Rail by Bike – Cue Sheet

Begin at the Virginia Museum of Transportation, 303 Norfolk Ave SW

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The Virginia Museum of Transportation moved to its present location, a Norfolk & Western freight station from 1918, after the flood of 1985 damaged its former home in the Wasena station.

West on Rail Walk to Salem Ave SW

Left on 1st Street SW/ Henry St NW

Right on Centre Ave NW

Right on Jefferson Ave NW

Left on Shenandoah Ave NE

O. Winston Link Museum, 101 Shenandoah Ave NE

O. Winston Link documented mountains and steam engines in western Virginia from 1955-1960. The former Norfolk & Western passenger station includes a gift shop, two museums, and the Roanoke Valley Visitor Center.

Right on Williamson Rd NE

Left on Campbell Ave SE

Boiler Shop, 700 Campbell Ave SE

FreightCar America has built rail cars for over a century. Engines were once manufactured here too. One end of the building is 1 ½ stories taller than the rest of the building, tall enough to hang the boiler.

Right on 8th St SE

Right on Tazewell Ave SE
Left on 4th St SE

At Elm St SE use the pedestrian signals west of 4th St SE at the I-581 ramps to cross the south side of Elm St SE. Return to 4th St SE and continue south.

Right on Albemarle Ave SE

Left on Mill Mountain Greenway / Williamson Rd SE

**Virginian Station**, 1402 S Jefferson St

*Built in 1909, the Virginian passenger station was nearly destroyed by fire in 2001. The $2.3 million restoration was completed in 2016.*

Right on Jefferson ST SW

Right on Walnut Ave SE

Right on Hamilton Terrace SE

Right on Piedmont St SE

Left on Roanoke River Greenway

**Wasena Park**, 802 Wiley Dr SW

*The Virginia Museum of Transportation started out in Wasena Park. After the flood of 1985 damaged the museum, the building sat vacant until 2015, when it was renovated into a restaurant named for the “Green Goat” electric-diesel hybrid locomotive.*

Continue on the trail across the Memorial Ave bridge. After crossing the Roanoke River again, turn right on 17th St SW.

Left on Cleveland Ave SW

Right on 18th St SW

Left on Westport Ave SW

Continue west on Westport Ave SW into the parking lot at the top of the hill for an excellent view.

**Roundhouse and hump yard**
From the top of the hill you can see the turn table, all that is left of the old roundhouse. In the hump yard, trains were sorted by destination using a gentle slope and many branching tracks. This hump yard, closed in 2013, has 54 parallel tracks.

Return east on Westport Ave SW
Right on 18th St SW
Left on Salem Ave SW
Left on 10th St NW
On the 10th St bridge, stop a moment to observe the hump yard to the west.
Right on Loudon Ave NW
Right on 5th St NW
On the 5th St bridge, take a moment to observe the rails below.
Left on Norfolk Ave SW.