



CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S REPORT

June 2009

MONTHLY DELAY SUMMARY

	February	March	April	May
System wide				
Total delays	36	84	45	50
Average length of delay (mins.)	17	21	15	15
Number over 30 minutes	4	14	4	2
Days with Heat Restrictions/Total days	0/19	0/22	2/22	0/20
On-Time Performance	93.5%	86.8%	92.9%	91.4%
Fredericksburg Line				
Total delays	19	49	21	33
Average length of delay (mins.)	17	21	15	18
Number over 30 minutes	2	10	1	2
On-Time Performance	92.3%	82.9%	92.7%	87.3%
Manassas Line				
Total delays	17	35	24	17
Average length of delay (mins.)	16	21	15	11
Number over 30 minutes	2	4	3	0
On-Time Performance	94.4%	90.1%	93.2%	94.7%

SYSTEM RIDERSHIP

The total number of May trips in 2009 was 3.5% higher than in May 2008. There were nearly 500 more passengers this May compared to last May. We had one day over 17,000 trips and five days over 16,000 trips, showing that ridership growth is leveling off. The year-to-date gain through May in ridership was 6.3%.

SYSTEM ON TIME PERFORMANCE

System on time performance for May was still over 90% on-time. We have experienced over 90% on-time performance for four out of the five calendar months this year. However, OTP on the Fredericksburg Line dropped slightly below 90%. Only 10% of the delays were mechanical and 50% were related to train interference.

OPERATIONS AND MAINTENANCE CONTRACT

On May 8th, VRE issued the RFP for operating and maintenance services. A two-day mandatory pre-proposal meeting and site visit was held on Friday, May 29th and Saturday, May 30th. Sixteen companies attended the meetings. The first day included a review of the solicitation,

VRE office tour, and visit to the Ivy City facility. The second day included a full tour of the coach yards at Broad Run and Crossroads. Proposals are due on July 31st at 10:00am.

STIMULUS FUNDING

VRE submitted an application for locomotive funding to the FTA on May 22nd under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) Transit Investments for Greenhouse Gas and Energy Reduction (TIGGER) program. A total of \$21.9 million was requested for the purchase of six additional replacement locomotives. The application demonstrated potential annual fuel savings of approximately 117,000 gallons and a 1,000 metric ton annual reduction in CO2 equivalent emissions if six of the existing locomotives are replaced with new equipment.

BROOKE PARKING EXPANSION UPDATE

Work on the Brooke station parking expansion resumed when the owner of the affected property allowed VRE to re-enter the site to complete the Phase II environmental study. Field work is scheduled to be completed the week of June 15th. The environmental consultant will then draft a Phase I/Phase II combined report for submittal to FTA. The report will take approximately two months to complete, with an additional 1-2 months review time by FTA. At that point, VRE can include a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) that Phase III data recovery efforts will be performed prior to the start of construction. The MOA will allow the environmental document to be cleared so that design and right of way acquisition may begin using federal funds.

SPOTSYLVANIA PUBLIC MEETINGS

On June 11th Spotsylvania Board members will be holding a public meeting to discuss transportation, the 2% gas tax and VRE. Stephen MacIsaac, Al Harf, Mark Roeber and I will attend at the request of Supervisor Logan of Spotsylvania County. I will brief the Operations Board on the public meeting at the June 19th Operations Board meeting.

BURKE CENTRE STATION PLATFORM EXTENSION

The Burke Centre station platform extension project started construction on June 8, 2009. The Contractor, Grunley Walsh U.S., LLC, will extend the existing platform and canopy 200 feet to the west/south (behind parking garage). The surface parking lot to the west of the garage will be closed for six months, beginning on June 1, 2009. This area will be used for construction staging, equipment, and material storage. Riders will need to use the parking garage or the surface parking lot near the baseball field during this time.

BROAD RUN MAINTENANCE FACILITY

Construction of the Broad Run maintenance facility began on May 11, 2009. Construction will be completed in three phases: Phase I (open graded area for storage and parking); Phase II (utility installation within yard); and Phase III (S&I building construction). The work is expected to be completed in March 2010. At that time, VRE will have a new Service and Inspection building as well as lengthened tracks to store longer train sets. Plans for a train wash are currently also being developed for the Broad Run yard.

VRE ON TWITTER

VRE has entered the world of social networking. Several months ago, VRE's Facebook page was introduced, followed now by Twitter. Twitter, www.twitter.com, is a free site that allows VRE to provide service information along with other news such as upcoming events. Riders must register to receive VRE updates and tell us which type of device they would like the updates sent to. Standard text message rates will apply if messages are sent to a phone.

MANASSAS RAILWAY FESTIVAL

On Saturday, June 6th Historic Manassas Inc. hosted the 15th Annual Manassas Heritage Railway Festival from 10:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. at the historic Old Town Manassas train depot. Admission was free. Festivities included VRE excursion rides; model railroads; and adult stage featuring live bluegrass and country bands. Children's events were also provided and included professional entertainers and local talent, Thomas the Tank Engine Kiddie Train, kid's rides and face painting. VRE's excursion rides were offered every hour on the hour beginning at 11:00 a.m., with the last excursion ride departing at 3:00 p.m. The ride, which ran round-trip between Manassas and Clifton lasted about 35 minutes and cost \$6 (children under the age of two rode for free). Tickets were sold by Historic Manassas and VRE fees were paid up-front.

MEET THE MANAGEMENT

The annual "Meet the Management" events are on-going. The following schedule provides a list of remaining dates and locations.

June 17	Manassas Park	(am)	July 15	Rolling Road	(am)
June 24	Quantico	(am)	July 22	Woodbridge	(am)
July 1	Burke Centre	(am)	July 29	Backlick Rd.	(am)
July 8	Rippon	(am)	August 5	Lorton	(am)

MONTHLY PERFORMANCE MEASURES – MAY 2009

MONTHLY ON-TIME PERFORMANCE	ON-TIME PERCENTAGE
May Fredericksburg OTP Average	87.3%
May Manassas OTP Average	94.7%
VRE MAY OVERALL OTP AVERAGE	91.4%

RIDERSHIP YEAR TO DATE	RIDERSHIP
VRE FY 2009 Passenger Totals	3,508,820
VRE FY 2008 Passenger Totals	3,300,410
PERCENTAGE CHANGE	6.3%

RIDERSHIP MONTH TO MONTH COMPARISON	
DESCRIPTION	MONTHLY RIDERSHIP
MAY 2009	15,452
MAY 2008	14,926
PERCENTAGE CHANGE	3.5%
SERVICE DAYS (CURRENT/PRIOR)	20/20