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VRE to Offer Passenger Discount to Commute via Amtrak
“Step-Up” Ticket to Free Up Space for Metrorail Riders Displaced by Summer Station Closures

Alexandria, Va. – Virginia Railway Express (VRE) has lowered the cost of a single-ride [Amtrak Step-Up ticket](#) from \$8 to \$4. The temporary reduction is part of VRE’s effort to accommodate Metrorail passengers during [this summer’s closure of six stations](#) south of National Airport for platform repairs. While VRE is unable to run additional or longer trains, it will free up space on its trains for new riders, particularly those boarding at Franconia-Springfield or Alexandria, by giving passengers with multi-ride tickets (Monthly, 5-Day, 10-Ride, and Transit Link Card) the option to use any of [12 Amtrak trains listed on the current VRE schedule](#). VRE is partnering with the Virginia Department of Rail and Public Transportation and Amtrak on this project.

Virginia’s only commuter rail service, VRE runs trains northbound into Washington, D.C. in the morning and southbound along two lines, one to Fredericksburg and the other to Manassas, in the evening. Trains on both lines stop at Union Station, L’Enfant, Crystal City and Alexandria. Only Fredericksburg Line trains stop at Franconia-Springfield. VRE supports and accepts employer-sponsored transit benefits.

The 12th largest commuter rail service in the U.S., VRE is a transportation partnership of the Northern Virginia and Potomac & Rappahannock Transportation Commissions. VRE’s mission is to provide safe, cost effective, accessible, reliable, convenient, and customer responsive commuter-oriented passenger rail service. The 4.5 million rides the railroad provides annually in Northern Virginia and Washington D.C. remove some 100 million vehicle miles from the region’s interstates. Learn more at www.vre.org.

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