



Virginia Railway Express

# News Release

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## Your Bike Goes Further with VRE, Now More than Ever

**ALEXANDRIA, VA (May 13, 2009)** – Virginia Railway Express (VRE) continues to improve bicycle access on its system. Now, you can combine the pleasure of riding your bicycle with the convenience of using VRE to get where you need to go in the greater Washington, DC metropolitan area starting this week.

On Friday, May 15, 2009, VRE will begin to allow commuters on both the Fredericksburg and Manassas lines to bring their full size bikes with them on select trains (folding bikes are already allowed on all trains). Riders may bring bikes on the last three northbound morning trains, the mid-day train, and the last three southbound trains in the evening on both lines. VRE railcars are equipped with a convenient storage space to keep bicycles safe during transport. For Rules and Regulations, please read the updated VRE policy on the link provided below.

### At the Station

- There is no additional fare charge for bikes.
- Riding bikes anywhere in the station areas is strictly prohibited.
- Prepare to board the train at the north end of the station.
- Bicycles must board and detrain after all other passengers.

### On the Train

- Bikes are permitted on the final three northbound trains during morning service, the mid-day train, and the final three southbound evening trains on each line. For exact train numbers and schedules please refer to the link provided below.
- Bicycles must always be properly secured and stowed during transport on trains.

Information as provided above highlights general policies and conditions for commuters wishing to bring their bicycles on a commuter train, but VRE recommends that any bicyclist who is interested in bringing their bikes with them read the comprehensive policy on the VRE web page. Click here to read all of the schedule information and storage locations on the trains: <http://www.vre.org/service/policies.html>

VRE Operations Board Chairman Chris Zimmerman noted that “ We have been working closely with WABA to find ways to broaden access for bicyclists using VRE, and I believe this is an important step toward that regional objective.”

For more information regarding VRE's new policy or any service related item, please contact Mark Roeber at [mroeber@vre.org](mailto:mroeber@vre.org) or call him directly at 703-838-5416.

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