



CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S REPORT

October 2008

MONTHLY DELAY SUMMARY

| | June | July | August | September |
|--|-------|-------|--------|-----------|
| System wide | | | | |
| Total delays | 163 | 120 | 48 | 55 |
| Average length of delay (mins.) | 20 | 16 | 16 | 13 |
| Number over 30 minutes | 35 | 15 | 3 | 2 |
| Days with Heat Restrictions/Total days | 5/21 | 3/22 | 0/21 | 0/21 |
| On-Time Performance | 73.2% | 81.2% | 92.1% | 90.9% |
| Fredericksburg Line | | | | |
| Total delays | 84 | 57 | 17 | 29 |
| Average length of delay (mins.) | 17 | 17 | 18 | 16 |
| Number over 30 minutes | 13 | 7 | 1 | 2 |
| On-Time Performance | 69.2% | 80.1% | 93.7% | 89.4% |
| Manassas Line | | | | |
| Total delays | 79 | 63 | 31 | 26 |
| Average length of delay (mins.) | 23 | 14 | 15 | 11 |
| Number over 30 minutes | 22 | 8 | 2 | 2 |
| On-Time Performance | 76.5% | 82.2% | 90.7% | 92.3% |

SYSTEM RIDERSHIP

Average daily ridership in September was 16,215 - the highest ever. September ridership in 2008 was 11.8% higher than in September 2007. We had 16 days above 16,000 riders and 2 days above 17,000 riders. On September 11th, VRE ridership peaked with the highest ridership day ever with over 17,600 riders. Overall, seven of our top ten ridership days were in September. In addition, the ridership for the first three months of FY 2009 is 12.9% higher than the same period in FY 2008.

SYSTEM ON TIME PERFORMANCE

System wide on-time performance (OTP) was 90.9% in September, with an OTP of 89.4% on the Fredericksburg Line and 92.3% on the Manassas Line. We had a total of only 55 delays out of 609 trains. The Manassas Line had seven days in September with 100% on-time performance. The Fredericksburg Line had eight days with 100% on-time performance.

INCREASED LOCOMOTIVE FUNDING

The Virginia Department of Rail and Public Transportation applied for and received \$3.8 million of bonus obligation funds (federal STP funding not used by other states) for VRE to use toward the locomotive purchase. With these funds, we will be able to increase our initial

purchase of locomotives from two to five. Because of the larger initial purchase, we will save more than \$1 million on the cost of the first five vehicles.

SECOND PUBLIC WORKSHOP FOR GAINESVILLE-HAYMARKET STUDY

VRE is conducting a yearlong Feasibility Study/Alternatives Analysis of a proposed extension from the existing VRE Manassas Station to the Town of Haymarket in western Prince William County. A second public workshop to discuss transportation alternatives and for VRE to hear the public's insights, thoughts and concerns regarding the proposed project will take place on Wednesday, October 22, 2008, at Battlefield High School, located at: 15000 Graduation Drive, Haymarket, VA 20169. The schedule of events follows:

6:30-7:00 p.m. Open House
7:00 p.m. Presentation & Public Discussion
9:00 p.m. Close

For more information contact VRE at 703.684.1001, gotrains@vre.org, or check the VRE web site at www.vre.org.

MASTER AGREEMENT SURVEY

The VRE Master Agreement Survey took place on Wednesday, October 1st. This survey is conducted once a year to determine the number of riders originating from each participating jurisdiction and to determine the subsidy that each jurisdiction pays. Staff from both PRTC, VRE and the local jurisdictions were on-board trains or at stations to assist with the survey. Results will be tabulated and available in November.

EXPANDED RAIL SERVICE IN THE COMMONWEALTH

On Tuesday, September 30th, Governor Kaine, in conjunction with US DOT Secretary Mary Peters, announced a new partnership for expanded rail service in the Commonwealth. The partnership is focused on intercity rail rather than commuter rail, though the benefits to both were highlighted. They announced initial funding totaling \$13.5 million (\$2 million FRA and \$11.5M state funding) will be used to make track improvements to 3.1 miles of third track south of Fredericksburg and provide design of track and interlocking improvements in Richmond (between Main Street Station and Staples Mills station).

From VRE's standpoint this improvement project advances one of our MOU projects with CSX - the third track on the Fredericksburg line. Additionally, this project is critical for establishing a VRE station in Spotsylvania County.

CLIFTON DAY

Once again, VRE provided train service for Clifton Day on Sunday, October 12th from 9:00 am – 5:00 pm. The Town of Clifton paid for the excursion rides in advance and sold their own tickets. The festivities included fine arts, crafts, and a flea market in the historic town of Clifton.

MONTHLY PERFORMANCE MEASURES – SEPTEMBER 2008

| MONTHLY ON-TIME PERFORMANCE | ON-TIME PERCENTAGE |
|--|--------------------|
| September Fredericksburg OTP Average | 89.4% |
| September Manassas OTP Average | 92.3% |
| VRE SEPTEMBER OVERALL OTP AVERAGE | 90.9% |

| RIDERSHIP YEAR TO DATE | RIDERSHIP |
|------------------------------|-----------|
| VRE FY 2009 Passenger Totals | 998,329 |
| VRE FY 2008 Passenger Totals | 884,554 |
| PERCENTAGE CHANGE | 12.9% |

| RIDERSHIP MONTH TO MONTH COMPARISON | |
|-------------------------------------|-------------------|
| DESCRIPTION | MONTHLY RIDERSHIP |
| SEPTEMBER 2008 | 340,516 |
| SEPTEMBER 2007 | 275,476 |
| PERCENTAGE CHANGE | 11.8% NORMALIZED |
| SERVICE DAYS (CURRENT/PRIOR) | 21 / 19 |