



CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S REPORT

February 2009

MONTHLY DELAY SUMMARY

	October	November	December	January
System wide				
Total delays	93	99	75	39
Average length of delay (mins.)	19	16	14	21
Number over 30 minutes	11	7	3	7
Days with Heat Restrictions/Total days	0/22	0/17	0/19	0/18
On-Time Performance	85.4%	80.6%	86.5%	93.1%
Fredericksburg Line				
Total delays	50	60	47	21
Average length of delay (mins.)	19	15	15	22
Number over 30 minutes	8	3	2	4
On-Time Performance	82.5%	73.8%	81.4%	91.8%
Manassas Line				
Total delays	43	39	28	18
Average length of delay (mins.)	18	17	14	21
Number over 30 minutes	3	4	1	3
On-Time Performance	87.8%	86.1%	90.8%	94.2%

SYSTEM RIDERSHIP

The total number of January trips in 2009 was 8.4% higher than in January 2008. The year to date gain through January in ridership was 8.1%. This annualized gain in ridership is less than we experienced in December (10.9%) and November (9.1%). Because passengers were able to buy ten-trip tickets before the fare increase went into effect, we expect to have more information next month on the impact of the January fare increase on overall ridership.

SYSTEM ON TIME PERFORMANCE

VRE implemented a schedule change on the Fredericksburg Line on Monday, January 5, 2009. The schedule change was the result of a systematic study of past performance. Most trains had changes to the intermediate stations as well as their final destination, with most having between 1 and 6 minutes added to the schedule. All trains kept their original departure times.

Our goal is to sustain on-time performance above 90% on both rail lines. We achieved the goal in January and February on-time is tending to be above 90%. In addition, in March we are planning to do a systematic study of on-time performance on the Manassas Line with the goal to make any schedule adjustments in the April time frame.

COMMEMORATIVE INAUGURATION TICKETS AVAILABLE FOR SALE

Last month, VRE began selling the remaining Commemorative inauguration tickets. We have 26 unique tickets with train numbers available for sale, either individually or as a full set for collectors. We are selling single tickets for \$5 and a full set for \$100. As of last week, we sold \$450.00 worth of the Commemorative tickets. Information and the order form are available on our web site.

EQUIPMENT UPDATE

The 10-car Sumitomo order (to replace the Kawasaki cars) is actively underway. The stainless steel for the cars will arrive at the assembly plant in Japan this month and we will receive the cars in two shipments of 5-cars each in February and March of 2010.

NEW LOCOMOTIVE UPDATE

During the first week of February, VRE staff traveled to the manufacturing plant for Motive Power Inc. (MPI), in Boise, Idaho for a plant inspection and kick-off meeting for the five new locomotives. The manufacturing system is very impressive and is used as a training facility for equipment maintenance staff. The production process for VRE's five locomotives begins in July of this year, with the fabrication of frames, and continues until October 2010, when VRE takes delivery of all five. The kick-off meeting resulted in plans for several of the MPI staff to visit VRE in order to familiarize themselves with our operation and needs.

WOODBIDGE STATION EXPANSION

Work is underway to construct a second platform at the VRE Woodbridge Station. This project will design and construct a 600 ft long second platform with a canopy along the west side of the station. The new platform will be connected to the existing parking garage via a 142 ft 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 at a later date. The second platform is scheduled for completion this summer with a budget of \$6.7 million.

MONTHLY PERFORMANCE MEASURES – JANUARY 2009

MONTHLY ON-TIME PERFORMANCE	ON-TIME PERCENTAGE
January Fredericksburg OTP Average	91.8%
January Manassas OTP Average	94.2%
VRE JANUARY OVERALL OTP AVERAGE	93.1%

RIDERSHIP YEAR TO DATE	RIDERSHIP
VRE FY 2009 Passenger Totals	2,214,593
VRE FY 2008 Passenger Totals	2,048,687
PERCENTAGE CHANGE	8.1%

RIDERSHIP MONTH TO MONTH COMPARISON	
DESCRIPTION	MONTHLY RIDERSHIP
JANUARY 2009	295,131
JANUARY 2008	317,646
PERCENTAGE CHANGE	8.4% NORMALIZED
SERVICE DAYS (CURRENT/PRIOR)	18 / 21