

Decades of Transformation

VRE's Role in the Expansion of Passenger Rail Service

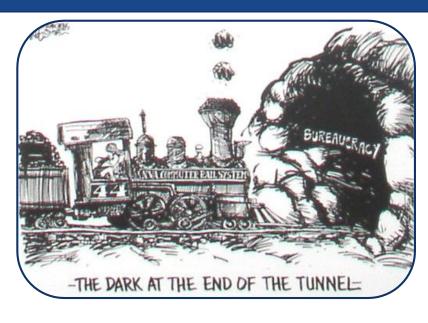
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In the Beginning

1950 Commuter rail abandoned in Northern Virginia



1964

Northern Virginia Transportation Commission initiates discussions on reestablishment of commuter rail service



1967 - Numerous studies validate the1984 viability of commuter rail service

Early Milestones

1984

Planning for commuter rail begins in earnest. Grassroots effort garners community support.

NVTC and PRTC establish the
1988 Virginia Railway Express
Operations Board





1989

NVTC, PRTC and jurisdictions execute a Master Agreement



Early Milestones

1989

Operating and storage agreements are put in place









1992 First locomotive arrives (January)



1992 Inaugural ride with Governor (June)



Service Begins

1992 Manassas Line – June 22, 1992 Fredericksburg Line – July 20, 1992





Corridor Infrastructure Improvements

1991

To avoid the retirement of 11.5 miles of track north of Manassas, VRE agrees to pay Norfolk Southern \$150,000 annually





1995

To allow VRE to operate bi-level rail cars, an agreement is reached with Amtrak to share in the cost of enlarging the First Street Tunnel under the U.S. Capitol.

Corridor Infrastructure Improvements

1999

CSX agrees to permit \$10 million of state-funded improvements to the AF interlocking near Telegraph Road in Alexandria, plus upgrades to signals north to RW interlocking, and a third mainline track north of Slater's Lane

2007

VRE completes its largest project to date, a new Quantico Bridge, to provide a double mainline crossing over Quantico Creek and greatly improve operational efficiency.



Corridor Infrastructure Improvements

VRE constructs a west platform at its Woodbridge station. The \$3.9 million project 2011 includes an overhead pedestrian bridge connecting the second platform to the existing parking garage.





VRE constructs 2.5 miles of third track on the CSX right of way from the VRE Crossroads Yard 2015 to Hamilton. The project includes a longer yard lead to accommodate the VRE Spotsylvania station.

What VRE Is Known For

- Safe and Healthy Operations
- High Customer Satisfaction
- Quality Service
- Reliable Service
- Strong Partnerships



Operations

Service (Pre-Pandemic)

- 82 route miles of leased track
- 2 lines
 - Fredericksburg

- Manassas
- 16 trains daily on each line
- 19 stations
- 5 stations connect to Metrorail

Staff

VRE

- 50+ at headquarters/warehouse
- 140+ contracted employees
 - Operations (Keolis)
- Maintenance (Keolis)
- Station upkeep (Fresh Air)





Potomac River

Equipment



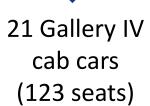
20 MP36 diesel-electric locomotives 49 Gallery IV trailers with restrooms (132 seats)

30 Gallery IV trailers without restrooms (144 seats)



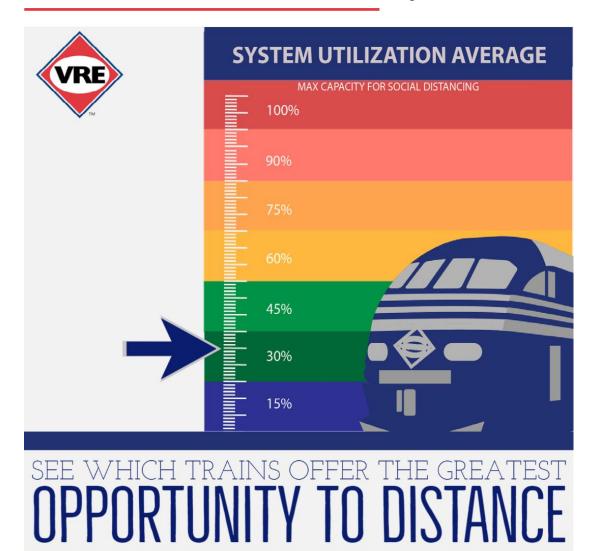








VRE COVID-19 Response







VRE's Future

As a partner with the commonwealth in improving mobility options in the region, VRE looks forward to working with the Virginia Passenger Rail Authority in implementing Virginia's visionary \$3.7 billion Transforming Rail in Virginia program.

