

PUBLIC HEARINGS FOR PROPOSED FY 2020 FARE INCREASE



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AGENDA

1. Safety Briefing
2. Presentation on FY 2020 Preliminary Budget and Proposed Fare Increase
3. Public Comments



WHAT WE ARE KNOWN FOR

Safe Operations

High Customer
Satisfaction

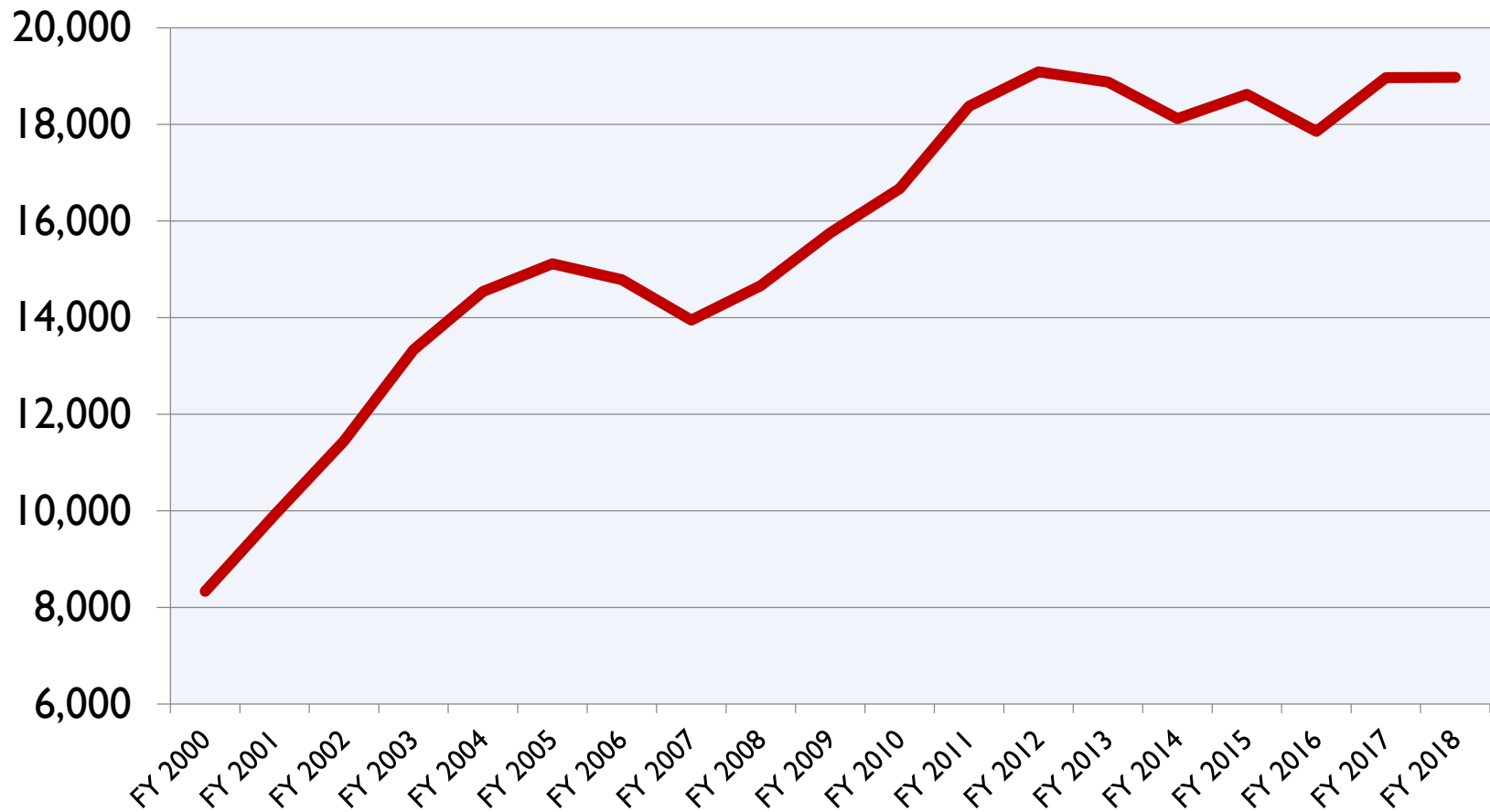
Quality Service

Reliable Service

Strong Partnership
with Railroads



AVERAGE DAILY RIDERSHIP



OPERATIONS

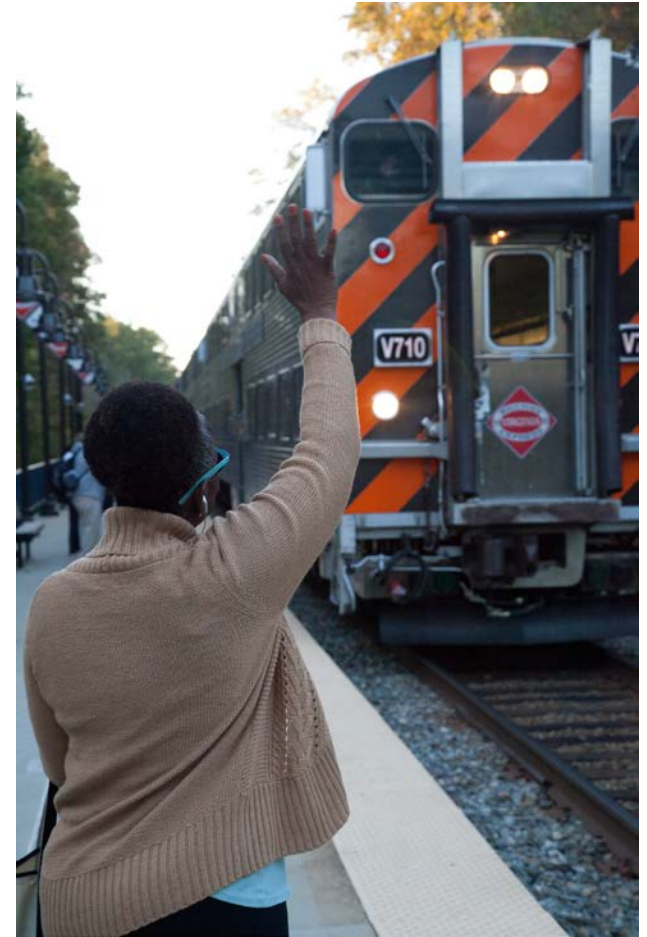
VRE Operates 32 Trains Daily (Mon-Fri)

- 16 trains on Fredericksburg Line (owned by CSX)
- 16 trains on Manassas Line (owned by Norfolk Southern)
- Must pay track access fees to host railroads
- Agreements with Amtrak for access to Union Station and midday train storage
- Contracts with Keolis Rail Services Virginia for operations and maintenance



VRE BUDGET PROCESS

- **July:** “Key Issues” discussed
- **September:** Preliminary budget presented to Board
- **October/November:** Reviews by jurisdiction staff and VRE Capital Committee; public comments received
- **December:** Final balanced budget presented for approval



FY 2020 PRELIMINARY BUDGET SUMMARY

- Operating budget of **\$90.6 million** including debt service (2.3% increase)
- Funding commitments of **\$64.7 million** toward Capital Improvement Program (CIP)
- VRE Operations Board policy is to alternate between jurisdictional subsidy increases and fare increases, so FY 2020 budget proposal includes:
 - No change to total jurisdictional subsidy of \$17.8 million
 - 3% average fare increase



FY 2020 RIDERSHIP AND REVENUE

- 32 daily trains – no change from current service
- Projecting 19,000 Average Daily Ridership – flat relative to FY 2018 actual ridership of 18,974
- Fare revenue only supports operating costs, not capital
- Budgeted farebox recovery of 53% (must be at least 50%)



PROPOSED FY 2020 FARE INCREASE

- Single-ride fare depends on number of zones traveled
- Most VRE commuters use multi-ride tickets, which are discounted relative to a single-ride fare:

Multi-ride Discounts		
10-Ride	5-Day	Monthly
8%	20%	34%

- Actual multi-ride fares are currently over-discounted
- Proposed increase will average 3% or slightly less by:
 - Increasing the base fare and zone increment by 1.5%
 - Applying correct fare discounts to match Tariff



EXAMPLES OF PROPOSED 3% AVERAGE FARE INCREASE

Origin	Destination	Ticket Type	Current Fare	Proposed Fare	Increase (\$)	Increase (%)
Woodbridge	Crystal City	Single Ride	\$8.40	\$8.55	\$0.15	1.8%
Burke Centre	Crystal City	10-Ride	\$69.50	\$71.80	\$2.30	3.3%
Manassas Park	Union Station	5-Day	\$77.60	\$80.00	\$2.40	3.1%
Leeland Road	Union Station	10-Ride	\$102.30	\$104.90	\$2.60	2.5%
Broad Run	Alexandria	Monthly	\$249.00	\$256.40	\$7.40	3.0%
Fredericksburg	L'Enfant	Monthly	\$327.60	\$336.80	\$9.20	2.8%



THANK YOU

