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VRE announces temporary schedule changes beginning January 2027

Adjustments will eliminate three round trip trains to preserve reliability during major rail construction projects

Alexandria, VA – Virginia Railway Express (VRE) announced today temporary schedule adjustments beginning January 4, 2027, as the agency works to maintain reliable service during an unprecedented period of rail construction across the corridor between Franconia-Springfield and Washington, D.C. The changes were presented to and approved by the VRE Operations Board during its November regular meeting.

The updated schedule includes the elimination of the last peak-period northbound and southbound train on both the Manassas and Fredericksburg Lines, as well as the Manassas Line's two reverse flow trains. VRE will also adjust departure times for the final trains on each line to better accommodate riders and maintain service availability.

"These adjustments will help us operate a more reliable rail service while critical infrastructure improvements are under construction," said VRE CEO Katie Choe, explaining that "The projects underway today will dramatically improve passenger rail service across Virginia and the region, but during construction we must balance service levels with the realities of operating in a constrained corridor."

The service changes are being implemented in response to capacity constraints associated with the ongoing Transforming Rail in Virginia (TRV) program and construction of the new Long Bridge across the Potomac River. The corridor between Franconia-Springfield and L'Enfant Plaza is currently experiencing multiple overlapping construction projects while continuing to accommodate passenger and freight rail operations.

Since the implementation of the Long Bridge construction work window in January 2026, VRE's on-time performance has declined as rail traffic has been concentrated into a reduced operating period. Monthly on-time performance has generally ranged from 60 to 71 percent, compared with approximately 88 percent before the work window began.

Beginning January 4, 2027, VRE will temporarily discontinue:

- Fredericksburg Line inbound Train 314 (departs Spotsylvania at 7:46 AM) and outbound Train 315 (departs Union Station at 6:50 PM).
- Manassas Line inbound Trains 334 (departs Broad Run at 8:01 AM) and 336 (departs Broad Run at 3:28 PM).
- Manassas Line outbound Trains 321 (departs Union Station at 6:25 AM) and 337 (departs Union Station at 7:00 PM).

The trains selected for elimination have the lowest ridership in the system and collectively account for less than five percent of VRE's total ridership. By removing these trips and associated equipment movements, VRE expects to reduce congestion within the rail corridor and improve overall operating reliability.



The schedule adjustments are also expected to reduce VRE's daily slot utilization from 42 train movements to 38, providing greater operational flexibility during the construction period.

VRE staff estimate the changes will reduce operating costs by approximately $100,000 per month through lower fuel consumption and reduced access fees.

The construction activity driving these adjustments is part of historic rail investments that will ultimately deliver significant benefits to riders. Upon completion of the Long Bridge and other TRV projects, VRE expects to have the capacity to increase overall service by more than 60 percent and introduce new evening, midday, and weekend service.

VRE will continue to monitor ridership, on-time performance, and customer impacts after the new schedule is implemented. Those findings will help inform additional service recommendations expected to be considered in spring 2027.

A memo provided to the board, including timetables, can be found here.

VRE, Virginia's premier commuter rail service, connects Central and Northern Virginia with the District of Columbia. VRE is recognized for its provision of safe, reliable, convenient, and comfortable transportation. Its two lines, Manassas and Fredericksburg, serve 19 stations, including two – L'Enfant and Union Station – in D.C. VRE is co-owned and co-operated by the Northern Virginia Transportation Commission and the Potomac and Rappahannock Transportation Commission. Additional information, including fares and schedules, is available at www.vre.org.

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Proposed Schedules by Line:

Fredericksburg Line								
Northbound							+20 Min	Elim
Days of Operation	M-F	M-F	M-F	M-F	M-F	M-F	M-F	M-F
	300	302	304	306	308	310	312	~~314~~
Spotsylvania	4:52 AM	5:06 AM	5:21 AM	5:41 AM	6:01 AM	6:26 AM	7:26 AM	~~7:46 AM~~
Fredericksburg	5:03 AM	5:17 AM	5:32 AM	5:52 AM	6:12 AM	6:37 AM	7:37 AM	~~7:57~~
Leeland Road	5:10 AM	5:24 AM	5:39 AM	5:59 AM	6:19 AM	6:44 AM	7:44 AM	~~8:04~~
Brooke	5:16 AM	5:30 AM	5:45 AM	6:05 AM	6:25 AM	6:50 AM	7:50 AM	~~8:10~~
Quantico		5:42 AM	5:57 AM	6:17 AM	6:37 AM	7:02 AM	8:02 AM	~~8:22~~
Rippon		5:51 AM	6:06 AM	6:26 AM	6:46 AM	7:11 AM	8:11 AM	~~8:31~~
Woodbridge	5:38 AM	5:58 AM	6:13 AM	6:33 AM	6:53 AM	7:18 AM	8:18 AM	~~8:38~~
Lorton		6:05 AM	6:20 AM	6:40 AM	7:00 AM	7:25 AM	8:25 AM	~~8:45~~
Franconia/Springfield (L)		6:13 AM	6:28 AM	6:48 AM	7:08 AM	7:33 AM	8:33 AM	~~8:53~~
Alexandria (L)	6:01 AM	6:25 AM	6:40 AM	7:00 AM	7:20 AM	7:45 AM	8:45 AM	~~9:05~~
Crystal City (L)	6:14 AM	6:34 AM	6:49 AM	7:09 AM	7:29 AM	7:54 AM	Metro	~~Metro~~
L'Enfant (L)	6:22 AM	6:42 AM	6:57 AM	7:17 AM	7:37 AM	8:02 AM	Metro	~~Metro~~
Union Station	6:30 AM	6:50 AM	7:05 AM	7:25 AM	7:45 AM	8:10 AM	Metro	~~Metro~~

Fredericksburg Line								
Southbound							+10 Min	Elim
Days of Operation	M-F	M-F	M-F	M-F	M-F	M-F	M-F	~~M-F~~
	301	303	305	307	309	311	313	~~315~~
Union Station	Use	3:00 PM	Use	4:00 PM	4:40 PM	Use	6:20 PM	~~6:50 PM~~
L'Enfant	Train	3:08 PM	Train	4:08 PM	4:48 PM	Train	6:28 PM	~~6:58~~
Crystal City	325	3:15 PM	327	4:15 PM	4:55 PM	331	6:35 PM	~~7:05~~
Alexandria	1:58 PM	3:23 PM	3:53 PM	4:23 PM	5:03 PM	5:43 PM	6:43 PM	~~7:13~~
Franconia/Springfield	2:09 PM	3:34 PM	4:04 PM	4:34 PM	5:14 PM	5:54 PM	6:54 PM	~~7:24~~
Lorton	2:16 PM	3:41 PM	4:11 PM	4:41 PM	5:21 PM	6:01 PM	7:01 PM	~~7:31~~
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Fredericksburg (L)	3:18 PM	4:43 PM	5:13 PM	5:43 PM	6:23 PM	7:03 PM	8:03 PM	~~8:26~~
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Decisions on which trains to eliminate were based on asset utilization, expected impact on total ridership, benefits to customer experience, and congestion relief.