



VIRGINIA RAILWAY EXPRESS

LONG BRIDGE SERVICE CHANGES

VRE SERVICE IMPACTS

Major construction on the Long Bridge starts in early 2026. This is the largest rail investment in the region in generations. When completed, this nationally significant project will ultimately allow more frequent and reliable rail service across Virginia and the East Coast.

Work plans call for construction to take place midday during a dedicated, five-hour window from 8:15 a.m. to 1 p.m. **There will be no scheduled through-traffic on Long Bridge during this time.**

- Construction is anticipated to occur over 5 years.
- D.C. noise and vibration regulations limit most construction activities to daytime hours: 7 AM to 7 PM; 6 days a week (no Sunday work)

VRE IS NOT CANCELLING ANY SERVICE AND WILL CONTINUE TO OPERATE 32 TRAINS PER DAY. SOME OF THE LATER AM VRE TRAINS WILL TERMINATE AT ALEXANDRIA STATION.

On the Manassas Line, we will be adding a train to the existing schedule which will operate prior to the track closure. In the afternoon, all passengers will be able to originate their trips at Union Station, L'Enfant, or Crystal City but some may need to transfer lines at Alexandria for the remainder of their southbound trip.

Note: Alexandria Station allows for transfer to Metro's Blue and Yellow rail lines, and several connections to local and regional bus lines exist across the VRE system.

VRE is working closely with our host railroads and VPRRA to refine schedules, with more information to come. We're also working with our transit partners to identify additional options for riders. Riders receiving transit benefits can re-allocate their transit subsidy to split between VRE and Metro or other participating transit service. VRE customer service can assist riders through this process.

RESOURCES

[About the Long Bridge Project - VPRRA](#)

[VRE Train Talk Alerts](#)

[VRE Plan a Trip](#)

Transit Benefits:

- About Transit Benefits:
<https://www.vre.org/service/transit-benefits/>
- Using Your SmartBenefits:
<https://www.vre.org/service/smartbenefits-guide/>

VRE Connections to Metro:

- [Crystal City](#) (Yellow and Blue Lines)
- Alexandria Station/[King Street](#) (Yellow and Blue Lines)
- [Franconia/Springfield](#) (Blue Line)
- [L'Enfant Plaza](#) (Yellow, Blue, Orange, and Green Lines)
- [Union Station](#) (Red Line)

