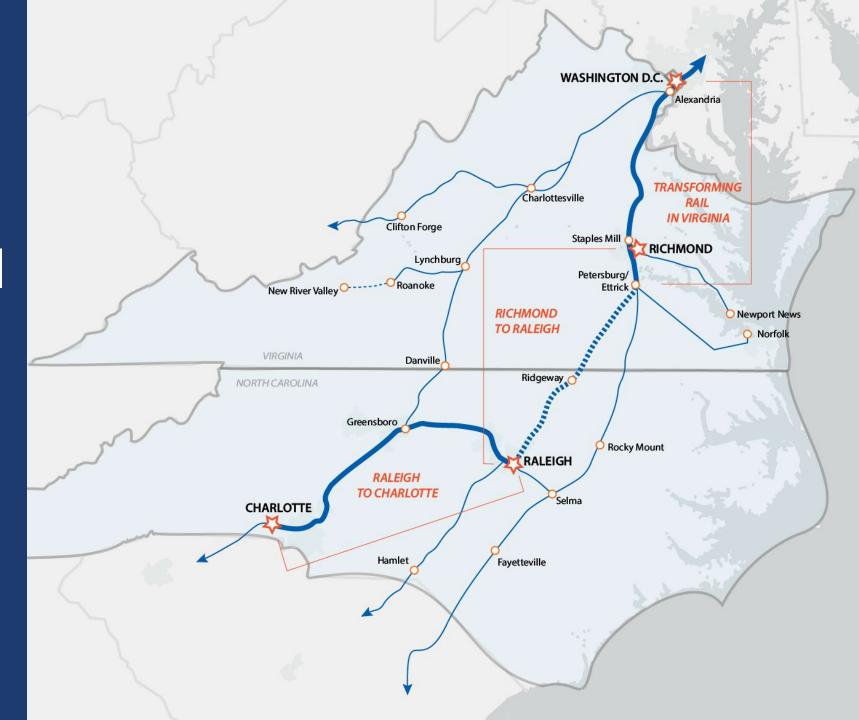
# Passenger Rail Service Performance

Jeremy Latimer
Director of Rail Services





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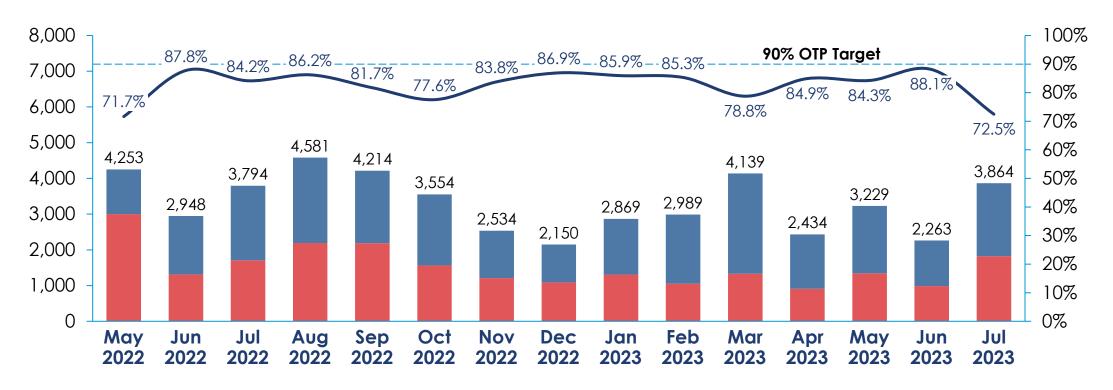
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# VRE performance improved considerably from March but is still below 90% on-time percentage

#### **VRE Last Station OTP v. Delay Minutes**





#### **VRE On Time Threshold:**

trains arrive at <u>last</u> scheduled stop within <u>six</u> minutes of schedule

# VRE is being impacted by disruptions at Washington and Amtrak trains operating out of slot

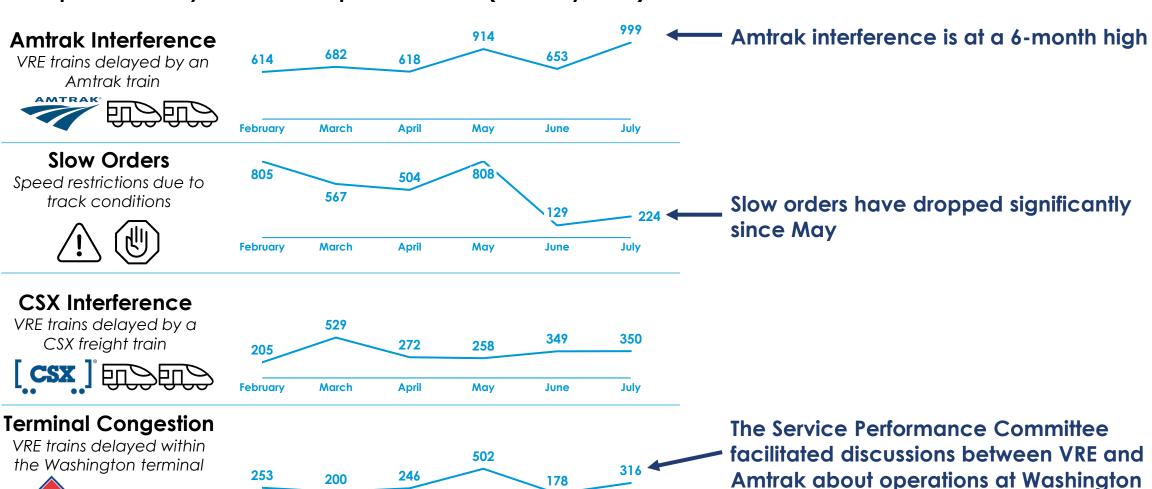
#### Top 4 VRE delay causes over past 6 months (Feb-July 2023)

March

**February** 

April

May



June

July

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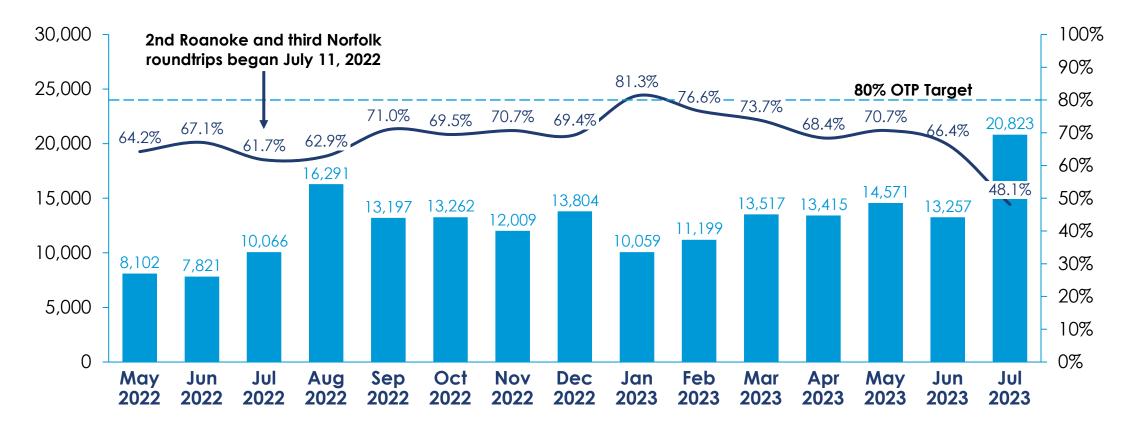
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# Heat orders, slow orders, a July 11 derailment, and July 16 power outage at Washington severely affected July performance

#### NE Regional All-Station OTP v. Delay Minutes (RF&P Corridor Only)<sup>1,2</sup>





— Monthly OTP % Minutes of Delay

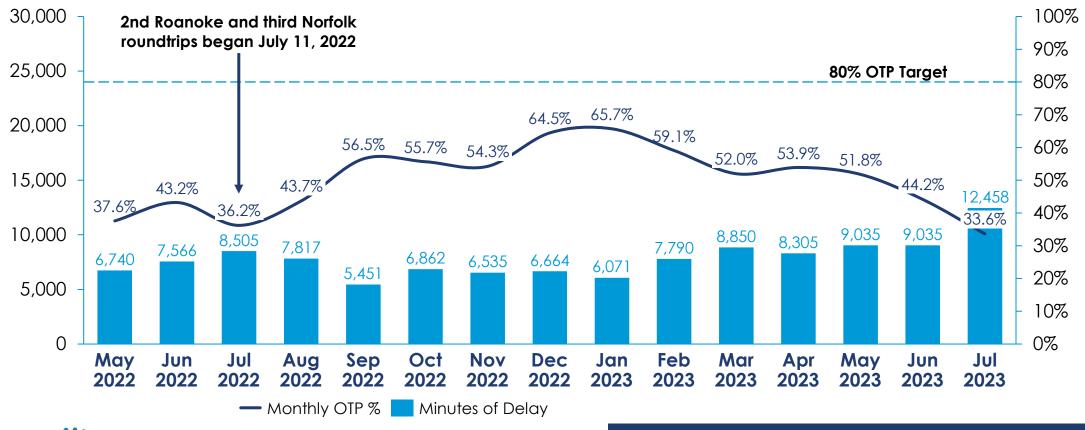
- (1) OTP excludes OTP on NS Roanoke corridor
- (2) Delay minutes exclude NOD and all delays on NS

#### Amtrak On Time Threshold:

trains arrive at <u>each</u> station stop within <u>fifteen</u> minutes of schedule

# The Carolinian, Palmetto, Silver Meteor, and Silver Star similarly struggled in July

#### Long Distance All-Station OTP v. Delay Minutes (RF&P Corridor Only)<sup>1,2,3</sup>





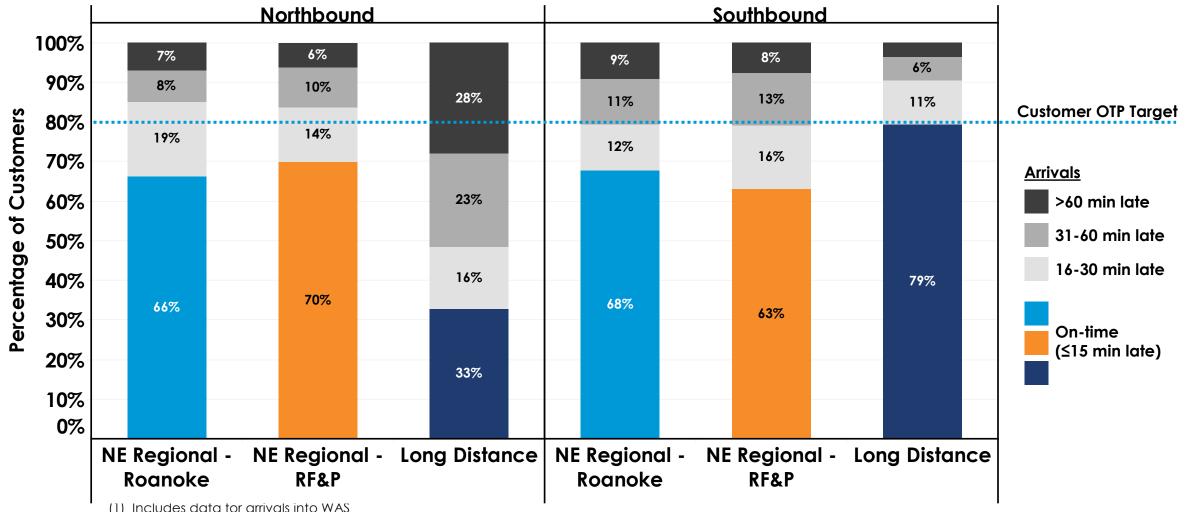
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- (3) Long distance trains include Carolinian, Palmetto, Silver Meteor, Silver Star

#### **Amtrak On Time Threshold:**

trains arrive at <u>each</u> station stop within <u>fifteen</u> minutes of schedule

## Year-to-date customer on-time performance is below 80%

#### January to July 2023 Customer On-Time Performance<sup>1,2</sup>

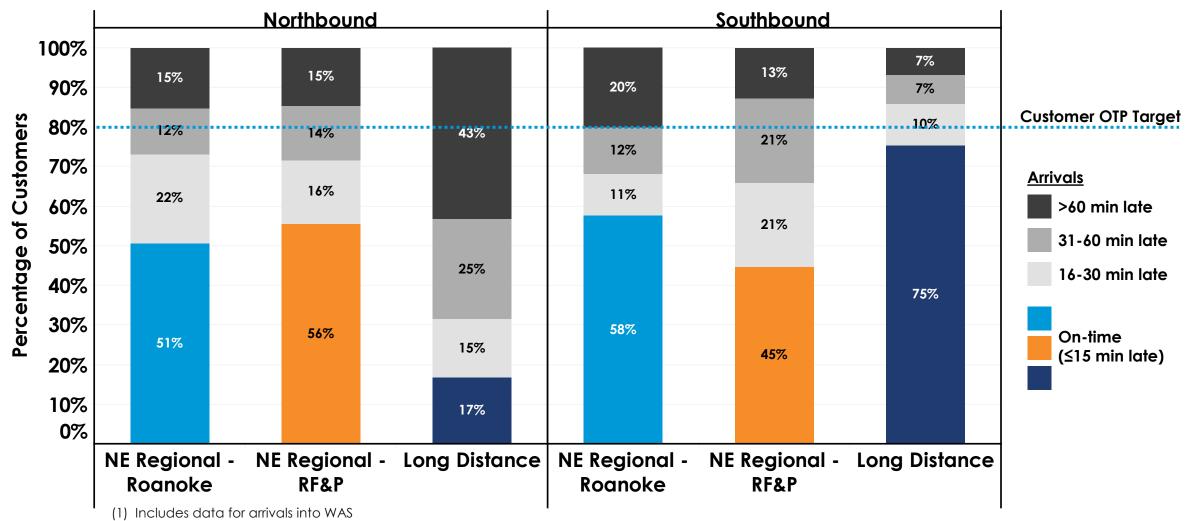


<sup>(1)</sup> Includes data for arrivals into WAS

<sup>(2)</sup> Long distance trains: Carolinian, Palmetto, Silver Meteor, Silver Star

# Poor performance in July 2023 brings down figures for the year

#### July 2023 Customer On-Time Performance<sup>1,2</sup>



<sup>(2)</sup> Long distance trains: Carolinian, Palmetto, Silver Meteor, Silver Star

# Virginia service continues to be impacted by disruptions at Washington, construction and maintenance-related slow orders, and CSX heat orders

#### Top 4 Amtrak delay causes over past 6 months (Feb-July 2023)1

4 784

#### Slow Orders (DSR)

Speed restrictions due to track conditions (non-weather related)





3,711	3,711			2,115	2,857
February	March	April	May	June	July

#### Weather (WTR)

Including heat-related speed restrictions and storms





		2 900		4,351	9,200
391	150	2,900	1,352		
February	March	April	May	June	July

In addition to heat orders, a July 16 lightning strike caused a power outage at Washington and 1,794 minutes of weather-related delays

#### **Amtrak Interference (PTI)**

Amtrak trains delayed by other
Amtrak trains



2,930	2,958	2,973	3,056	2,262	2,805
				2,202	

February	March	April	May	June	July

#### Freight Interference (FTI)

Amtrak trains delayed by a freight train



2,517 2,599		1,861	2,395	1,760	2,270
February	March	April	May	June	July

Train interference delays are primarily secondary delays caused by trains operating out of slot (i.e., due to heat and slow orders, delayed engine swaps, late arrivals into Virginia, etc.)

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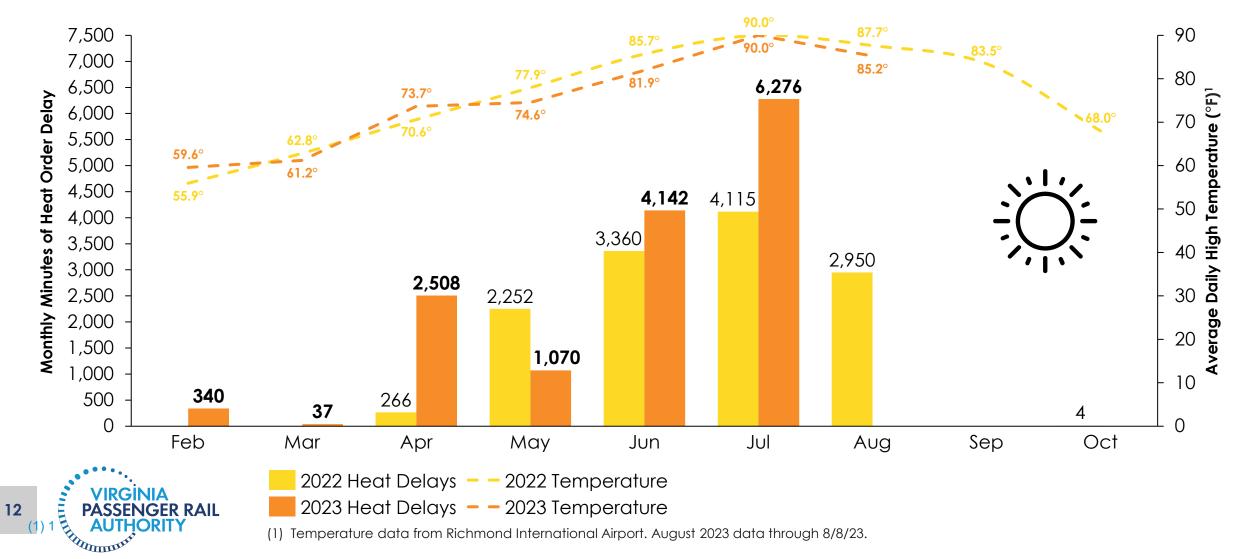
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# Heat order delay minutes in July were 53% higher than July 2022 and the highest ever in a single month since performance monitoring began

#### **Monthly Minutes of Heat Order Delays**



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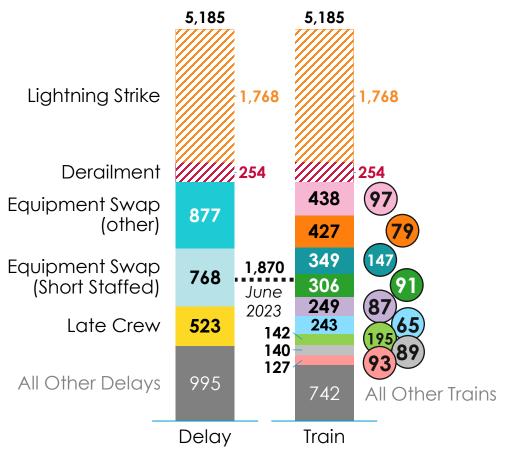
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# Equipment swaps, many short-staffed, resulted in over 1,600 minutes of delay to southbound trains at WAS in July

#### Southbound Delays at Washington Union Station (WAS), Jul 2023



Key themes that show up in the delay remarks:



Late engine swaps; Switch/setout of cars and locomotives



**Mechanical and PTC issues** 



Terminal congestion and train interference



Crews arriving on late trains

The issues above are compounded by:



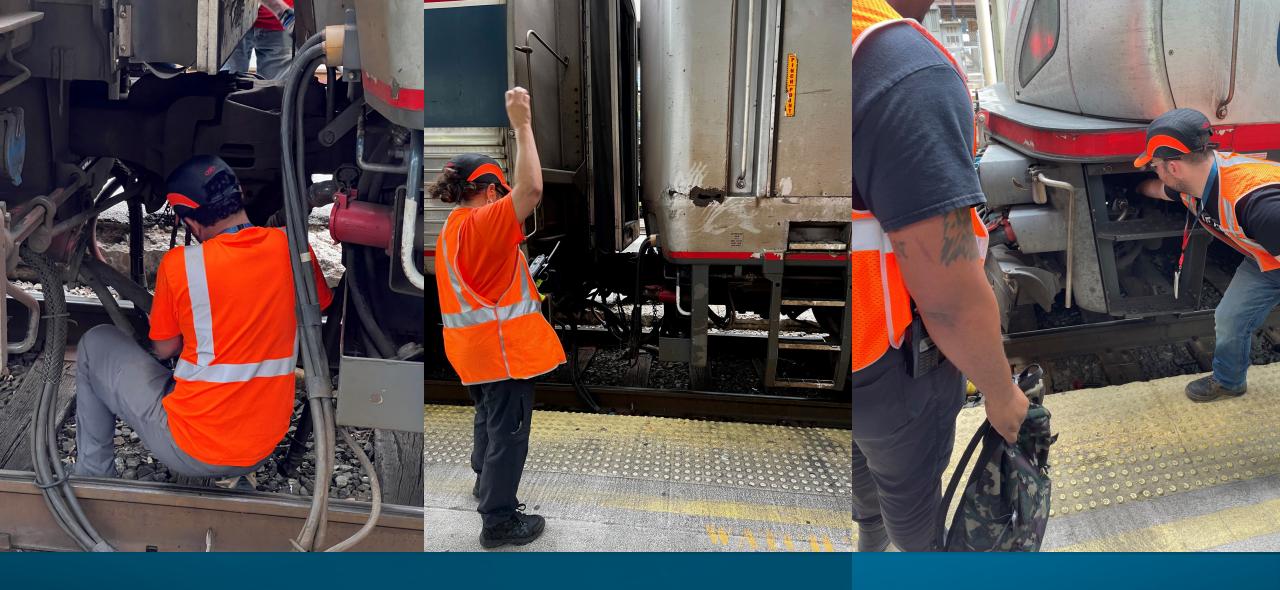
Switch and signal reliability issues



**Crew shortages** 



(1) Excludes NOD and delays on the Cardinal and Crescent



Union Station Site Visit

June 27, 2023

# In July, Train 91 (southbound *Silver Star*) arrived off the NEC on-time (within 15 minutes) most days but frequently encountered delays in Washington

Train 91 typically arrives off the NEC on-time

Train 91 Station OTP	May	91 Daily Jun	Jul
<b>Washington Union Station</b>	90%	93%	83%
Alexandria	77%	83%	<b>52</b> %
Richmond Staples Mill Road	26%	30%	3%
Petersburg	29%	30%	3%

Overall, 14 out of 31 trains departed WAS 15+ minutes late in July

#### Train 91 arrived WAS on-time but left late 10 times in July

Date	Arrive	Depart	Delay Cause(s) at WAS
7/1/2023	-1	32	SVS – Equipment swap
7/9/2023	0	23	SYS – Yard manpower shortage
7/10/2023	6	27	SVS – Waiting on late 95 PTI – Meet 92
7/12/2023	13	15	SYS – Derailment single-tracking
7/17/2023	13	76	SYS – Late crew
7/17/2023	13	70	313 - Laie Ciew
7/18/2023	-2	21	SVS – Yard manpower shortage
7/22/2023	8	20	PTI – Congestion with 92 and 195
7/24/2023	2	25	ENG – No HEP
7/29/2023	0	36	SVS – Yard manpower shortage
7/31/2023	8	19	SYS – Late crew

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# Upcoming construction for TRV will add to the current challenges facing passenger rail service in Virginia

## **Ongoing challenges**



Poor service quality unless proactive action is taken



Slow orders from maintenance & non-TRV construction



Crew and engine swap issues







Track and platform closures



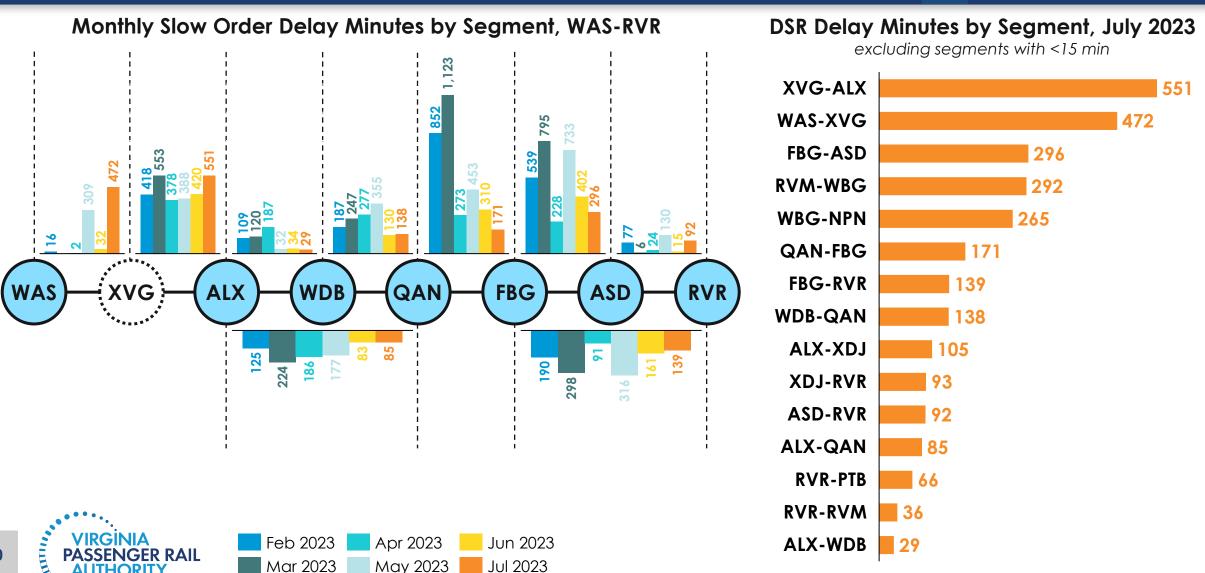
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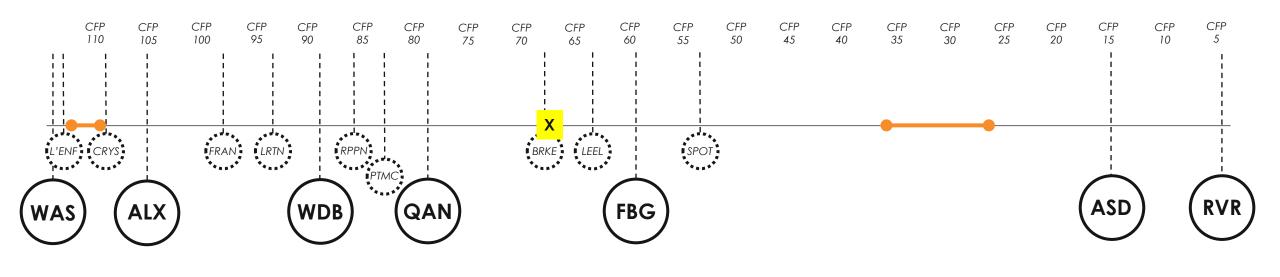


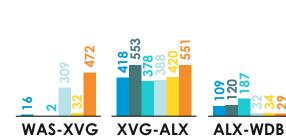


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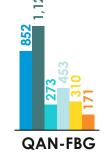


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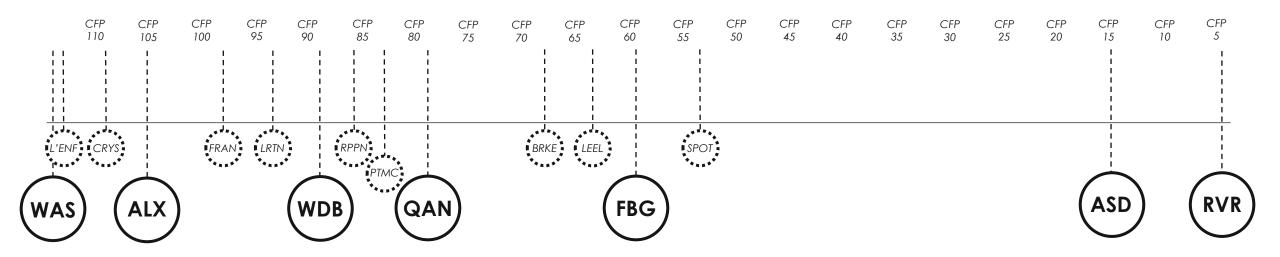








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Early Works/Construction Start - Dec 2023 - Oct 2024

#### Alexandria Fourth Track (MP 110.1 – MP 104.1)

Utility relocation, Q3 2023 - Q2 2024

#### Lorton Third Track (MP 99.0 – MP 92.3)

Utility relocation, Q4 2023 - Q4 2026

#### Potomac Shores Station (MP 83.0)

Construction, Q1 2023 - Q1 2024

#### Quantico Station Improvements (MP 78.9)

Phase 2 Construction, Dec 2023 – Feb 2024 Phase 3 Construction, Feb 2024 – Apr 2024

#### Arkendale Third Track (MP 78.9 – MP 78.2)

Phase 3 Work, Dec 2023 – Jan 2024 Signal Cut Over, Jan 2024 – Mar 2024



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Work adjacent to tracks or otherwise low impact to service

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Trains may experience minimal speed restrictions

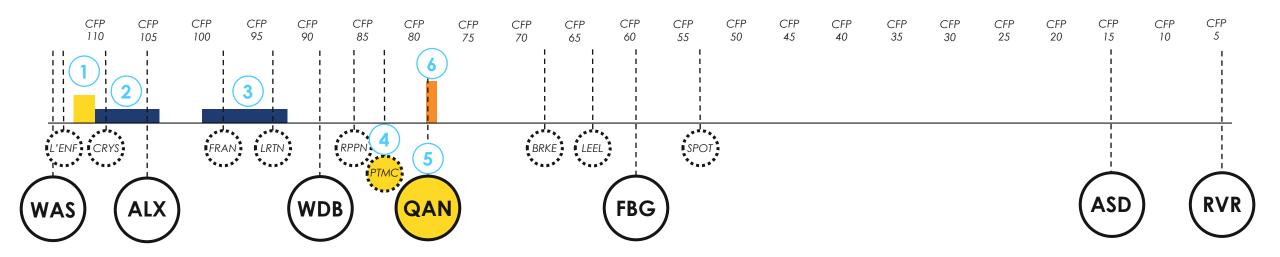
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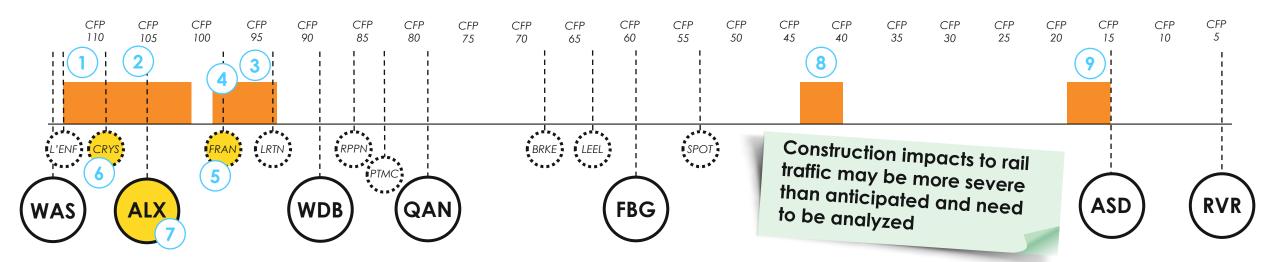
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### Q2 2025 Planned APMP Work



- Long Bridge
  Southern Construction, G
  - Southern Construction, Q2 2025 Q2 2031 Northern Construction, Q3 2024 – Q4 2030
- Alexandria Fourth Track
  Construction, Q2 2024 Q3 2026
- 3 Lorton Third Track Construction, Q2 2025 – Q3 2027

- Franconia-Spfld Bypass
  Construction, Q3 2024 Q4 2026
- Franconia-Spfld Station
  Construction, Q3 2024 Q3 2026
- 6 Crystal City Station
  Construction, Q3 2024 Q3 2026

- 7 Alexandria Station
  Construction, Q2 2024 Q1 2026
- 8 Woodford-Milford 3<sup>rd</sup> Track Construction, Q2 2025 – Q4 2026
- 9 Hanover 3<sup>rd</sup> Track Construction, Q2 2025 – Q4 2026



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# The severity of the anticipated impact will inform the appropriate mitigation measure

#### **Analysis**

How long will the work last?

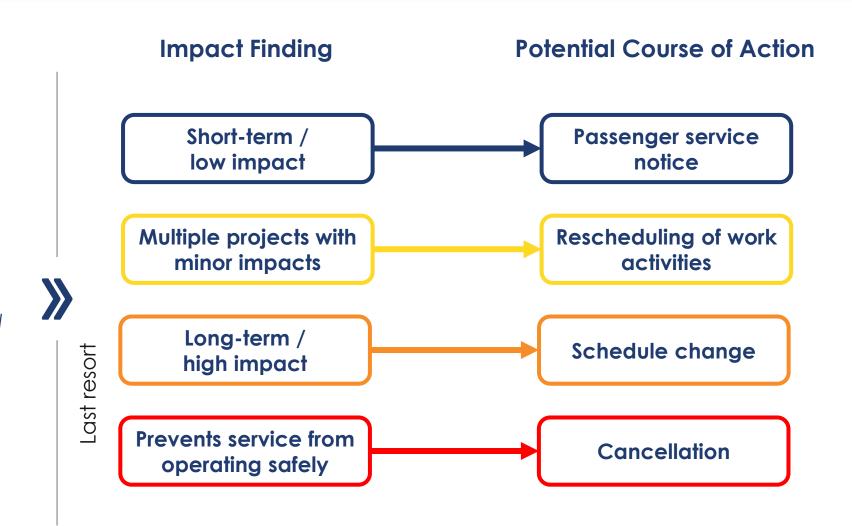
Overnight, weeks, months, years?

# What is the expected impact to service?

None, minor delays, major delays, temporary reduction in capacity, total blockage?

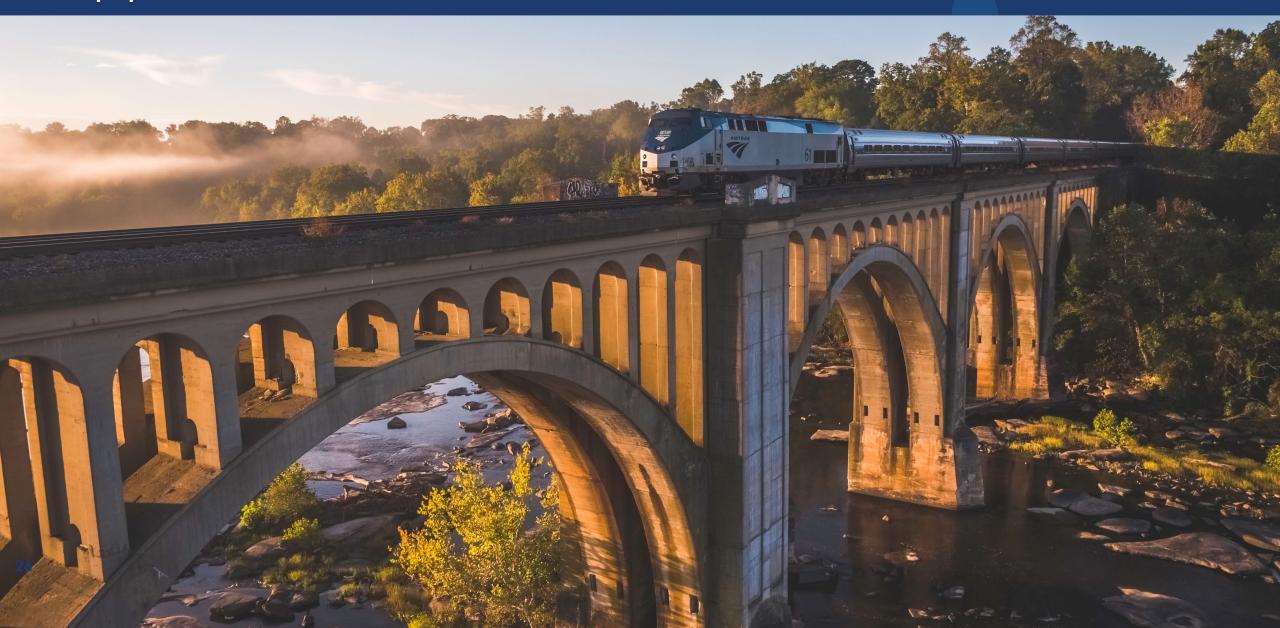
#### What other projects are ongoing?

Do the cumulative impacts of multiple projects create a larger impact?



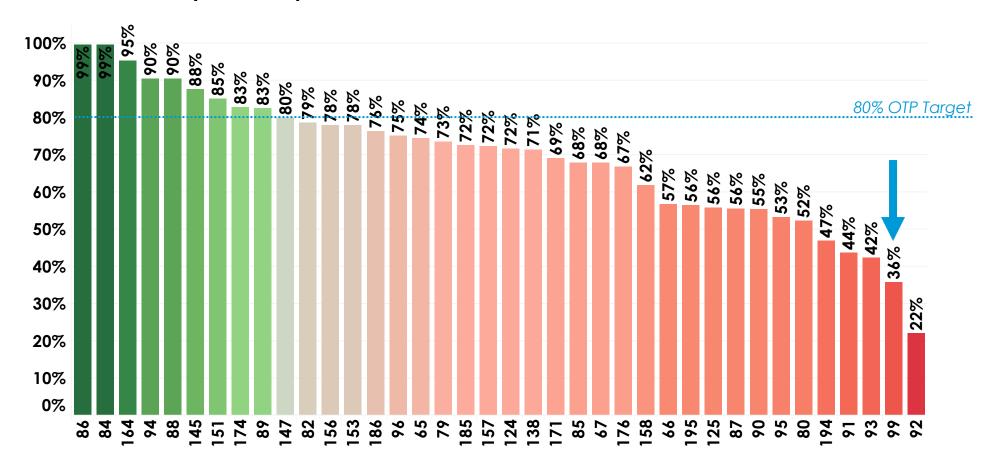


# Appendix



## September 2022

#### All-Station OTP by Train, September 2022<sup>1</sup>

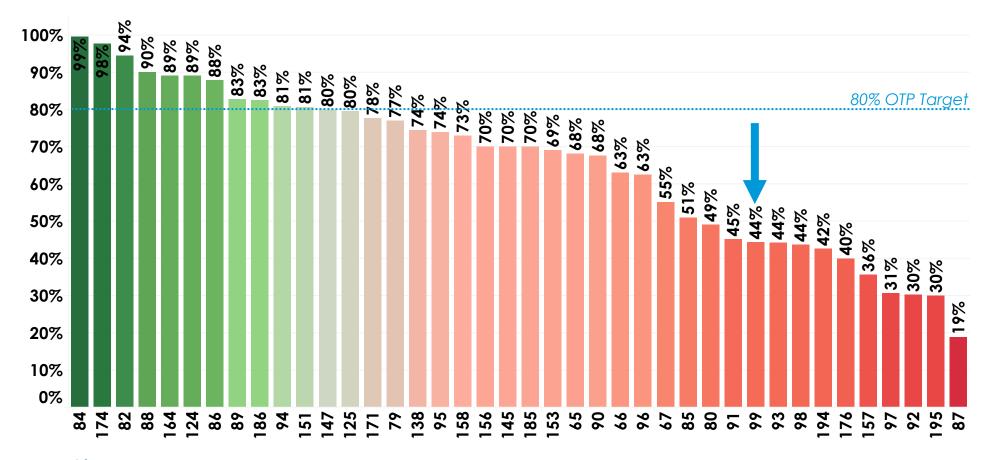




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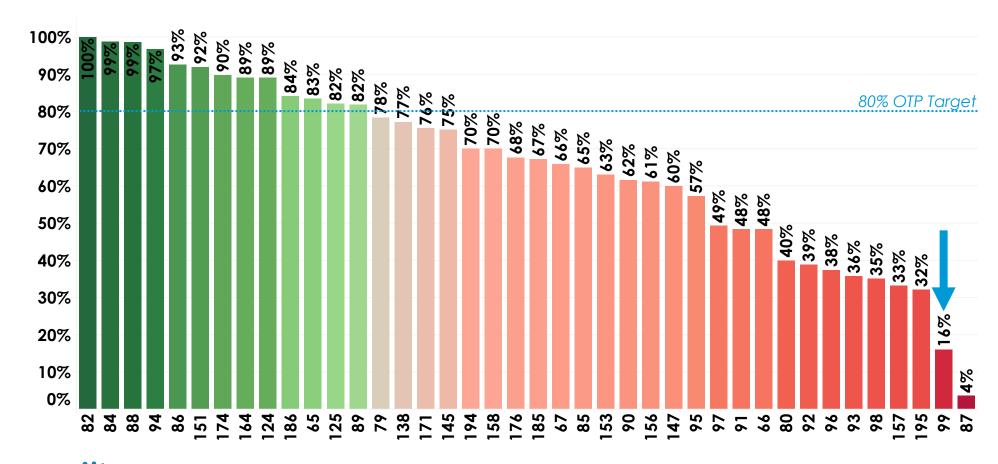
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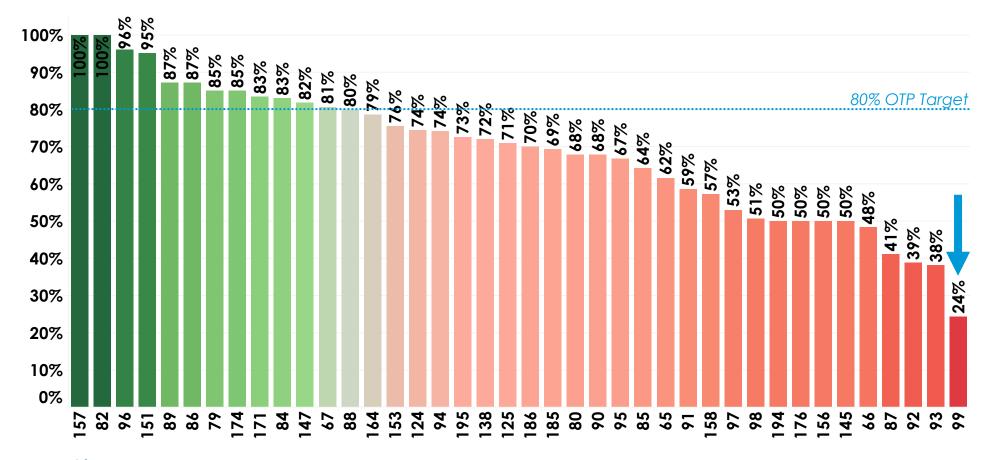
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### December 2022

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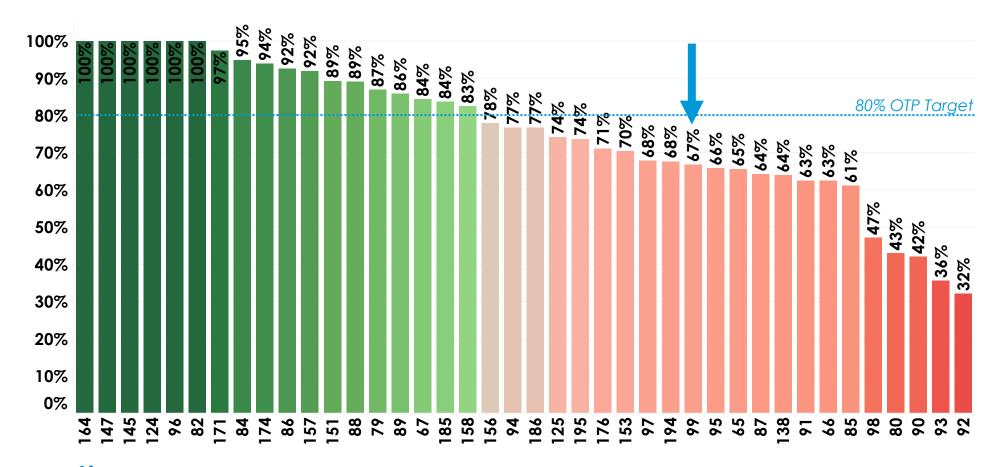
## January 2023





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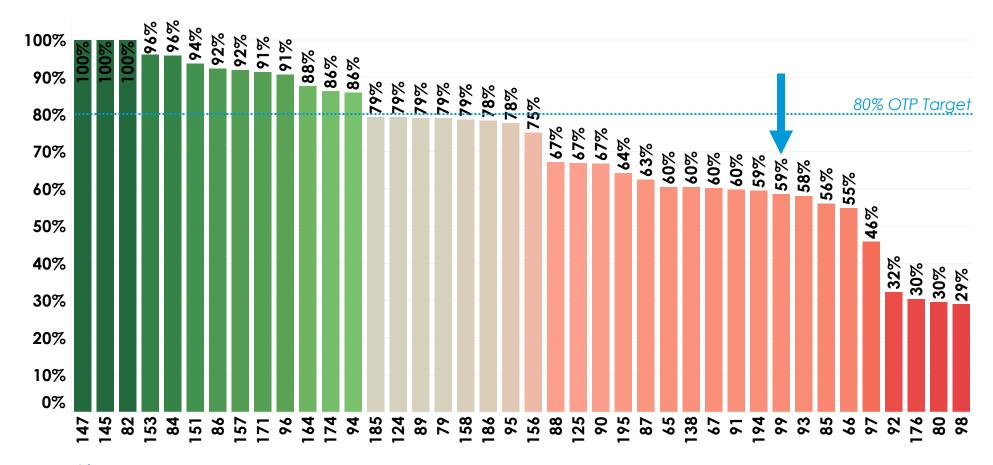
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### **March 2023**

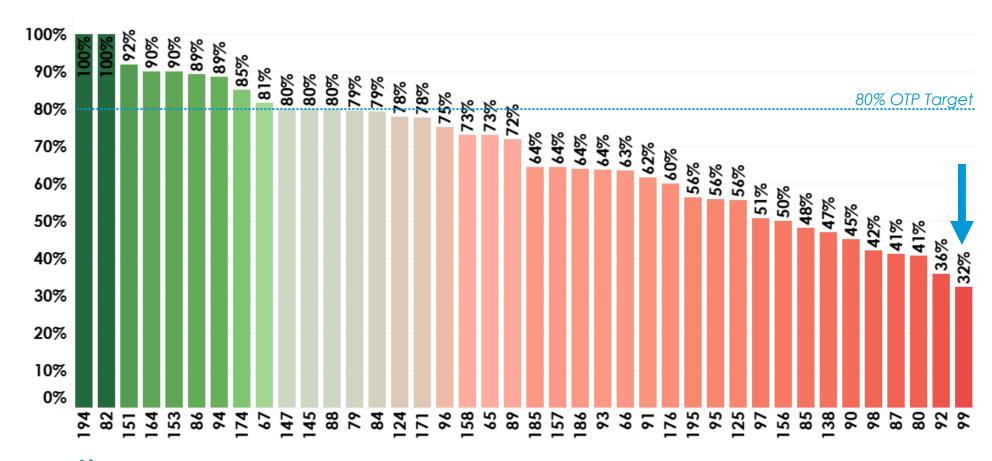
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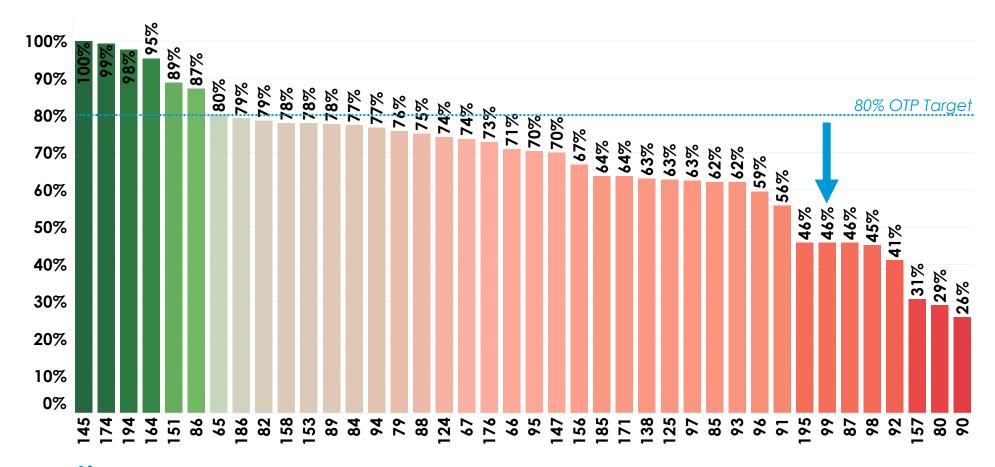
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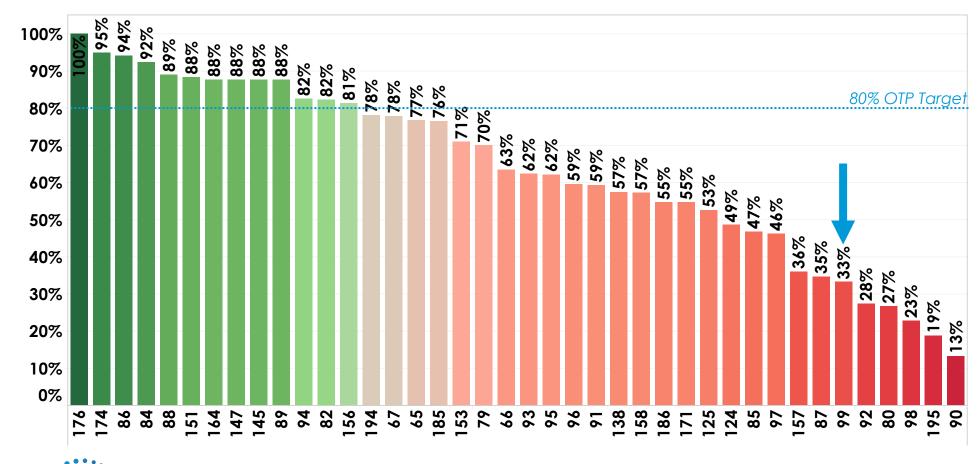
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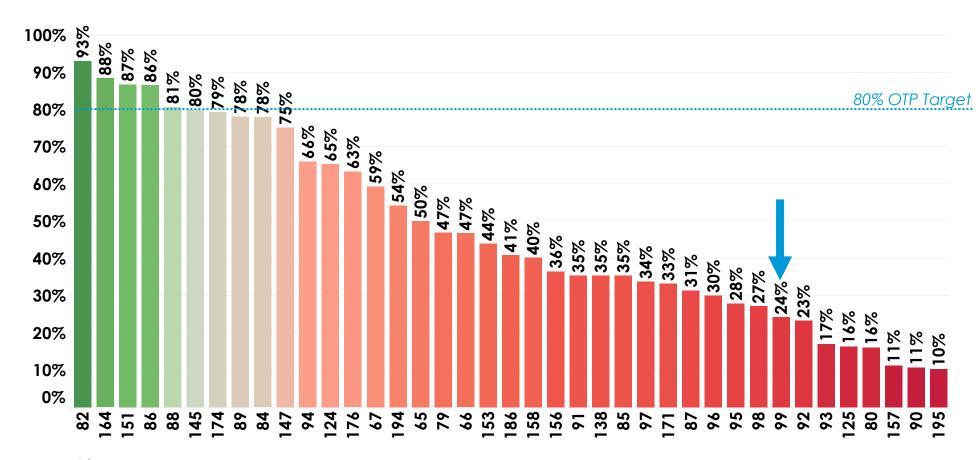
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# **July 2023**

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# **Board Meeting Dates**

Next Meeting
Wednesday, December 6, 2023
10:30 a.m. to 2:40 p.m.

**VPRA** 

Truist Place
919 East Main Street
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Next Year: 2024

Tuesday, January 23

Tuesday, June 4

Tuesday, August 27

Tuesday, November 19

