



## MEMORANDUM

**TO:** The Commonwealth Transportation Board

**THROUGH:** Thelma Drake  
Agency Director

**FROM:** Corey Hill  
Chief of Public Transportation

**DATE:** June 16, 2010

**SUBJECT:** Monthly Statewide Transit Ridership Report

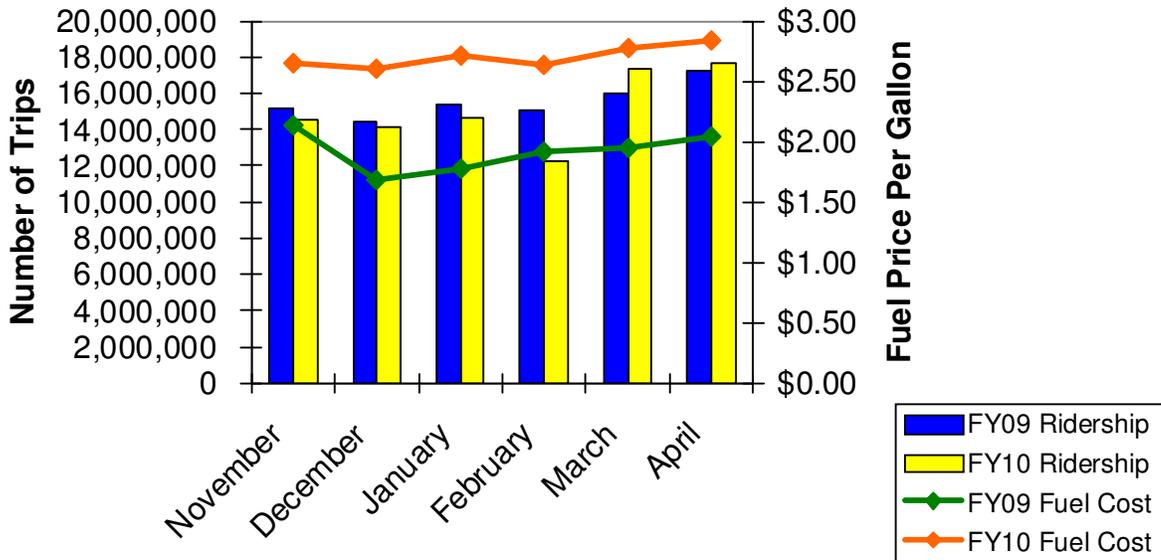
DRPT is pleased to present the monthly Statewide Transit Ridership Report, summarizing April 2010 transit and human service ridership data. This monthly report provides a snapshot of current performance and recent trends.

The following key facts are based on a year-over-year comparison of monthly results reported by operators for April 2010 and April 2009.

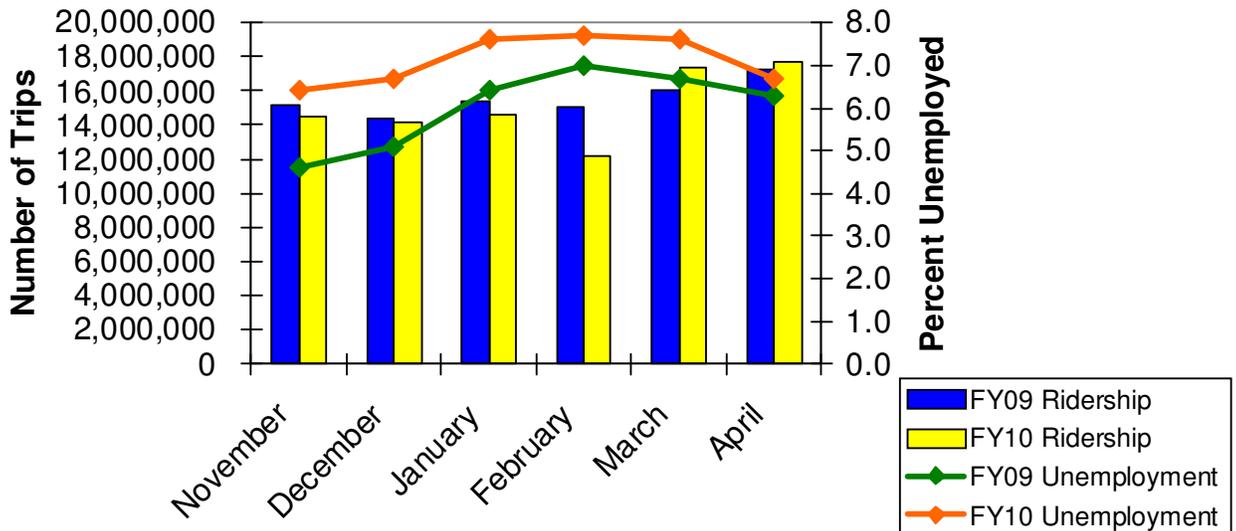
### Key Facts

- Year over year comparisons:
  - Virginia statewide transit and human service ridership for the month of April 2010 increased by two percent, or 422,747 trips as compared to April 2009, based on reports from all 60 transit operators and 51 (of 54) human service operators.
  - Virginia's unemployment rate increased by 6.3 percent to 6.7 percent in April 2010 as compared to the April 2009 rate of 6.3 percent.
  - The price of fuel per gallon increased 39.2 percent to \$2.84 per gallon in April 2010, as compared to the April 2009 price of \$2.04 per gallon.
  - Fiscal year-to-date 2010 statewide transit and human service ridership decreased three percent in FY2010 as compared to FY2009.
  - April 2010 included the same number of weekday and weekends days as April 2009.
- Transportation district comparisons:
  - In transit ridership, the **Northern Virginia District** accounts for the majority at 76 percent in April 2010, followed by the Hampton Roads District at 9.3 percent and the Richmond District at 5.6 percent.
  - In human service ridership, the **Staunton District** accounts for the majority at 22 percent in April 2010, followed by the Hampton Roads District at 18.3 percent and the Fredericksburg District at 13.4 percent.
  - The district with the greatest increase in transit and human service ridership combined for April 2010, as compared to April 2009, is the **Salem District** at 11 percent, or 61,539 additional trips.

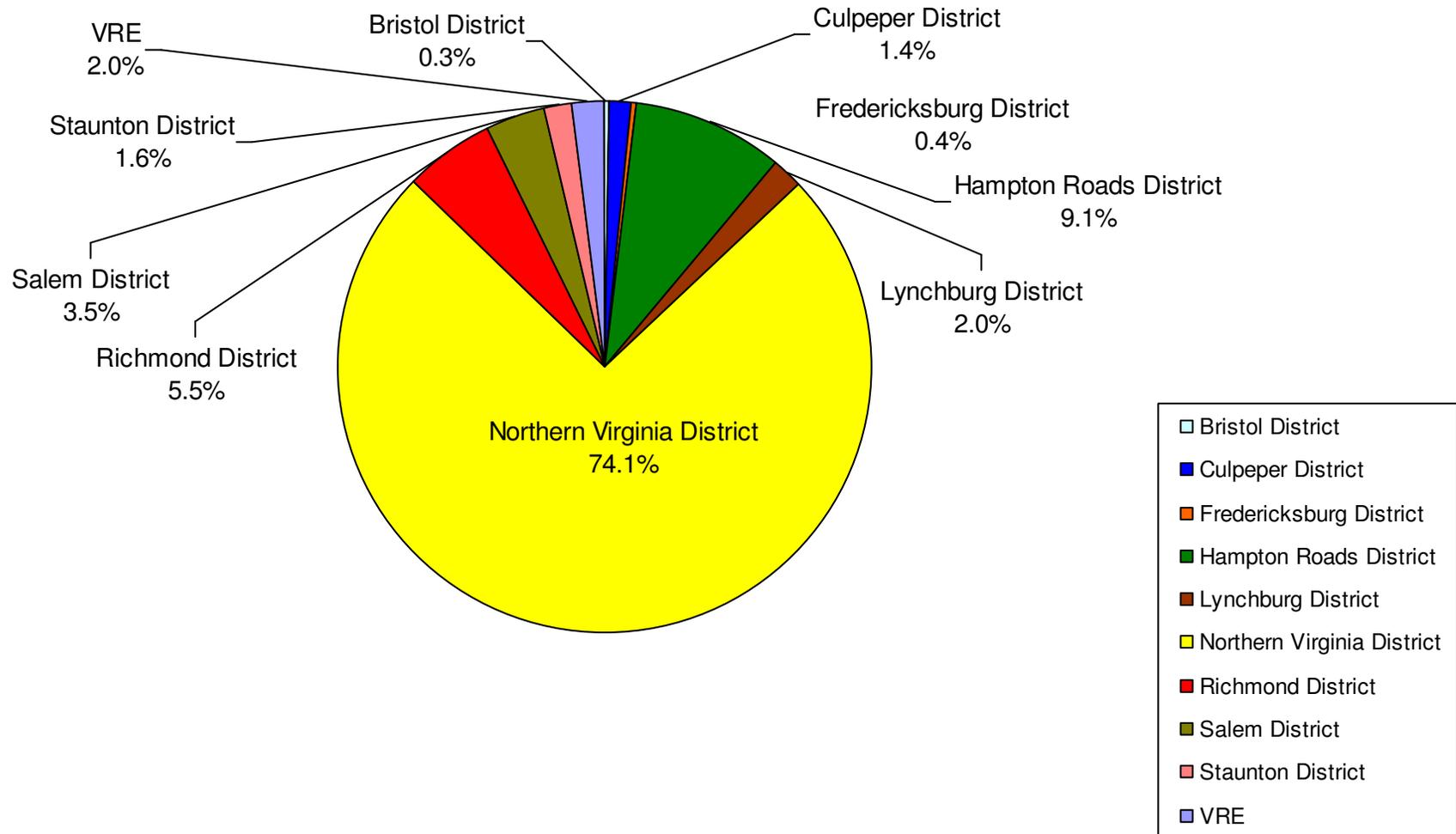
## FY2009-FY2010 Transit Ridership and Fuel Cost Comparison



## FY2009-FY2010 Transit Ridership and Virginia Unemployment Comparison

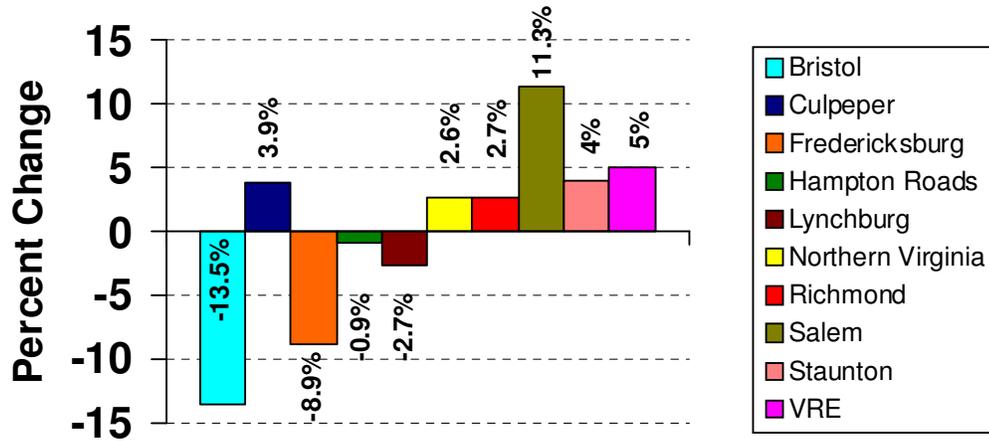


# April 2010 Statewide Transit Ridership by District



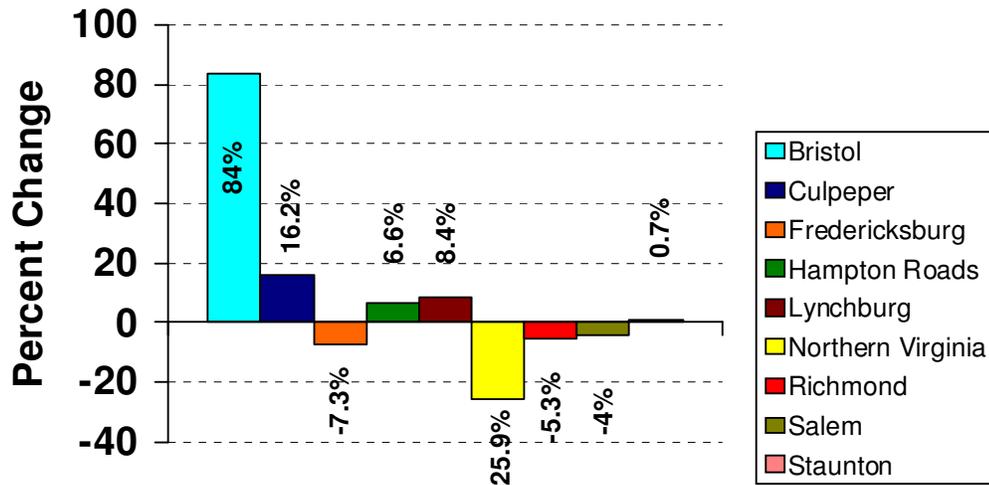
VRE ridership is not included within district totals because the operator provides cross-district service. Percentages may not add to 100 due to rounding.

## April 2010 vs. April 2009 Transit Ridership by District



**Statewide transit ridership  
increased 2.5 percent**

## April 2010 vs. April 2009 Human Service Ridership by District



**Statewide human service ridership  
decreased 0.6 percent**

## April 2010 Statewide Transit Ridership Report

Operator	Total Ridership April 2010	Total Ridership April 2009	Percent Change	Fiscal YTD 2010 (July 2009 - April 2010)	Fiscal YTD 2009 (July 2008 - April 2009)	Percent Change
<b>Passenger Rail</b>						
Virginia Railway Express	361,395	343,696	5%	3,284,660	3,199,780	3%
<b>Total Passenger Rail Ridership</b>	<b>361,395</b>	<b>343,696</b>	<b>5%</b>	<b>3,284,660</b>	<b>3,199,780</b>	<b>3%</b>
<b>Bristol District</b>						
City of Bristol Virginia	6,496	6,931	-6%	64,910	63,739	2%
District Three Public Transit	16,439	20,016	-18%	166,386	182,762	-9%
Four County Transit	11,876	13,874	-14%	116,133	143,792	-19%
Junction Center For Independent Living	245	230	7%	2,544	1,823	40%
Mount Rogers Community Services Board	4,022	2,089	93%	24,198	21,308	14%
Mountain Empire Older Citizens	4,794	5,146	-7%	43,580	61,192	-29%
Town of Bluefield-Graham Transit	2,529	2,756	-8%	34,344	32,040	7%
<b>Bristol District Total</b>	<b>46,401</b>	<b>51,042</b>	<b>-9%</b>	<b>452,095</b>	<b>506,656</b>	<b>-11%</b>
<b>Culpeper District</b>						
Charlottesville Transit Service	200,584	190,279	5%	1,857,730	1,679,522	11%
Greene County Transit	5,603	5,497	2%	46,799	46,790	0%
JAUNT	26,143	25,704	2%	245,477	235,730	4%
Rappahannock-Rapidan CSB-AAA	3,885	3,343	16%	34,450	27,865	24%
Virginia Regional Transit - Culpeper County	458	580	-21%	4,965	4,626	7%
Virginia Regional Transit - Fauquier/Warrenton	2,655	3,202	-17%	24,743	28,834	-14%
Virginia Regional Transit - Town Of Culpeper	5,409	6,275	-14%	53,298	56,959	-6%
Virginia Regional Transit - Town Of Orange	2,197	2,289	-4%	21,709	22,804	-5%
<b>Culpeper District Total</b>	<b>246,934</b>	<b>237,169</b>	<b>4%</b>	<b>2,289,171</b>	<b>2,103,130</b>	<b>9%</b>
<b>Fredericksburg District</b>						
Bay Aging	11,032	10,955	1%	103,091	111,376	-7%
Bay Aging/Colonial Beach Transit	999	959	4%	10,261	9,484	8%
FRED - Caroline County	630	742	-15%	6,027	6,748	-11%
FRED - King George	1,414	1,916	-26%	13,844	18,311	-24%
Fredericksburg Regional Transit	43,980	49,136	-10%	407,935	441,766	-8%
Rappahannock Area Community Services Board	11,216	12,103	-7%	105,793	100,495	5%
<b>Fredericksburg District Total</b>	<b>69,271</b>	<b>75,811</b>	<b>-9%</b>	<b>646,951</b>	<b>688,180</b>	<b>-6%</b>

Operator	Total Ridership April 2010	Total Ridership April 2009	Percent Change	Fiscal YTD 2010 (July 2009 - April 2010)	Fiscal YTD 2009 (July 2008 - April 2009)	Percent Change
<b>Hampton Roads District</b>						
Arc of the Virginia Peninsula	1,196	1,144	5%	11,361	13,292	-15%
Bon Secours Senior Health	242	506	-52%	4,288	4,070	5%
Chesapeake Service Systems	539	514	5%	5,865	4,206	39%
Eastern Shore Community Services Board	3,310	2,621	26%	26,518	26,031	2%
ESAAA/CAA	1,184	1,249	-5%	10,409	9,240	13%
Hampton Roads Transit	1,323,895	1,323,183	0%	13,047,194	13,229,977	-1%
Historic Triangle Senior Center	716	570	26%	6,116	4,209	45%
Peninsula Agency on Aging	1,531	1,488	3%	15,219	16,908	-10%
Senior Services	3,878	3,730	4%	39,116	30,033	30%
STAR Transit	3,800	3,143	21%	28,888	30,917	-7%
Sussex-Greenville-Emporia Adult Activity Services, Inc.	2,123	1,902	12%	18,776	18,164	3%
Town of Chincoteague <sup>1</sup>	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Western Tidewater Community Service Board	597	641	-7%	4,963	7,733	-36%
Williamsburg Area Transit Authority	264,529	280,801	-6%	2,229,470	2,436,629	-9%
<b>Hampton Roads District Total</b>	<b>1,607,540</b>	<b>1,621,492</b>	<b>-1%</b>	<b>15,448,183</b>	<b>15,831,409</b>	<b>-2%</b>
<b>Lynchburg District</b>						
Blackstone Area Bus / Piedmont Area Transit	715	704	2%	7,608	6,954	9%
Central VA Area Agency on Aging	3,023	2,782	9%	28,341	27,688	2%
Crossroads Community Services	558	96	481%	4,344	1,016	328%
Danville City's Parks, Recreation, And Tourism; Stonewall Therapeutic Recreation Center	68	77	-12%	559	709	-21%
Danville Transit System	20,258	20,500	-1%	206,232	215,476	-4%
Danville-Pittsylvania Community Services	49	n/a	n/a	596	n/a	n/a
Farmville Area Bus	13,737	13,101	5%	113,476	109,816	3%
Greater Lynchburg Transit Company	313,542	323,660	-3%	2,700,475	2,838,505	-5%
JAUNT Buckingham	966	1,083	-11%	9,658	9,500	2%
Lake Area Bus / Halifax Area Rural Transit	439	454	-3%	4,417	5,419	-18%
Southside Community Services Board	2,200	2,392	-8%	17,078	20,844	-18%
STEPS	991	1,015	-2%	10,558	11,391	-7%
The Arc Of Central Virginia	11	5	120%	67	78	-14%
<b>Lynchburg District Total</b>	<b>356,557</b>	<b>365,869</b>	<b>-3%</b>	<b>3,103,409</b>	<b>3,247,396</b>	<b>-4%</b>

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<b>Northern Virginia District</b>						
Alexandria Transit Company	339,553	337,846	1%	3,147,718	3,341,226	-6%
Arlington Transit	195,284	120,029	63%	1,609,837	1,190,367	35%
City of Alexandria-King Street Trolley	53,108	41,626	28%	390,246	529,837	-26%
ECHO.INC	3,301	4,036	-18%	40,055	39,137	2%
Fairfax Connector	897,881	800,349	12%	7,738,229	8,036,269	-4%
Fairfax CUE	85,735	85,919	0%	786,971	887,501	-11%
Jewish Community Center of Northern Virginia	156	130	20%	1,490	1,220	22%
Loudoun County Transit	89,322	76,805	16%	785,177	738,991	6%
PRTC	286,356	271,844	5%	2,615,472	2,650,721	-1%
The Arc of Greater Prince William	5,052	7,314	-31%	56,479	55,061	3%
Virginia Regional Transit - Loudoun	64,088	49,881	28%	554,349	457,676	21%
Virginia Regional Transit - Town Of Purcellville	2,212	1,538	44%	17,853	15,117	18%
WMATA MetroBus	1,832,207	1,966,113	-7%	16,992,349	18,978,036	-10%
WMATA MetroRail	9,226,390	8,984,239	3%	81,100,741	83,607,307	-3%
<b>Northern Virginia District Total</b>	<b>13,080,645</b>	<b>12,747,669</b>	<b>3%</b>	<b>115,836,966</b>	<b>120,528,466</b>	<b>-4%</b>
<b>Richmond District</b>						
A Grace Place Adult Care Center	429	605	-29%	4,906	4,927	0%
Bay Aging/New Kent/Charles City	1,196	980	22%	10,671	9,446	13%
Beth Sholom Home	262	414	-37%	3,749	3,069	22%
Blackstone Area Bus	1,735	1,730	0%	16,907	18,075	-6%
Blackstone Area Bus / Dinwiddie County	381	51	647%	3,452	51	6669%
Blackstone Area Bus / Town & County Transit	439	281	56%	5,983	2,876	108%
Blackstone Area Bus- Brunswick Express	389	372	5%	3,608	3,519	3%
CAPUP	753	534	41%	6,092	2,803	117%
Chesterfield Community Services Board	1,431	1,864	-23%	14,181	16,003	-11%
Crater District Area Agency On Aging /FGP	3,751	3,877	-3%	39,411	35,409	11%
Daily Planet	74	28	164%	405	194	109%
ElderHomes Corporation	164	132	24%	1,999	1,492	34%
Goochland Free Clinic And Family Services	270	339	-20%	2,216	2,287	-3%
Greater Richmond Transit Company	901,347	877,378	3%	8,551,014	8,848,141	-3%
Henrico Area Mh/Mr Services	4	n/a	n/a	125	n/a	n/a
Lake Country Area Agency on Aging	1,892	1,576	20%	15,745	13,518	16%
Petersburg Area Transit	52,602	52,443	0%	490,751	519,211	-5%
St. Joseph's Villa	786	568	38%	15,536	2,958	425%
Weinstein Jewish Community Center	136	148	-8%	1,494	1,100	36%
<b>Richmond District Total</b>	<b>968,041</b>	<b>943,320</b>	<b>3%</b>	<b>9,188,245</b>	<b>9,485,079</b>	<b>-3%</b>

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<b>Salem District</b>						
Blacksburg Transit	381,082	331,592	15%	3,169,172	2,775,503	14%
Goodwill Industries Of The Valleys	360	268	34%	3,356	1,299	158%
Greater Roanoke Transit Company	214,810	207,590	3%	2,089,503	2,159,262	-3%
New River Valley Community Services	2,024	2,042	-1%	19,176	20,171	-5%
Piedmont Community Services	561	562	0%	5,670	5,486	3%
Pulaski Area Transit	8,424	7,681	10%	76,633	72,704	5%
RADAR / Martinsville / Henry County	918	69	1230%	7,378	289	2453%
RADAR / Roanoke	5,613	2,083	169%	38,661	19,189	101%
Southern Area Agency on Aging	4,096	4,468	-8%	39,621	42,493	-7%
Stepping Stones	42	36	17%	374	526	-29%
<b>Salem District Total</b>	<b>617,930</b>	<b>556,391</b>	<b>11%</b>	<b>5,449,544</b>	<b>5,096,922</b>	<b>7%</b>
<b>Staunton District</b>						
Friendship Industries	1,082	853	27%	8,559	9,206	-7%
Grafton	1,465	1,434	2%	14,242	15,190	-6%
Harrisonburg Transit	237,312	231,280	3%	1,787,899	1,639,293	9%
Northwestern Community Services	1,262	1,179	7%	10,906	9,912	10%
Pleasant View	5,278	5,963	-11%	53,503	55,416	-3%
RADAR / Covington & Clifton Forge	1,122	1,078	4%	10,269	11,050	-7%
Rockbridge Area CSB	968	1,012	-4%	9,258	9,394	-1%
Rockbridge Area Occupational Center	820	411	100%	4,361	5,623	-22%
Rockbridge Area Transportation System	902	996	-9%	8,213	8,595	-4%
Shen-Paco Industries	126	84	50%	867	1,126	-23%
Shenandoah Area Agency on Aging	2,915	2,767	5%	25,592	22,471	14%
The Arc of Harrisonburg/Rockingham	716	658	9%	5,823	5,816	0%
Valley Program for Aging Services	2,873	2,917	-2%	25,613	25,021	2%
Virginia Regional Transit - CATS Coordinated Area Transportation	6,310	3,852	64%	52,027	37,834	38%
Virginia Regional Transit - City Of Staunton	8,089	7,808	4%	75,236	81,509	-8%
Virginia Regional Transit - Clarke County	198	155	28%	1,684	1,679	0%
Virginia Regional Transit - Page County	626	622	1%	5,387	6,682	-19%
Virginia Regional Transit - Shenandoah Blue Ridge Service	5,693	4,403	29%	48,545	38,659	26%
Virginia Regional Transit - Town Of Front Royal	823	879	-6%	10,873	10,019	9%
Winchester Transit	10,352	10,089	3%	99,381	111,464	-11%
<b>Staunton District Total</b>	<b>288,932</b>	<b>278,440</b>	<b>4%</b>	<b>2,258,238</b>	<b>2,105,959</b>	<b>7%</b>
<b>STATEWIDE TRANSIT RIDERSHIP</b>	<b>17,643,646</b>	<b>17,220,899</b>	<b>2%</b>	<b>157,957,462</b>	<b>162,792,977</b>	<b>-3%</b>

	April 2010	39,904	Percent Change	Fiscal YTD 2010 (July 2009 - April 2010)	Fiscal YTD 2009 (July 2008 - April 2009)	Percent Change
<b>CALENDAR COMPARISON</b>						
Number of Weekdays	22	22	0%	205	203	1%
Number of Saturdays and Sundays	8	8	0%	86	86	0%
Number of Holidays	0	0	0%	13	15	-13%
	April 2010	April 2009	Percent Change	Fiscal YTD 2010 (July 2009 - April 2010)	Fiscal YTD 2009 (July 2008 - April 2009)	Percent Change
<b>ON-TIME PERFORMANCE</b>						
Virginia Railway Express	85.3%	92.9%	-8%	88.7%	88.3%	0%

<sup>1</sup>Town of Chincoteague service is seasonal and will resume in Spring 2010