VPRA’s Relationships with Passenger Rail Operators

Operators

- Amtrak
- Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority (MBTA)
- CT Rail
- Metro-North Railroad (MNR)
- Long Island Rail Road (LIRR)
- New Jersey Transit (NJT)
- Southeastern Pennsylvania Transportation Authority (SEPTA)
- Maryland Area Regional Commuter (MARC)
- Virginia Railway Express (VRE)
Virginia Railway Express

- 8 daily roundtrips Fredericksburg Line
- 8 daily roundtrips Manassas Line
- Future Amtrak Step-up

*Denotes Amtrak Stop
Amtrak Service in Virginia

• Eight daily roundtrips: VA State-supported

• One daily roundtrip: Carolinian

• Six Amtrak Long Distance Services
Foundations of VRE & VPRA Relationship

- VPRA Representative on VRE’s Board
- VRE Representative on VPRA Board

- Access Fees: 84% paid by the Commonwealth Rail Fund (VPRA)

- Capital Grants
  - Legacy DRPT Grants (station projects)
  - Pursue federal/state/regional grants collaboratively

Franconia-Springfield VRE Station
Transforming Rail in Virginia

- Funding from CROC Bonds: $120M Lump Sum; $75M over ten years
- Master Lease for Station Assets
- Capital Projects: Mutual Service Benefits & Construction Partnership
- Service Growth: Phased Implementation & Schedule Coordination
Foundations of Amtrak & VPRA Relationship

- Proximity to the Northeast Corridor
  - Non-voting member: NEC Commission
  - One-seat ride to NEC

- Long Distance (National Network)

- State-supported Service
Amtrak State-Supported Service

- Demonstration Trains
  - 2009 – Lynchburg-DC
  - 2010 – Richmond-DC
  - 2012 – 1st Extension to Norfolk

- Passenger Rail Investment and Improvement Act of 2008 (PRIIA)
  - 2013 – PRIIA 209 Cost Allocation Policy implemented for Routes less than 750 miles
  - 2013 – Virginia takes over two Richmond & two Newport News Roundtrips

- PRIIA 209 Operating Agreement
  - Operating and Capital Cost sharing formula: state defined frequency, schedules, staffing
  - Fare Policy: Ridership & Revenue Management
Virginia Passenger Rail Program Milestones

- **2006**
  - October
  - Virginia Passenger Rail Authority established.
  - Agreement with Norfolk Southern for Western Rail Initiative announced.

- **2009**
  - October
  - Lynchburg service began.

- **2010**
  - July
  - Richmond service began.

- **2011**
  - IPROC Fund created.
  - IPROC funded through sales & use tax.

- **2012**
  - December
  - Norfolk service began.

- **2013**
  - PRIIA 209: Virginia acquires four daily round-trips; two Richmond and two Newport News.

- **2017**
  - October
  - Lynchburg service extended to Roanoke.

- **2019**
  - March
  - Second Norfolk service began.
  - Schedule optimization.

  - December
  - Agreement with CSX for Transforming Rail in Virginia announced.

- **2020**
  - July
  - Virginia Passenger Rail Authority established.
  - Additional rail funding thru Commonwealth Rail Fund.

- **2021**
  - May
  - Agreement with Norfolk Southern for Western Rail Initiative announced.

  - September
  - Richmond route extended to Main Street Station in Richmond, VA.

- **2022**
  - July
  - Third Norfolk and second Roanoke service began.

- **2026**
  - July
  - Third Newport News and second Richmond service scheduled to begin.
State-Amtrak Intercity Passenger Rail Committee

- Members
  - Amtrak
  - FRA
  - 20 States
- Oversees 209 Policy
  - Quarterly Meetings
  - Working Groups
  - Amtrak Data
  - Airo Procurement
- Collective Voice on Federal Issues
  - Pandemic Funding
Transforming Rail in Virginia

- Funding Partner: $944M in Capital Construction
  - Dispatch Rights (WAS-ALX)
  - IPR Operator Exclusivity & Service Standards
  - Crystal City Station
  - Additional 25% Capacity over New Long Bridge
- Master Lease for Station Assets
  - Amtrak staffed, operated, maintained
  - ADA standards, State of Good Repair, Asset Management
- Service Facility Design & Operations
  - Newport News, Richmond, Roanoke/New River Valley, Norfolk
  - Design and Funding for Airo Equipment Updates

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