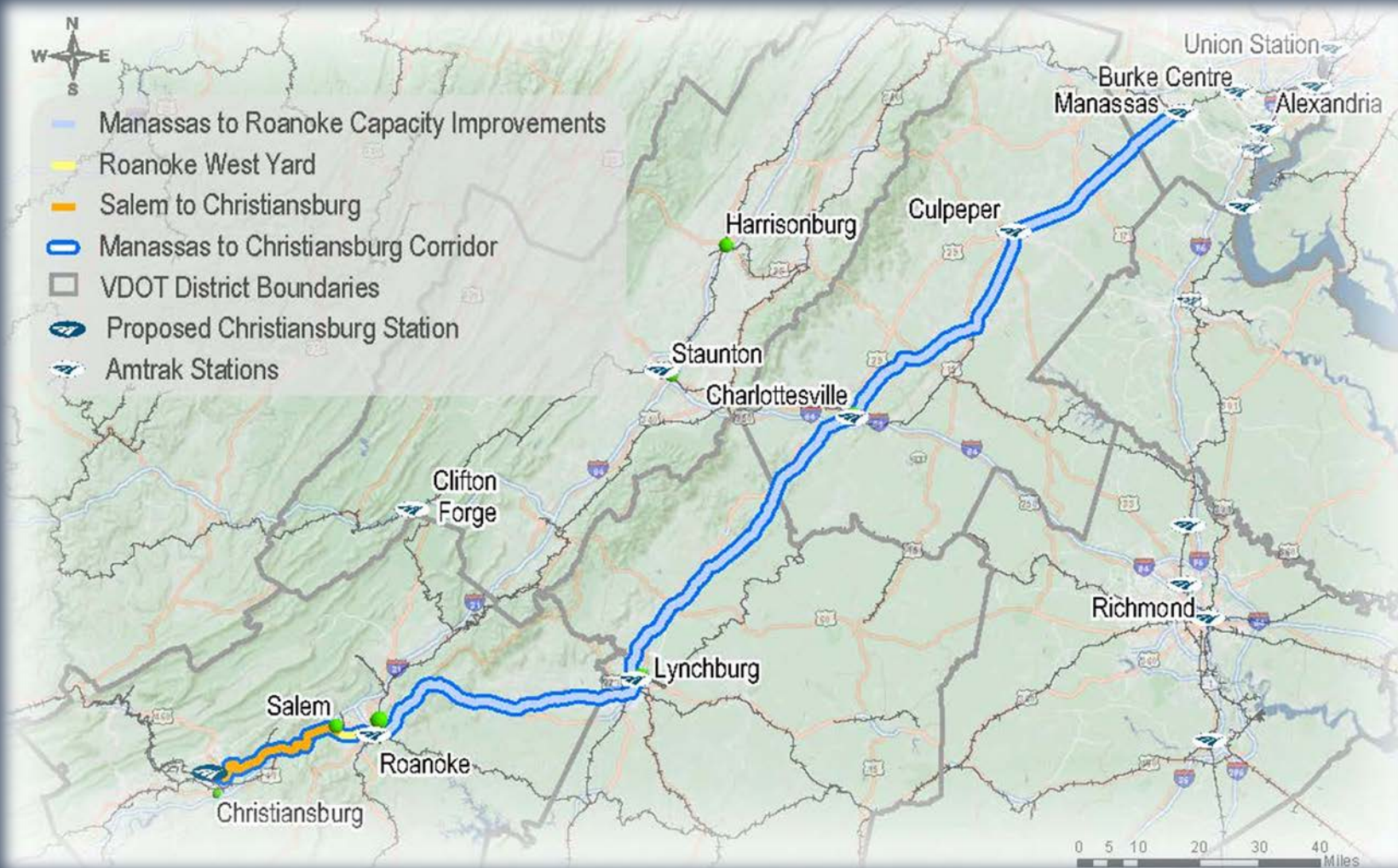


# **INTERCITY PASSENGER RAIL SERVICE EXPANSION: US 29 / I-81 CORRIDOR**

Board Consideration of Potential  
Project for SMART SCALE Evaluation

# Proposed Project Overview



**Rail capacity improvements along the Norfolk Southern corridor to—**

**Add second round-trip between DC and Roanoke, and**

**Extend service to the New River Valley.**

# Proposed Project Outcomes



- Additional Round Trip Serving Burke, Manassas, Culpeper, Charlottesville, Lynchburg and Roanoke (NB afternoon departure from Roanoke; SB morning departure from DC)
- Extend Service to New River Valley
- Total of Two Roundtrips from Christiansburg into the Northeast Corridor – 80,000 new riders estimated to be added to a route that had 220,000 riders in 2019.

# | Proposed Funding Request |

- Applying for \$50M of funding through the SMART SCALE process
- Total project cost is subject to completion of successful negotiation with Norfolk-Southern
- Other potential funding sources include—
  - \$50M in one-time General Fund dollars included in Governor Northam's proposed budget amendments
  - Commonwealth Rail Fund
  - Interstate 81 Corridor Improvement Program
  - Federal grants

## Board Consideration

- **Board policy allows the CTB to submit two projects for evaluation in SMART SCALE**
- **Request to Board is to submit the potential Intercity Passenger Rail Service Expansion: US29/I-81 Corridor project for evaluation with a funding request of \$50M**
- **Retain ability to advance concept over the next year**
- **Submitting the project for evaluation does not determine if a project will ultimately be funded but allows it be eligible for funding through SMART SCALE**