



MEMORANDUM

TO: The Commonwealth Transportation Board

THROUGH: Thelma D. Drake
Agency Director

FROM: Kevin Page
Chief of Rail Transportation

DATE: January 20, 2010

SUBJECT: Monthly Amtrak Performance Report

DRPT is pleased to present the monthly performance report for Amtrak service in Virginia, summarizing November 2009 performance data. This monthly report provides a snapshot of current performance and recent trends. DRPT continues to work with Amtrak to refine data and to ensure that this monthly report is comprehensive.

The following key facts are based on November 2009 results and a year-over-year comparison of trends for November 2008 and November 2009.

Key Facts

- Statewide year over year comparisons:
 - Virginia statewide Amtrak ridership for November 2009 increased by 21 percent, as compared to November 2008, to 100,814.
 - Statewide on-time performance for all Amtrak trains in Virginia was 63.5 percent in November 2009, an increase of 0.5 percent as compared to November 2008.
 - The Northern Virginia district accounts for the majority of Amtrak ridership at 34.9 percent, and the district with the greatest increase in ridership for November 2009 as compared to November 2008 is the Lynchburg district at 149 percent or 3,898 additional passengers.
 - November 2009 included one additional weekday and one fewer weekend day than November 2008.

- Statewide station comparisons:
 - Top five Virginia stations by total number of passengers in November 2009:

1. Staples Mill	23,086
2. Lorton	18,979
3. Alexandria	12,650
4. Newport News	10,654
5. Charlottesville	8,372

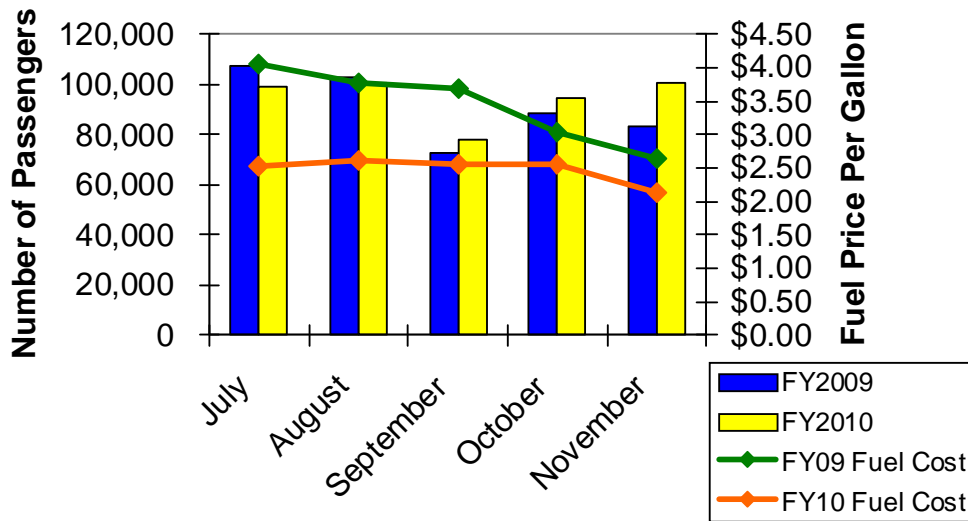
 - Top five Virginia stations by percentage of passenger growth in November 2009 as compared to November 2008:

1. Danville	361%
2. Lynchburg	105%
3. Charlottesville	48%

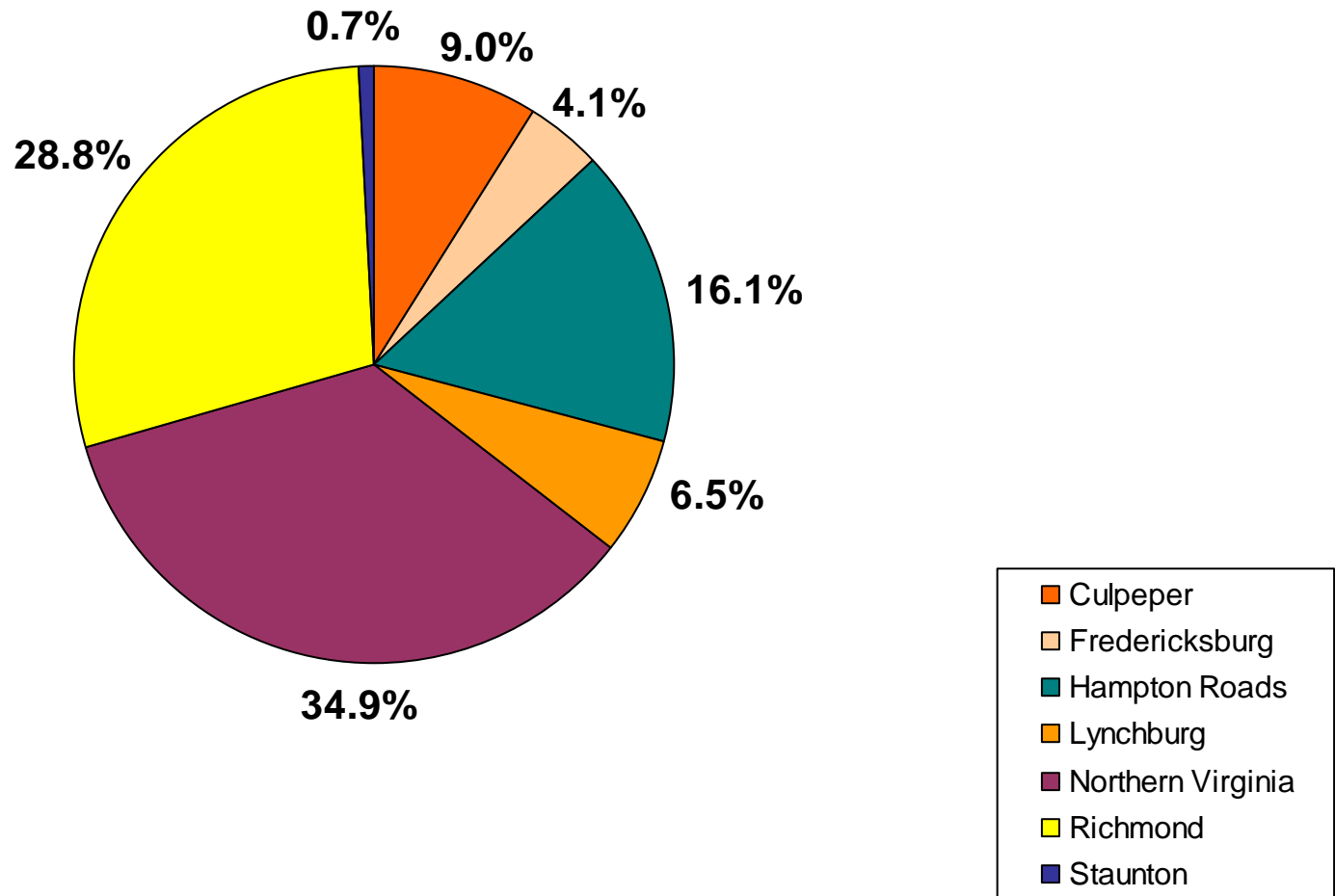
- 4. Culpeper 38%
- 5. Manassas 37%

- Virginia-sponsored Amtrak service:
 - Lynchburg route- service began October 1, 2009
 - Total Lynchburg route ridership credited to Virginia in November 2009 was 9,915, exceeding the monthly target of 4,200 by 136 percent.
 - Total Lynchburg route revenue credited to Virginia in November 2009 was \$534,534, exceeding the monthly target of \$212,070 by 152 percent.
 - On-time performance for the Lynchburg route exceeded the statewide average by 20.1 percent, with 83.6 percent on time performance in November 2009.
 - Similar to transit ridership patterns, Amtrak ridership in Virginia fluctuates seasonally, with a typical decline in late winter months and an increase in summer months. As these monthly ridership reports are developed, seasonal trends will be tracked.
 - Top five bi-directional city pairs for the new Lynchburg route in November 2009:
 1. Charlottesville—Washington, D.C. 1,657
 2. Lynchburg—Washington, D.C. 1,400
 3. Charlottesville—New York 1,261
 4. Lynchburg—New York 714
 5. Charlottesville—Philadelphia 506

FY2009-FY2010 Amtrak Ridership and Fuel Cost Comparison

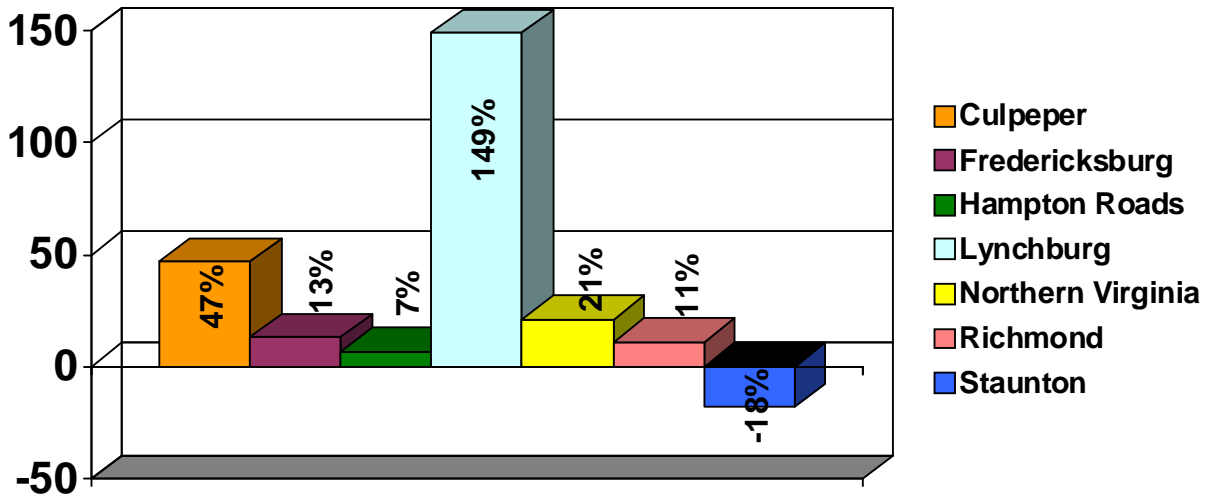


November 2009 Amtrak Ridership by District



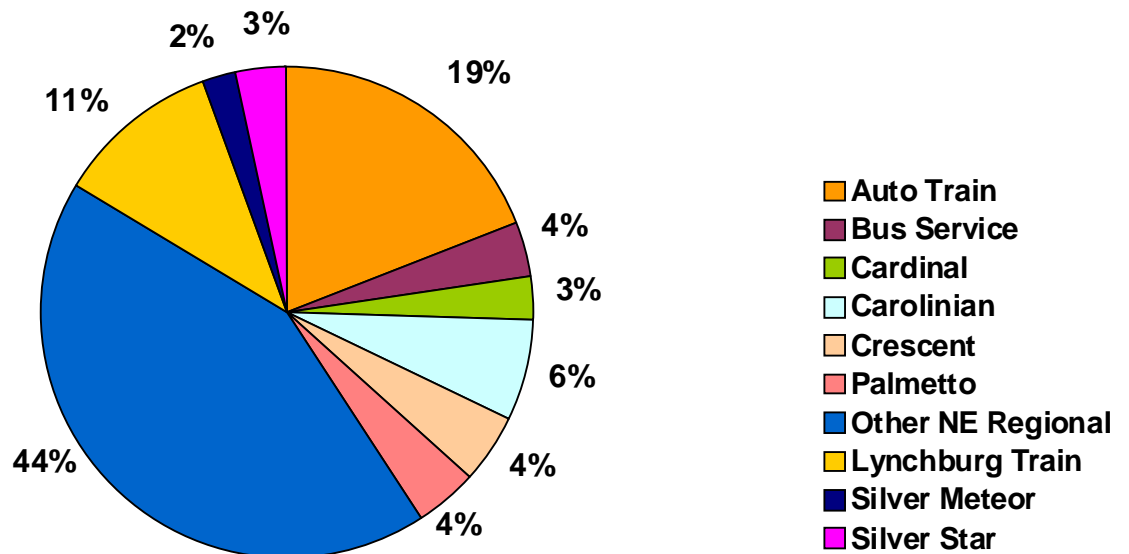
The Salem and Bristol districts are excluded because they currently do not have Amtrak service. Percentages may not add to 100 due to rounding.

Percentage Ridership Change By District November 2008-November 2009



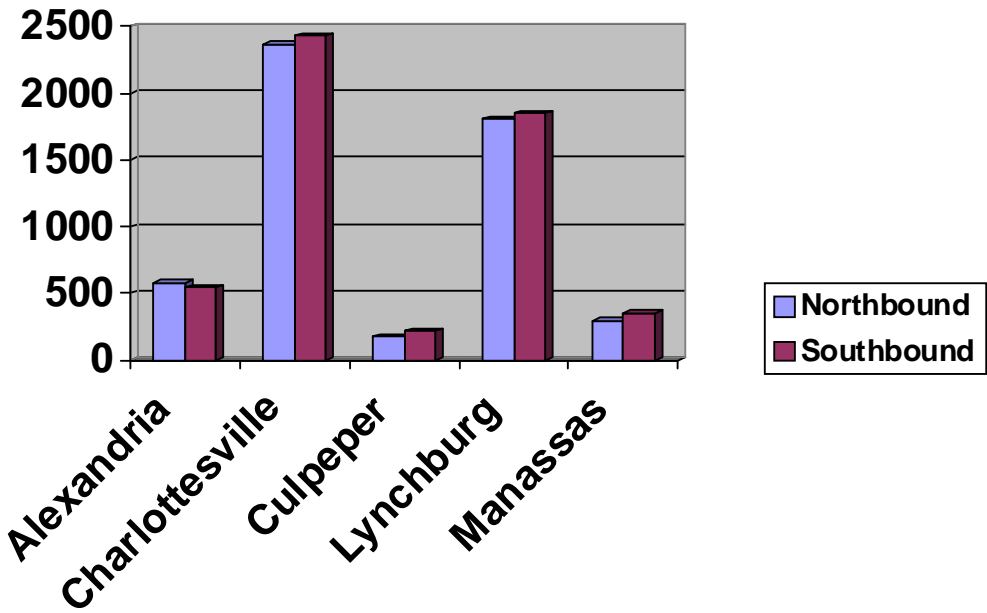
Statewide Amtrak ridership increased 21 percent

November 2009 Statewide Amtrak Ridership By Service

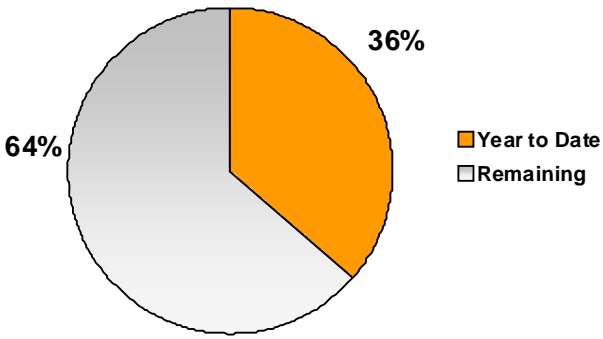


Total I-95 corridor: 82%, Total I-81/Route 29 corridor: 18%

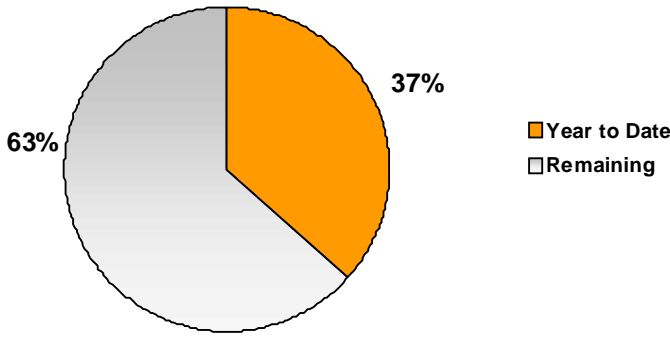
November 2009 Ridership Direction New Lynchburg Service



New Lynchburg Route Progress Toward Annual Goals November 2009



Ridership
Year to date: 18,500
Annual goal: 51,000



Revenue
Year to date: \$948,944
Annual goal: \$2,580,000

November 2009 Amtrak Virginia Performance Report

AMTRAK VIRGINIA PERFORMANCE BY TRANSPORTATION DISTRICT	Total Passengers November 2009	Total Passengers November 2008	Percent Change	Fiscal YTD 2010 (July 2009 - Nov. 2009)	Fiscal YTD 2009 (July 2008 - Nov. 2008)	Percent Change
Culpeper District						
Charlottesville (CVS)	8,372	5,672	48%	29,746	25,278	18%
Culpeper (CLP)	685	497	38%	2,685	2,297	17%
Culpeper District Total	9,057	6,169	47%	32,431	27,575	18%
Fredericksburg District						
Fredericksburg (FGB)	4,156	3,663	13%	19,375	17,886	8%
Fredericksburg District Total	4,156	3,663	13%	19,375	17,886	8%
Hampton Roads District						
Newport News (NPN)	10,654	9,773	9%	59,895	61,807	-3%
Norfolk Bus Stop (NFK)	1,012	809	25%	5,293	5,244	1%
Virginia Beach Bus Stop (VAB)	446	431	3%	3,916	4,272	-8%
Williamsburg (WBG)	4,094	4,155	-1%	22,623	23,124	-2%
Hampton Roads District Total	16,206	15,168	7%	91,727	94,447	-3%
Lynchburg District						
Danville (DAN)	2,082	452	361%	4,316	2,577	67%
Lynchburg (LYH)	4,437	2,169	105%	13,381	10,073	33%
Lynchburg District Total	6,519	2,621	149%	17,697	12,650	40%
Northern Virginia District						
Alexandria (ALX)	12,650	10,493	21%	55,716	52,007	7%
Franconia-Springfield (FRS)	226	262	-14%	1,171	1,341	-13%
Lorton (LOR)	18,979	15,519	22%	98,169	93,408	5%
Manassas (MSS)	1,330	969	37%	4,532	3,917	16%
Quantico (QAN)	1,347	1,276	6%	6,838	6,648	3%
Woodbridge (WDB)	607	529	15%	2,970	2,896	3%
Northern Virginia District Total	35,139	29,048	21%	169,396	160,217	6%
Richmond District						
Ashland (ASD)	1,530	1,245	23%	7,779	6,998	11%
Main Street (RVM)	2,256	2,047	10%	11,608	10,944	6%
Petersburg (PTB)	2,157	1,776	21%	9,770	8,798	11%
Staples Mill (RVR)	23,086	21,012	10%	109,624	111,578	-2%
Richmond District Total	29,029	26,080	11%	138,781	138,318	0%

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Staunton District						
Clifton Forge (CLF)	257	339	-24%	1,802	1,995	-10%
Staunton (STA)	451	520	-13%	2,725	2,651	3%
Staunton District Total	708	859	-18%	4,527	4,646	-3%
TOTAL AMTRAK VIRGINIA PASSENGERS						
	100,814	83,608	21%	473,934	455,739	4%
AMTRAK VIRGINIA PERFORMANCE BY SERVICE	Total Passengers November 2009	Total Passengers November 2008	Percent Change	Fiscal YTD 2010 (July 2009 - Nov. 2009)	Fiscal YTD 2009 (July 2008 - Nov. 2008)	Percent Change
Auto Train	18,979	15,519	22%	98,169	93,408	5%
Bus Service	3,638	3,246	12%	22,068	23,619	-7%
Cardinal	2,856	3,248	-12%	15,159	15,608	-3%
Carolinian	6,449	6,194	4%	28,870	28,568	1%
Crescent	4,357	7,855	-45%	26,773	34,708	-23%
New Lynchburg Service	10,597	n/a	n/a	19,834	n/a	n/a
Other Northeast Regional	42,506	38,852	9%	195,795	221,354	-12%
Palmetto	4,268	3,492	22%	17,458	14,776	18%
Silver Meteor	2,391	2,171	10%	9,682	9,639	0%
Silver Star	3,188	2,904	10%	13,768	13,932	-1%
Total Passengers By Service	99,229	83,481	19%	447,576	455,612	-2%
AMTRAK VIRGINIA ON-TIME PERFORMANCE	Total Passengers November 2009	Total Passengers November 2008	Percent Change	Fiscal YTD 2010 (July 2009 - Nov. 2009)	Fiscal YTD 2009 (July 2008 - Nov. 2008)	Percent Change
Statewide Amtrak On-Time Performance	63.5%	63.0%	0.5%	60.9%	51.6%	9.3%
Lynchburg Route On-Time Performance	83.6%	n/a	n/a	79.5%	n/a	n/a
CALENDAR COMPARISON	November 2009	November 2008	Percent Change	Fiscal YTD 2010 (July 2009 - Nov. 2009)	Fiscal YTD 2009 (July 2008 - Nov. 2008)	Percent Change
Number of Weekdays	17	16	6%	102	102	0%
Number of Saturday and Sundays	9	10	-10%	44	44	0%
Number of Holidays	4	4	0%	5	5	0%