



# Virginia Railway Express

## Bike to Work Day (BTWD) Event VRE L'Enfant Station and Fourth Track Preliminary Engineering/NEPA Phase

May 15, 2025 from 8:00 - 10:00 AM

### ATTENDEES (From LEF Project)

Name	Role	Entity
<u>Christine Hoeffner</u>	DPM	VRE
<u>Lee Dwyer</u>	Stakeholder Engagement	VHB
Nick Ruiz	VRE Planning Manager	VRE
Will Montgomery	VRE Planning	SWBID
Mark Schnafer	Long Bridge Project	VPRA

### Event Summary

#### 1. Overview

- Lee Dwyer (VHB) joined Christine Hoeffner (VRE) at the Southwest Business Improvement District (SWBID) Bike to Work Day pit stop on 4<sup>th</sup> Street outside the SWBID office between 8 and 10 AM.
- Tables were set up next to the BID's pit stop tent, with giveaways on the table and informational factsheets in standing plastic displays on either end of the table for bike riders and passers-by to read.
- Lee and Christine spoke to people who stopped by, briefly describing the VRE L'Enfant project and answered their questions.

- Lee also handed out the L'Enfant project factsheet (at least 14 copies) to participants. Christine handed out VRE swag; bungee cords seemed the most popular.
- A total of 96 people registered for the pit stop (up from 45 the previous year), and about 100 stopped by during the event between 8-10 AM (according to SWBID staff).
- Lee engaged with about 30 people about the L'Enfant project, while others talked with Christine or took a factsheet without engaging.
- Four signed up for project emails; they were added to the Stakeholder Register email list.

## 2. Discussion/feedback from participants

- Mostly positive attitudes towards VRE and station improvements; others neutral/unaffected.
- Most people were regular bike riders and said they don't currently use VRE much, but were curious about VRE service and the L'Enfant project in general.
  - Many worked for federal or DC agencies nearby and said some of their co-workers take VRE.
  - Several others said they lived in Maryland and rode MARC, so current VRE service wasn't practical for them.
  - People seemed to generally understand the benefit the project would provide to others if not to them directly, especially with long-term service increases.
- Many people were interested in weekend VRE service. Some wanted to learn more about the project timeline, rail ownership, and impacts from construction.
- Two participants asked about MARC/VRE through-running.

## 3. Photos

See next page; photos also saved to SharePoint ([2025-05-15 BTWD event](#)).





Photos courtesy of Meredith Judy, VPRA.



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