



CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S REPORT

March 2009

MONTHLY DELAY SUMMARY

	November	December	January	February
System wide				
Total delays	99	75	39	36
Average length of delay (mins.)	16	14	21	17
Number over 30 minutes	7	3	7	4
Days with Heat Restrictions/Total days	0/17	0/19	0/18	0/19
On-Time Performance	80.6%	86.5%	93.1%	93.5%
Fredericksburg Line				
Total delays	60	47	21	19
Average length of delay (mins.)	15	15	22	17
Number over 30 minutes	3	2	4	2
On-Time Performance	73.8%	81.4%	91.8%	92.3%
Manassas Line				
Total delays	39	28	18	17
Average length of delay (mins.)	17	14	21	16
Number over 30 minutes	4	1	3	2
On-Time Performance	86.1%	90.8%	94.2%	94.4%

SYSTEM RIDERSHIP

The total number of February trips in 2009 was 7.4% higher than in February 2008. The year-to-date gain through February in ridership was 7.3%. The growth in ridership is slowing when compared to previous months. Year-to-date growth in November was 11.8%, December was 9.1% and January was 8.1%. With improving on-time performance, the reasons for the decline are hard to pin point. With the potential increase in federal transit benefit from \$120 to \$230 in the coming months, VRE will hopefully see an uptick in ridership.

SYSTEM ON TIME PERFORMANCE

VRE achieved 90% on-time performance for both lines in January and February, two months in a row. This is the first time that VRE has had back to back months of 90% on-time performance since November/December 2006. The renewed emphasis on VRE's mechanical maintenance and the railroads' attention to switch and signal issues has improved VRE's performance over the last two months.

2009 LEGISLATIVE SESSION

Results from the 2009 state legislative session are as follows:

Senate Bill 1066 (Puller) passed, prohibiting the use of counterfeit tickets or riding out of zone. It passed both Chambers unanimously and now awaits the Governor's signature.

A budget Amendment provision passed in both HB 1600 and SB 850. The respective budget bills allow VRE to secure and utilize a third party to manage the Insurance Trust Fund.

House Bill 2100 (Ebbin,) making it illegal to cross the tracks when a warning sign is down, did not pass. It made it out of the House Transportation Committee and the subcommittee, which were impressive first steps. When it reached the full House, a late challenge by Delegate Putney to the necessity of such a measure, turned the tables. The bill was defeated 55-43 in the House. Delegates Jackson Miller, Hugo and Bob Marshall were the lone local Republicans who supported the bill. All local Democrats voted in favor of the bill.

VRE NOW ON FACEBOOK

VRE has joined the social networking age! VRE has joined Facebook to provide an alternative, less formalized way to share train information. To see upcoming events, what's going on at VRE, chat on our discussion board, or engage in discussion topics with VRE and fellow riders, please visit <http://www.facebook.com/pages/Virginia-Railway-Express/53836370185>.

BURKE CENTRE PLATFORM CONSTRUCTION TO BEGIN SOON

Riders using the Burke Centre station will soon have a lot more elbow room as they wait for the train. Construction of a 200-foot long platform extension with a canopy is set to begin later this month. The platform will be located at the south end of the existing platform, behind the recently constructed parking garage. It is expected that construction will last about six months. The existing platform and parking garage will remain open and operating as usual, with minimal disruptions to accessibility. Once construction begins, the western most surface parking lot (128 spaces) will be closed to commuters for the duration of the construction period.

SECOND PLATFORM AT WOODBRIDGE TAKING SHAPE

Construction on the highly anticipated second platform at the Woodbridge station began in November and is on schedule with utilities identified and the concrete foundations for the pedestrian bridge and elevator tower poured. One of the more complicated aspects of the project, which will involve shifting the tracks westward in order to accommodate the new platform and an intertrack fence, is currently being coordinated with CSX. That phase, which is

expected to occur in late spring or early summer, will last approximately one week and will likely cause slight disruptions to service for a few days.

Once complete, the second 600-foot long platform with a canopy will run along the west side of the station and will be connected to the existing parking garage via a 142-foot long overhead pedestrian bridge. A new stair and elevator tower will allow commuters to access the new platform directly from Route 1 via a kiss and ride entrance, which will be constructed as part of this project. The second platform is scheduled for completion by fall 2009.

MEET THE MANAGEMENT BEGINS AGAIN

Our annual “Meet the Management” events will start up again in April. The following schedule provides a list of dates and locations.

April 1	Union Station (pm)	June 10	Brooke (am)
April 8	L’Enfant (pm)	June 17	Manassas Park (am)
April 15	Crystal City (pm)	June 24	Quantico (am)
April 22	Alexandria (pm)	July 1	Burke Centre (am)
April 29	Franconia-Springfield (pm)	July 8	Rippon (am)
May 13	Fredericksburg (am)	July 15	Rolling Road (am)
May 20	Broad Run (am)	July 22	Woodbridge (am)
May 27	Leeland Road (am)	July 29	Backlick Road (am)
June 3	Manassas (am)	August 5	Lorton (am)

MONTHLY PERFORMANCE MEASURES – FEBRUARY 2009

MONTHLY ON-TIME PERFORMANCE	ON-TIME PERCENTAGE
February Fredericksburg OTP Average	92.3%
February Manassas OTP Average	94.4%
VRE FEBRUARY OVERALL OTP AVERAGE	93.5%

RIDERSHIP YEAR TO DATE	RIDERSHIP
VRE FY 2009 Passenger Totals	2,517,709
VRE FY 2008 Passenger Totals	2,345,892
PERCENTAGE CHANGE	7.3%

RIDERSHIP MONTH TO MONTH COMPARISON	
DESCRIPTION	MONTHLY RIDERSHIP
FEBRUARY 2009	303,116
FEBRUARY 2008	297,205
PERCENTAGE CHANGE	7.4% NORMALIZED
SERVICE DAYS (CURRENT/PRIOR)	20 / 19