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Virginia Railway Express to run service on Sunday, August 23

Northbound AM trains and southbound PM trains will allow residents to bypass city gridlock and traffic congestion on Freedom 250 Grand Prix race day

Alexandria, Va. – Virginia Railway Express will run service on Sunday, August 23, giving travelers in Northern and Central Virginia a convenient and affordable way to leave the car at home for weekend excursions in and around the DC Metro region. The modified weekend service coincides with the Freedom 250 Grand Prix, expected to bring 140,000 daily visitors to Washington, DC over the race weekend, along with significant traffic impacts due to event-related road closures and parking restrictions.

VRE tickets will be available to purchase at standard VRE rates [on VRE Mobile](#) and ticket vending machines found at all VRE stations. Visit vre.org/schedule for a pdf timetable of Sunday's service.

The August 23 service represents an important milestone for VRE as the rail agency explores weekend service, serving as an opportunity to demonstrate how rail can support major regional events and aid local jurisdictions' tourism and economic goals. This single-day Sunday service will also help VRE evaluate operational needs and customer demand for regular weekend service, which is currently set to begin upon completion of several rail infrastructure projects funded through the [Commonwealth of Virginia's Transforming Rail in Virginia initiative](#), including the expansion of Long Bridge over the Potomac River.

"VRE is thrilled to provide weekend service to our community and visitors on August 23," said VRE CEO Katie Choe. "We are committed to delivering more travel options and greater flexibility for our riders, as laid out in [VRE's long range plan and service vision, System Plan 2050](#), adopted last

year. We look forward to welcoming both longtime riders and first-time passengers on board, and using what we learn to help shape the future of VRE service.”

The District of Columbia is encouraging those traveling through DC during the Freedom 250 Grand Prix weekend to take transit and plan ahead. More information about the Grand Prix and road restrictions can be found at 250.dc.gov, while schedule and fare information for VRE service on Sunday, August 23rd can be found at www.vre.org.

VRE, the nation’s 13th largest 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. Additional information, including fares and schedules, is available at www.vre.org.

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