

**SOUTHEAST HIGH SPEED RAIL
WASHINGTON, D.C. TO RICHMOND, VIRGINIA
TIER II FINAL ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT
AND
FINAL SECTION 4(f) EVALUATION**

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This Tier II Final Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) defines existing and future transportation conditions and needs within the 123-mile railroad corridor from Washington, D.C. to Richmond, Virginia (DC2RVA); identifies the selection of a Preferred Alternative that will address those needs; evaluates the potential effects of the Preferred Alternative on the natural and human environments; and identifies commitments to mitigate unavoidable adverse impacts. This Final EIS incorporates by text and reference information presented in the Tier II Draft EIS for the Project that was approved by the Federal Railroad Administration on August 30, 2017. The DC2RVA corridor is part of the larger Southeast High Speed Rail (SEHSR) corridor which extends from Washington, D.C. to Charlotte, North Carolina. A Tier I evaluation of the SEHSR Corridor was completed in 2002.

FRA will prepare and submit a Record of Decision for the Project after a 30-day review period following publication of this Final EIS.

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Copies of this Tier II Final Environmental Impact Statement and supporting technical information may be found on the Project website at www.DC2RVARail.com.