



CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S REPORT

February 2008

MONTHLY DELAY SUMMARY

	October 07	November 07	December 07	January 08
System wide				
Total delays	63	56	75	86
Average length of delay (mins.)	18	17.8	19.4	20
Number over 30 minutes	11	9	12	13
Days with Heat Restrictions/Total days	0/22	0/19	0/20	0/21
On-Time Performance	90.10%	89.80%	86.50%	85.90%
Fredericksburg Line				
Total delays	29	28	36	51
Average length of delay (mins.)	16	21.4	17.4	20
Number over 30 minutes	4	6	5	8
On-Time Performance	89.90%	88.70%	85.60%	81.30%
Manassas Line				
Total delays	34	28	39	35
Average length of delay (mins.)	20	13.8	21.2	20
Number over 30 minutes	7	3	7	5
On-Time Performance	90.30%	90.80%	87.20%	89.60%

SYSTEM RIDERSHIP

Ridership in January 2007 increased 4.4% when compared to January 2008. This is the seventh consecutive month of growth. During the first seven months of FY 2008, the cumulative ridership has climbed 3.2%. There are now 64,182 more passenger trips than there were a year ago.

The system wide on-time performance is hovering in the 85% range. However, during January the on-time performance declined on the Fredericksburg Line from 85% to 81%; the first month in over four months that it has dropped below the mid-80s. The major cause was difficulty in receiving train orders during a three day period due to telephone line problems in Washington Union Terminal and a number of slow orders along the line. We anticipate the slow orders to lessen as CSX accomplishes track work on the line.

CSX, Amtrak, and VRE are collectively dedicated to achieving at least 90% on both lines. In January, we had 15 mechanical delays. I established a target goal of 11.3 delays per month. Although we are improving, we are not at the target yet. I'll continue to work diligently at reducing both the number of mechanical delays and their length. We are continuing to make improvements in our maintenance capabilities and procedures at our yards.

NEW RAILCAR UPDATE

The first five cars from the 50-car Gallery option cars entered revenue service on December 19th on trains 330/327, and 338/337. The second set of five cars was put into revenue service on February 5th on train #304/301/309. At this time we have one new set on each line and I expect the third five car shipment to occur in late February. Train 328/331 is scheduled to grow to 8 cars the second week in February.

FAREWELL TO THE SOUNDER CARS

Friday, February 1st, was the last day of revenue service for the Sounder railcars. They are currently being restored to west coast service standards and are scheduled to arrive in Seattle by the end of February.

WINTER RADIO CAMPAIGN

The winter radio and print campaign began on January 28th and will run through mid-March. Already, there has been a 25% increase in web hits to the New Rider Page on our web site. We will continue to monitor the number of hits throughout the campaign.

PUBLIC HEARING INFORMATION

Below is the schedule for the upcoming public hearings to consider a proposed fare increase of up to 3% which would be effective June 30th, 2008; the subsequent amendment to VRE's Tariff; and an indexing plan for future fare increases.

DATE	LOCATION	TIME
February 20, 2008 Wednesday	P.R.T.C. Board Room, 2 nd Floor 14700 Potomac Mills Road Woodbridge, VA 22192	7:00-9:00 P.M.
February 21, 2008 Thursday	Holiday Inn [L'Enfant] Discovery 1 Ballroom 550 C. Street, S.W. Washington, DC 20024	12:00-2:00 P.M.
February 22, 2008 Friday	Crystal City Marriott Crystal Club Room 1999 Jefferson Davis Highway Arlington, VA 22202	12:00-2:00 P.M.

February 26, 2008 Tuesday	Burke Centre Conservancy "The Ponds" Community Center 9837 Burke Pond Lane Burke, VA 22015	7:00-9:00 P.M.
February 27, 2008 Wednesday	Stafford County Government Center Board Chambers 1300 Courthouse Road Stafford, VA 22554	7:00-9:00 P.M.
March 4, 2008 Tuesday	Rappahannock Regional Library Theatre Room 1201 Caroline Street Fredericksburg, VA 22401	7:00-9:00 P.M.
March 13, 2008 Thursday	Manassas City Hall City Council Chamber Room 9027 Center Street Manassas, VA 22110	7:00-9:00P.M.

VRE's website includes additional information regarding these hearings at www.vre.org.
Written comments will be accepted through **Friday, March 14, 2008**.

MONTHLY PERFORMANCE MEASURES – JANUARY 2008

MONTHLY ON-TIME PERFORMANCE	ON-TIME PERCENTAGE
January Fredericksburg OTP Average	81.3%
January Manassas OTP Average	89.6%
VRE JANUARY OVERALL OTP AVERAGE	85.9%

RIDERSHIP YEAR TO DATE	RIDERSHIP
VRE FY 2008 Passenger Totals	2,048,687
VRE FY 2007 Passenger Totals	1,984,505
PERCENTAGE CHANGE	3.2%

RIDERSHIP MONTH TO MONTH COMPARISON	
DESCRIPTION	MONTHLY RIDERSHIP
JANUARY 2008	317,646
JANUARY 2007	304,175
PERCENTAGE CHANGE	4.4%
SERVICE DAYS (CURRENT/PRIOR)	21/20