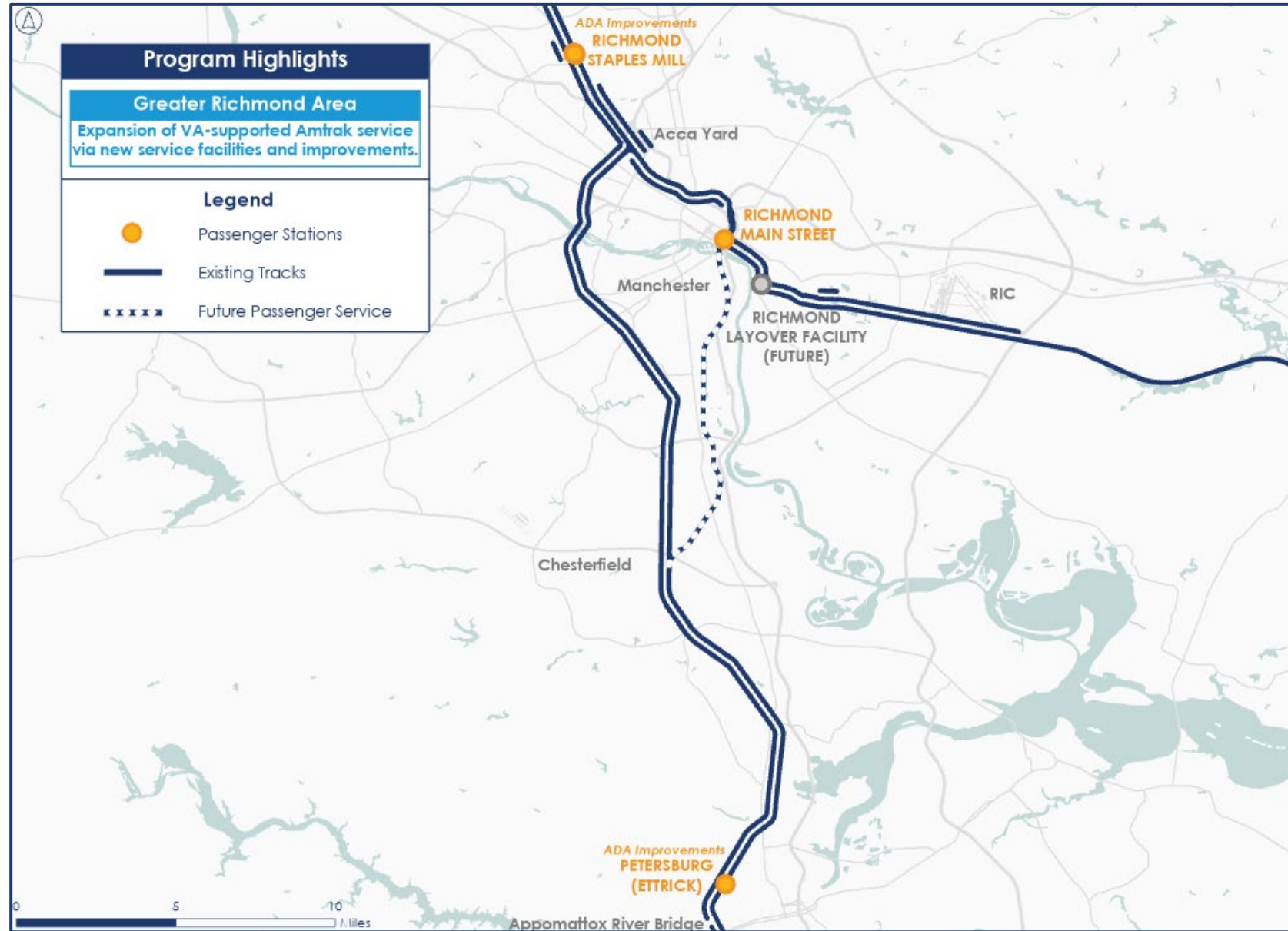
Active Projects in Richmond Region

- Taylorsville Third Track
 - Located in Hanover County
 - 3 miles of new third track
 - North of Taylorsville Rd to Doswell
 - Allow for passing movements between freight and passenger
 - Project development (60% drawings expected August 2026)
 - Substantial completion - Winter 2029
 - USACE coordination/permitting
 - Budget \$86.1M



Richmond Area Improvements

- Virginia acquired the right to extend trains originating and terminating at Staples Mill to Main Street – first extension **September 27, 2021**
- Richmond Layover Facility – at Fulton Yard to support future increased service to Richmond
- Staples Mill Station – ADA and SoGR Improvements
- Ettrick Station – ADA Improvements, Platform and Canopy reconstruction
- Ettrick Station TOD Study



Active Projects in Richmond Region

- Richmond Layover Facility at Fulton Yard
 - 3 Storage tracks
 - Servicing of Amtrak trains
 - Supports additional service to Main Street Station
 - Budget \$76.0M
 - Received \$25M BUILD Grant
 - 60% Design
 - VPRA procurement Fall 2027
 - Construction Start Spring 2028
 - Completion Q3 2030



Active Projects in Richmond Region

- Staples Mill Station
 - Improves ADA accessibility
 - Enhanced safety and reliability
 - Reconstruction of main platform and canopy
 - Reconstruction of secondary platform
 - 30% Plan Stage
 - \$15.2M for Design



Active Projects in Richmond Region

- Ettrick Station Improvements
 - Platform and canopy rehabilitation
 - Enhanced safety
 - Stormwater drainage
 - Parking lot improvements
 - 100% design stage
 - \$18.5M Budget
 - VPRA procurement Summer 2026
 - Construction Start Q4 2026
 - Completion Q1 2028



Active Projects in Richmond Region

- Ettrick Station TOD Study
 - Transit Oriented Development
 - Market analysis
 - Economic development
 - Development ideation
 - Engaging the public
 - Study schedule 12-18 months
 - \$1M Federal grant
 - Coordination with Richmond to Raleigh (R2R) 30% design

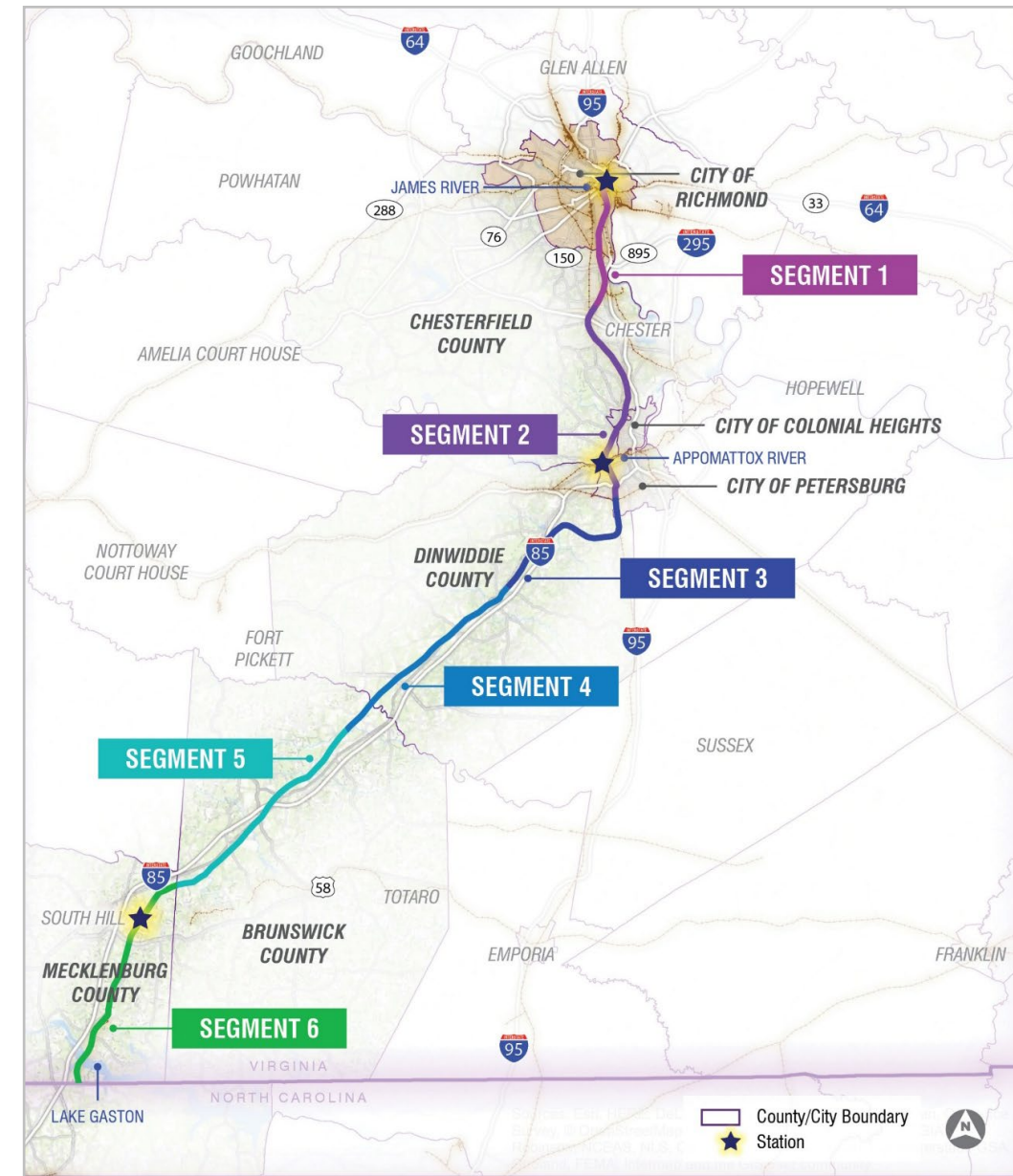


Active Projects in Richmond Region

Ettrick Station Study

Richmond to Raleigh (R2R) S-Line

- VPRA purchased the abandoned S-Line Segments 3 thru 6 as part of agreement with CSX
- In February 2026, FRA obligated the grant to NCDOT
- NCDOT will be utilizing the same four firms that VPRA identified to conduct conceptual engineering in Virginia
- The Ettrick (Petersburg) Station lies within Segment 2
- The Ettrick (Petersburg) Station Study includes a Conceptual Engineering Task to design a high-level concept for a future station to accommodate the proposed R2R S-Line





Third-Party Projects Process

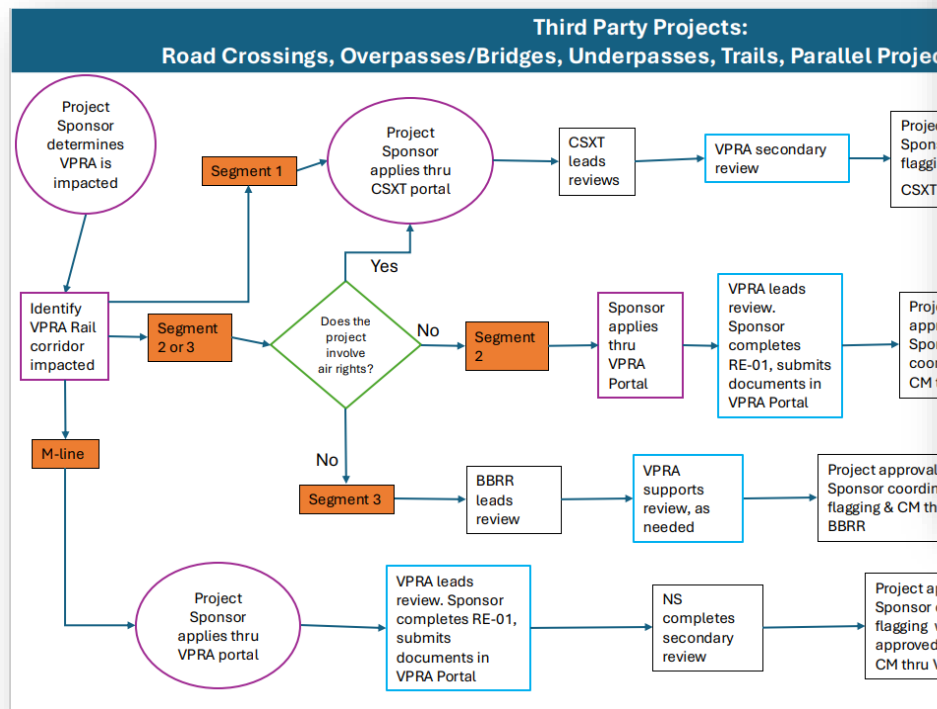
Third-Party Projects

- VPRA has a Third-Party Project Manual to guide project sponsors through the process of **planning, designing, and executing projects involving VPRA-owned or managed corridors.**
- Go to the [Third Party Projects – VPRA webpage](#) for resources for Third Party Project sponsors.
- If your locality has a project that could potentially impact or will impact railroad property owned or managed by VPRA, reach out to us at **realestate@vptra.virginia.gov**



Third-Party Projects Process

- Third Party Projects – VPRA



Related Links

- [Third Party Projects Manual](#)
- [Application Form RE-01](#)
- [A-2 OH Grade Separation data sheet Fillable Form](#)
- [A-3 UP Grade Separation data sheet Fillable Form](#)
- [A-4 At-Grade Crossing data sheet Fillable Form](#)
- [Table of Fees](#)
- [Property Portal](#)

Form RE-01
(10/2025)
VIRGINIA
PASSENGER RAIL
AUTHORITY

APPLICATION FOR THIRD PARTY PROJECT

INSTRUCTIONS

Please complete all sections below and attach all other information specified within Section 3.1 of the *Third Party Projects Manual ("TPM")* (e.g., cover letter, location map, location plan, and concept plan). At their election, Project Sponsors may include additional information that may be relevant to VPRA's evaluation of the proposed project, such as permit requirements, time-of-year restrictions, environmental impacts, and the like. Completed applications and attachments must be submitted to the Property Portal [Third Party Projects – VPRA]. Incomplete applications may lead to processing times.

If a **utility owner** looking to do installation, maintenance or relocation work, [DO NOT](#) use this FORM. Instead, please complete and submit **Form RE-02** [Utilities – VPRA].

VPRA does not charge review fees to Project Sponsors to cover the cost of reviewing a Project Sponsor's application and issuing all necessary approvals. Costs may include out-of-pocket expenses along with staff time and engineering consultant review time. A lump-sum deposit is required upon execution of the Design Review Agreement. Representative review fees can be found in Section 3.1 of the TPM.

Sponsor Information:

Organization or Agency Name:**	Street Address:	
	State:	Postal Code:

Ensure that the **exact legal name** is provided. Exclude trade names and abbreviations not found in the full legal name.

Sponsor Point of Contact:

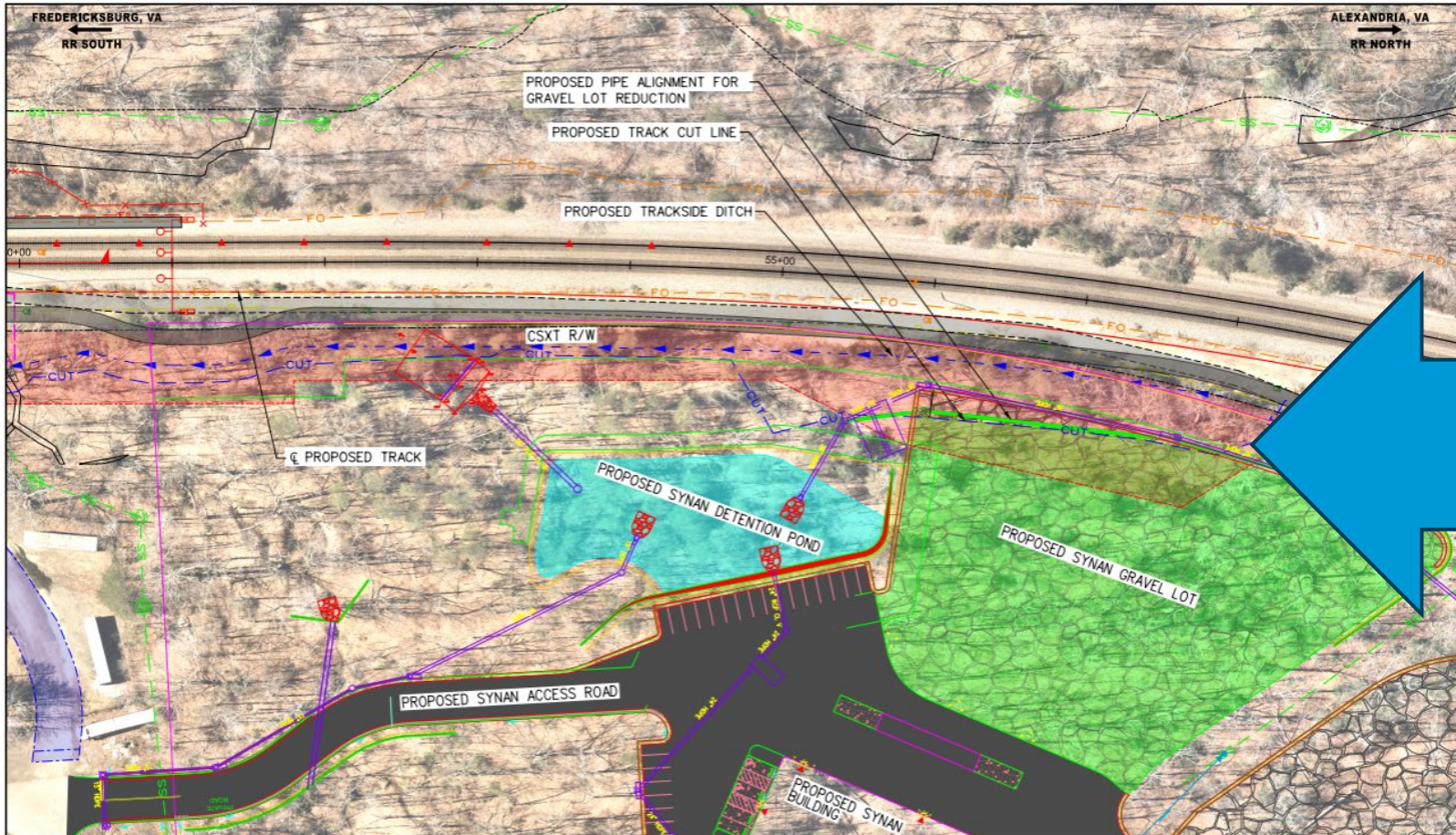
First Name:	Last Name:
Address:	Phone Number:

Company or Agency Name
(if different than Section 1):

Third-Party Projects – Example

- A developer owns/purchases a parcel adjacent to the Railroad;
- They submit a site plan to the municipality for approval:
 - Does the site plan direct stormwater toward the RR ROW?
 - Does the site plan show development up to the property line?
 - Could the construction means and methods require a crane or other equipment with the potential to foul the tracks?
 - Does the project involve public or private utilities that may impact railroad right-of-way?
- If "YES" to any of the above, early coordination with VPRA and the Railroad is required in order to determine the appropriate level of review and coordination that will facilitate the development and construction of the parcel.

Example – Approved site plan, VPRA Project will impact parking lot

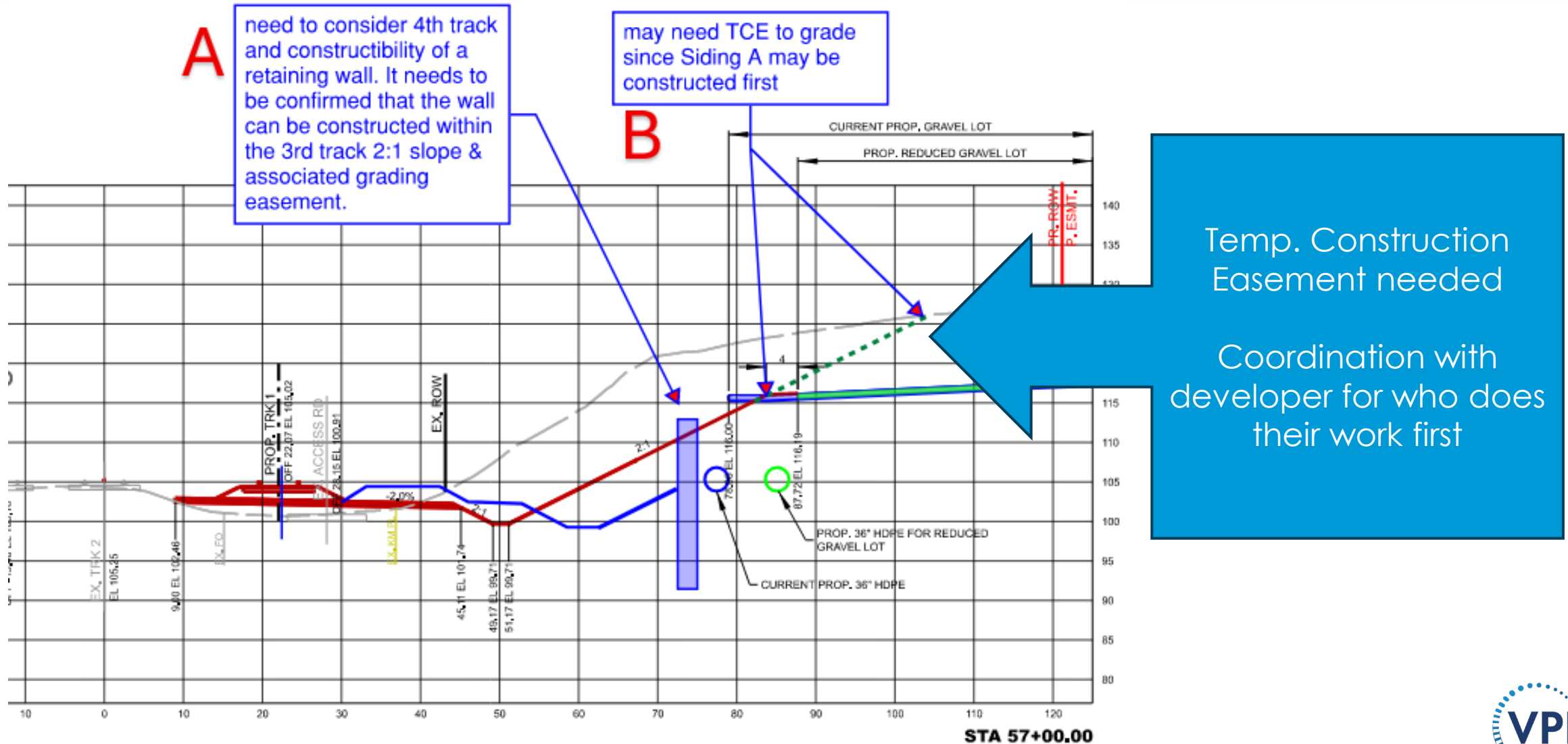


Railroad fill slope will impact the parking lot

VPRA is revising design to avoid the impact

Not always possible

Example – Railroad interface with adjacent parcel



Points of Contact

- VPRA
 - Christine Fix, Director of Planning – Christine.fix@vptra.virginia.gov 804-389-6984
 - Josh Lineberger, Real Estate Sr. Manager – Josh.lineberger@vptra.virginia.gov 804-712-6879
- Locality
 - Request contacts for:
 - Planning/Community Development
 - Public Works and Engineering
 - Stormwater Management
 - Economic Development

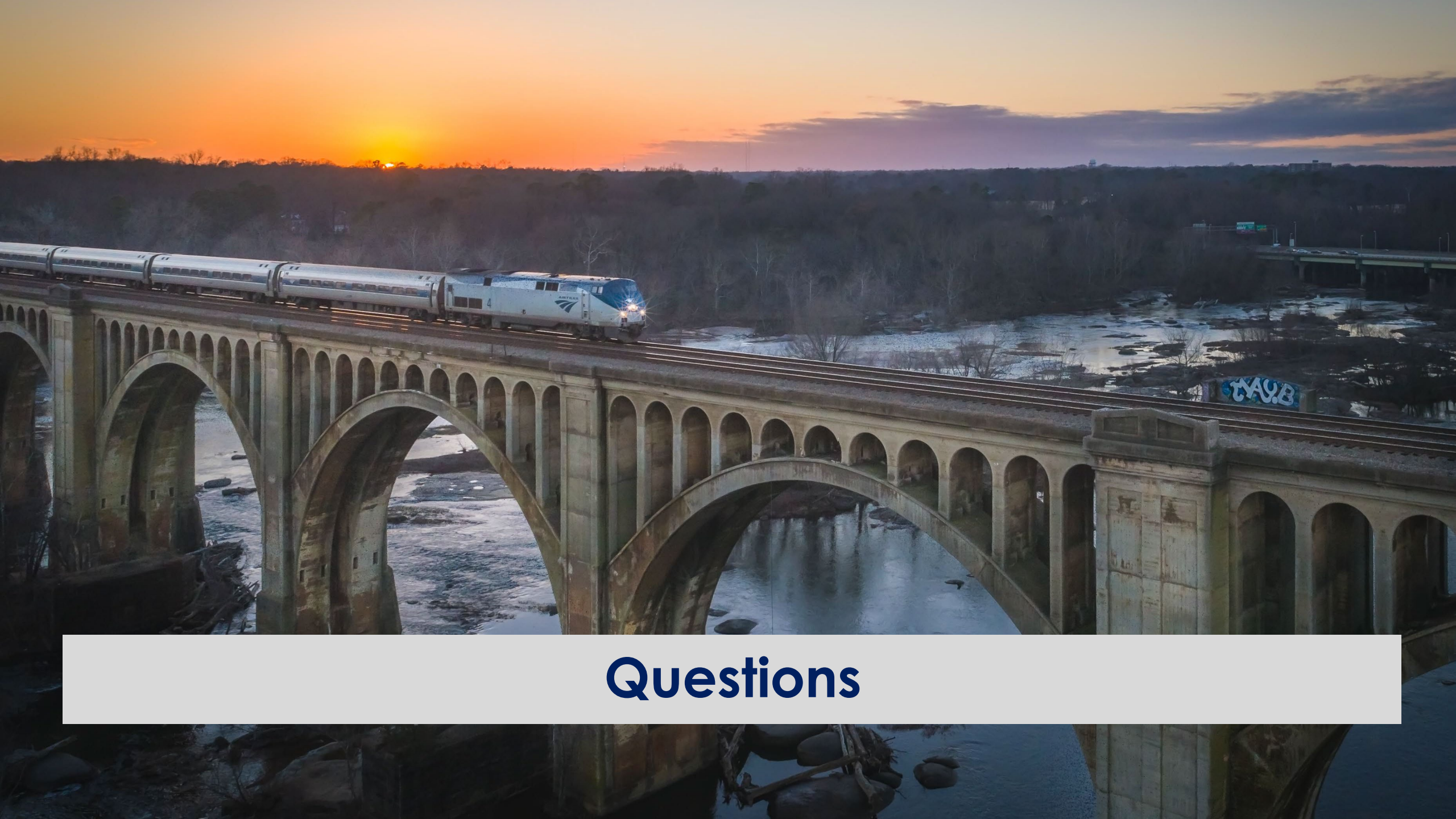


Safety

Points of Contact

- VPRA
 - Lamar Bates, Safety Director – lamar.bates@vptra.virginia.gov – 804-912-4670
- Railroads
 - CSX - 800-232-0144
 - NS - 800-453-2530
 - Notify railroad immediately regarding anything on or near railroad tracks. On-scene responders should give dispatch the railroad 800 number and crossing identification number in emergencies.
 - [Operation Lifesaver - oli.org](http://OperationLifesaver.org)





Questions