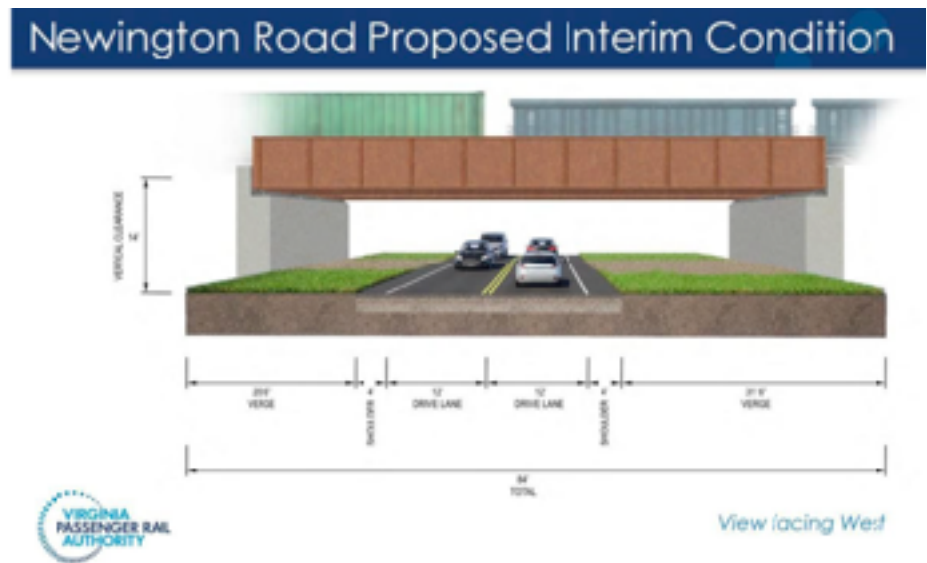




**Resolution supporting the inclusion of a shared-use pathway
under the planned Newington Road Railway Bridge**

Whereas, the current CSX Railway Bridge over Newington Road was constructed in 1932, when vehicle traffic was low and automobiles were much smaller,

Whereas, traffic under the bridge is limited to one lane so signage and painted lines inform drivers to take turns passing underneath, often leading to lines of traffic on either side,



Whereas, traffic backups on the western side continue on to Loisdale Drive and impact traffic from the nearby Interstate 95 interchange,

Whereas, the Newington neighborhood has been closely tied to rail travel as a train station operated on the former Newington estate, the name given the second Truro Parish Glebe House, from 1872 to 1971,

Whereas, in November 2020, the Federal Railroad Administration (FRA) awarded \$14.42 million from the Federal-State Partnership State of Good Repair program to the Virginia Department of Rail and Public Transportation (DRPT) to replace the Newington Road bridge,

Whereas, the Newington Road bridge project was considered critical and expected to cost \$37 million overall,

Whereas, the project was submitted as part of Virginia's Transforming Rail in Virginia initiative, launched in December 2019, and the DRPT contributed an additional \$10 million toward the project,

Whereas, the project became part of the Franconia to Lorton Third Track Project currently underway as part of the build out of rail lines across Northern Virginia ahead of the completion of the new Long Bridge over the Potomac River in Washington, DC,

Whereas, the new bridge will be built adjacent to the existing bridge and accommodate four lines of rail travel while also allowing Newington Road to cross underneath with two lanes of uninterrupted travel and additional space for possible growth when completed,

Whereas, the Virginia Department of Transportation, in coordination with the Fairfax County Department of Transportation has completed design for the new bridge, creating a Proposed Interim Condition and a Proposed Ultimate Condition,

Whereas, the Virginia Passenger Rail Authority (VPRA) presented both designs at the Fairfax County Rail Improvement Projects Community Advisory Group Meeting on June 2nd, 2026,

Whereas, draft agreements currently under development would allow VPRA to construct the interim two-lane roadway and VDOT to advance only partial design of a shared-use path, with Fairfax County responsible for future design completion and construction. As proposed, the roadway would reopen following significant disruption to the community without addressing existing multimodal deficiencies,

Whereas, a Joint Communication was sent on May 7th, 2026, by Virginia Delegates Kathy KL Tran and Garret McGuire and Fairfax County Board of Supervisors Chair Jeffrey McKay and Mount Vernon Supervisor Daniel Storck expressing support for a shared-use path to be included in the initial construction with the Fairfax County Department of Transportation helping to identify additional funding,

Whereas, on May 21, 2026, a response from the VPRA to the Joint Communication tied the decision on a shared-use pathway on Fairfax County & VDOT to identify funding for such construction, not wishing to delay design or construction further,

Whereas, the response further seeks input from local communities, specifically those to the immediate west of the bridge along Newington Road,

Whereas, those communities collectively form the NewingtonVA.org community association, a permanent member of the South County Federation since April 2017,

Therefore, Be It Resolved, that the South County Federation, in representing the local community served by this roadway, respectfully joins in this request for additional funding to be identified to provide a shared-use path as part of the initial Proposed Interim Condition. This path should connect from Loisdale Road to the existing sidewalk structure on Newington Road just east of the bridge.

Be it further resolved, that the shared-use pathway be along the south side of the two-lane road for the entirety of the interim condition, and that adequate lighting and safeguards be taken for safe pedestrian use.

Be it further resolved that copies of this resolution will be sent to the Virginia Department of Transportation, Fairfax County Department of Transportation, Virginia Passenger Rail Authority, and NewingtonVA.org community association.



President

9/8/2026

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