



MEMORANDUM

TO: The Commonwealth Transportation Board

THROUGH: Matthew O. Tucker
Agency Director

FROM: Corey Hill
Chief of Public Transportation

DATE: November 19, 2008

SUBJECT: Monthly Transit Ridership Report

DRPT is pleased to present the monthly transit ridership report, summarizing September 2008 transit ridership data. This monthly report provides a snapshot of current transit performance and recent trends. DRPT continues to work with individual transit operators to refine transit data and ensure that all transit modes, including bus, rail and specialized service for the elderly and disabled, are accurately reported, and to ensure that this monthly report is comprehensive.

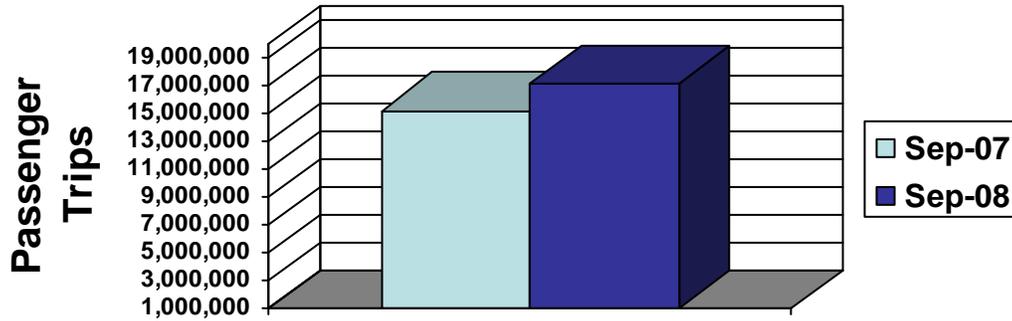
The following key facts are based on a year-over-year comparison of monthly results reported by transit operators for September 2007 and September 2008.

Key Facts

- Virginia transit ridership for the month of September increased by 13 percent, or 1,904,406 trips in September 2008 as compared to September 2007, based on reports from all 57 transit operators, 47 (of 56) human service operators, and two passenger rail operators. The number of human service operators reporting monthly will increase over time.
- September is the final month of the first quarter of FY09, and we are pleased to report that all nine transportation districts have exceeded their FY08 first quarter ridership totals. Statewide, fiscal-year-to-date ridership has increased by 11 percent or 5,210,285 trips (the first quarter of FY08 compared to the first quarter of FY09).
- All nine transportation districts recorded increases in transit trips between September 2007 and September 2008.
- The Fredericksburg District achieved the highest growth rate in transit trips at 46 percent.
- The Northern Virginia District accounts for 71.4 percent of statewide transit ridership for September 2008. The Hampton Roads and Richmond Districts account for 12.1 and 6 percent, respectively, of statewide transit ridership for September 2008.

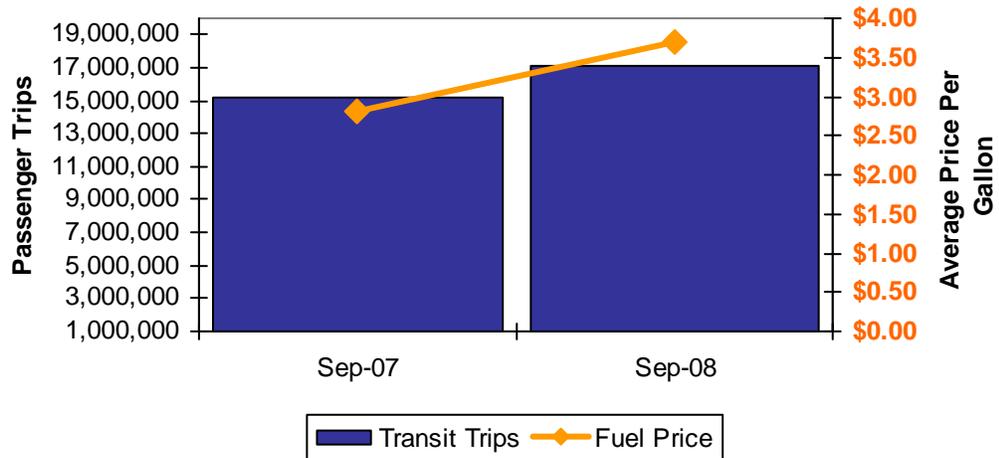
Statewide Transit Ridership September 2007 and September 2008

13% Ridership Increase

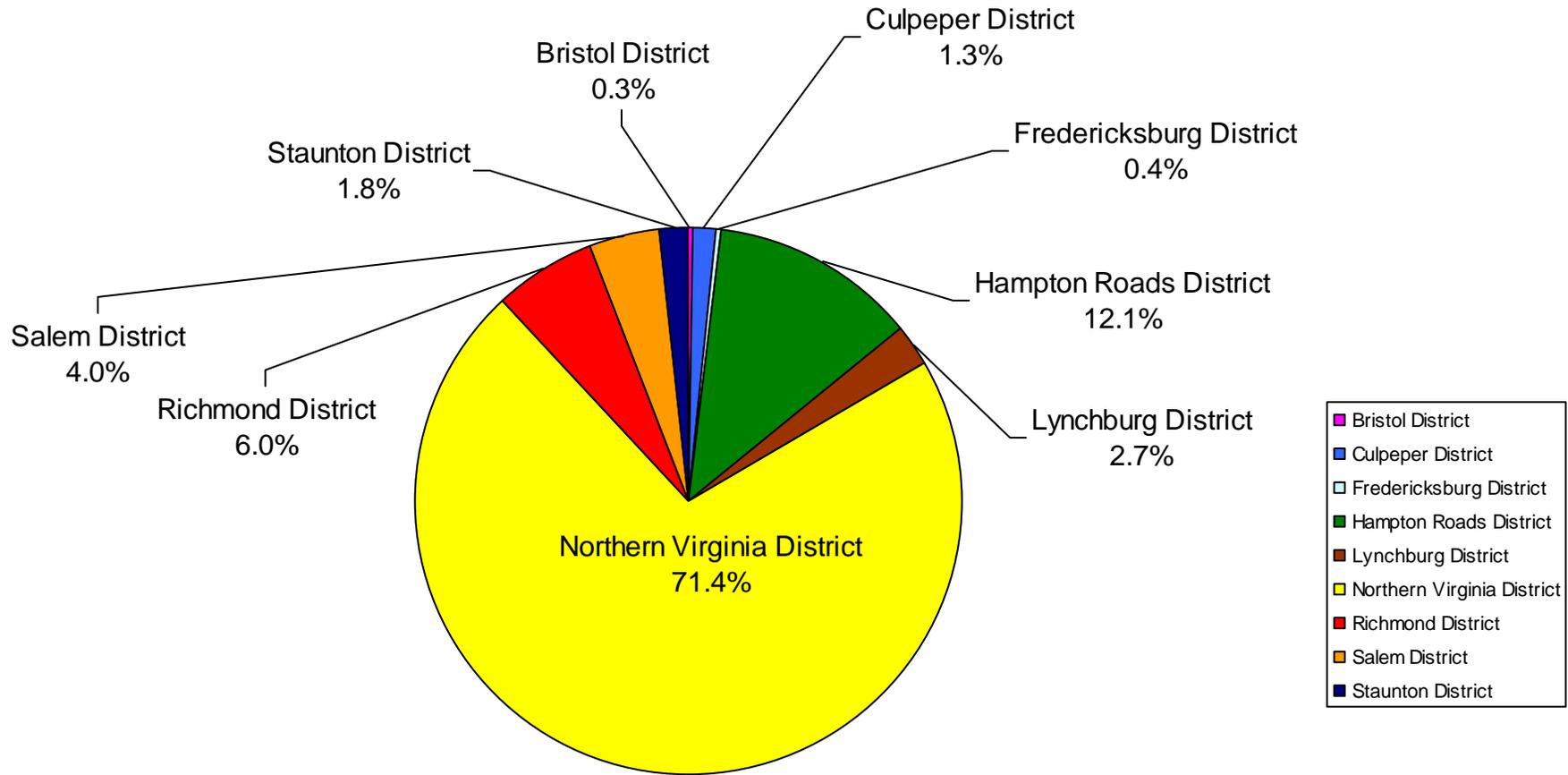


Average Fuel Price vs. Transit Ridership September 2007 and September 2008

32% Fuel Price Increase



September 2008 District Ridership



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Operator	Total Ridership September 2008	Total Ridership September 2007	Percent Change	Fiscal Year-to- Date 2009 (July- Sept. 2008)	Fiscal Year-to- Date 2008 (July-Sept. 2007)	Percent Change
INTERCITY PASSENGER RAIL						
Amtrak (Virginia only)	72,883	70,139	4%	283,614	251,063	13%
RAIL ON-TIME PERFORMANCE						
	Percent On-Time Performance September 2008	Percent On-Time Performance September 2007	Percent Change	FYTD 2009 (July-Sept. 2008)	FYTD 2008 (July-Sept. 2007)	Percent Change
Virginia Railway Express	91%	88%	3%	88%	88%	0%
Amtrak*	59.9%	54.2%	11%	TBD	TBD	TBD
BRISTOL DISTRICT						
AASC / Four County Transit	18,248	18,177	0%	48,141	47,774	1%
City of Bristol Virginia	6,408	4,275	50%	20,165	14,698	37%
District Three Public Transit	17,630	21,774	-19%	61,295	60,940	1%
Junction Center for Independent Living	135	242	-44%	692	733	-6%
Mount Rogers Community Services Board	2,021	1,517	33%	5,166	4,028	28%
Mountain Empire Older Citizens, Inc.	6,287	4,325	45%	17,968	12,646	42%
Town of Bluefield-Graham Transit	3,705	2,754	35%	10,571	9,838	7%
Total Bristol District Ridership	54,434	53,064	3%	163,998	150,657	9%
CULPEPER DISTRICT						
Charlottesville Transit Service	173,688	151,154	15%	479,239	399,551	20%
Greene County Transit, Inc.	4,628	4,897	-5%	12,312	12,617	-2%
JAUNT, Inc.	24,445	21,075	16%	69,304	64,527	7%
Rappahannock Area Community Services Board	11,077	8,080	37%	27,200	25,051	9%
Rappahannock-Rapidan CSB-AAA	2,277	2,331	-2%	8,538	6,993	22%
Virginia Regional Transit - Culpeper County	425	283	50%	1,172	1,008	16%
Virginia Regional Transit - Fauquier/Warrenton	3,425	3,065	12%	7,194	6,866	5%
Virginia Regional Transit - Town of Culpeper	5,601	4,683	20%	18,071	15,927	13%
Virginia Regional Transit - Town of Orange	2,284	3,114	-27%	7,692	7,865	-2%
Total Culpeper District Ridership	227,850	198,682	15%	630,722	540,405	17%

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FREDERICKSBURG DISTRICT						
Bay Aging	11,439	10,175	12%	38,877	37,545	4%
Bay Aging/Colonial Beach Transit	857	927	-8%	3,212	3,186	1%
FRED - Caroline County	715	448	60%	2,210	1,534	44%
FRED - King George	1,847	961	92%	5,682	3,453	65%
Fredericksburg Regional Transit	45,883	29,195	57%	132,964	89,088	49%
Total Fredericksburg District Ridership	60,741	41,706	46%	182,945	134,806	36%
HAMPTON ROADS DISTRICT						
Chesapeake Service Systems	358	272	32%	1,090	1,035	5%
Eastern Shore Community Services Board	2,420	2,724	-11%	8,380	8,324	1%
Endeppence Center, Inc	3	15	-80%	10	28	-64%
ESAAA/CAA	1,047	1,054	-1%	2,838	2,829	0%
Hampton Roads Transit	1,795,570	1,293,814	39%	5,424,036	4,064,019	33%
Historic Triangle Senior Center	624	476	31%	1,780	1,470	21%
Hope House Foundation	52	n/a	n/a	216	n/a	n/a
Peninsula Agency on Aging	1,768	1,976	-11%	5,524	5,928	-7%
Senior Services of Southeastern Virginia	3,575	2,026	76%	7,141	6,113	17%
STAR Transit	3,360	3,477	-3%	9,232	10,245	-10%
Sussex-Greenville-Emporia Adult Activity Services, Inc	1,853	1,630	14%	5,630	5,366	5%
Town of Chincoteague	144	554	-74%	11,088	11,875	-7%
Western Tidewater Community Service Board	653	593	10%	1,924	1,891	2%
Williamsburg Area Transport	258,418	281,338	-8%	1,090,257	1,091,443	0%
Total Hampton Roads District Ridership	2,069,845	1,589,949	30%	6,569,146	5,210,566	26%

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LYNCHBURG DISTRICT						
Blackstone Area Bus / Piedmont Area Transit	802	544	47%	2,307	1,707	35%
Central Virginia Area Agency on Aging	2,899	2,307	26%	9,020	7,463	21%
Crossroads Community Services Board	55	n/a	n/a	55	n/a	n/a
Danville City's Parks, Recreation, And Tourism; Stonewall Therapeutic Recreation Center	71	73	-3%	235	249	-6%
Danville Transit System	22,233	18,352	21%	66,733	55,608	20%
Farmville Area Bus	16,323	11,774	39%	27,534	22,412	23%
Greater Lynchburg Transit Company	416,618	310,540	34%	766,929	581,617	32%
JAUNT Buckingham	667	660	1%	2,125	2,127	0%
Lake Area Bus / Halifax Area Rural Transit	584	514	14%	1,938	1,499	29%
Southside Community Services Board	1,264	1,752	-28%	5,622	4,428	27%
STEPS, Inc	1,394	1,070	30%	3,738	3,028	23%
Total Lynchburg District Ridership	462,910	347,586	33%	886,236	680,138	30%
NORTHERN VIRGINIA DISTRICT						
Alexandria Transit Company	352,385	326,798	8%	1,084,930	1,044,078	4%
Arlington County	126,820	93,556	36%	378,118	287,505	32%
City of Alexandria-King Street Trolley	61,123	n/a	n/a	205,388	n/a	n/a
City of Fairfax	106,202	96,208	10%	284,737	267,667	6%
ECHO, Inc	3,958	3,019	31%	11,579	9,848	18%
Fairfax County	780,225	767,643	2%	2,641,149	2,486,568	6%
Jewish Community Center of Northern Virginia	104	26	300%	302	78	287%
Loudoun County Office of Transportation Services	80,589	59,165	36%	236,501	187,027	26%
WMATA Metrorail (Virginia only)	8,000,196	7,815,770	2%	26,365,862	25,036,491	5%
WMATA Metrobus (Virginia only)	2,033,280	1,534,273	33%	6,032,126	5,116,443	18%
PRTC-OmniRide	284,177	218,320	30%	853,153	702,746	21%
The Arc of Greater Prince William	5,568	4,647	20%	14,375	15,658	-8%
Virginia Railway Express	340,516	275,476	24%	998,329	884,554	13%
Virginia Regional Transit - Loudoun	48,542	36,987	31%	144,128	111,548	29%
Virginia Regional Transit - Town of Purcellville	1,508	1,418	6%	5,728	6,113	-6%
Total Northern Virginia District Ridership	12,225,193	11,233,306	9%	39,256,405	36,156,324	9%

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RICHMOND DISTRICT						
A Grace Place Adult Care Center	524	440	19%	1,531	1,483	3%
American Red Cross	763	809	-6%	2,415	2,610	-7%
Bay Aging/NewKent/Charles City	996	871	14%	2,963	3,282	-10%
Beth Shalom Home	309	280	10%	930	900	3%
Blackstone Area Bus	1,714	1,266	35%	5,533	3,863	43%
Blackstone Area Bus / Town and County Transit	300	288	4%	855	743	15%
Blackstone Area Bus - Brunswick Express	464	308	51%	903	777	16%
Chesterfield Community Service Board	1,732	1,556	11%	4,751	5,121	-7%
City of Petersburg	51,893	46,396	12%	154,705	140,277	10%
Crater District Area Agency On Aging	3,742	3,809	-2%	10,644	11,721	-9%
Daily Planet	27	n/a	n/a	48	n/a	n/a
ElderHomes Corporation	134	150	-11%	452	512	-12%
Goochland Free Clinic and Family Services	90	67	34%	246	186	32%
Greater Richmond Transit Company	966,318	840,833	15%	2,718,395	2,501,937	9%
Lake Area Bus	1,762	1,751	1%	5,205	5,488	-5%
St. Joeseph's Villa	64	n/a	n/a	414	n/a	n/a
Weinstein Jewish Community Center	107	87	23%	335	352	-5%
Total Richmond District Ridership	1,030,939	898,911	15%	2,910,325	2,679,252	9%
SALEM DISTRICT						
Blacksburg Transit	449,940	400,212	12%	671,394	674,487	0%
Goodwill Industries of the Valleys	226	n/a	n/a	226	n/a	n/a
Greater Roanoke Transit Company	223,936	188,509	19%	672,461	581,516	16%
New River Valley Community Services	1,977	1,987	-1%	5,753	6,185	-7%
Piedmont Community Services	541	512	6%	1,641	1,638	0%
Pulaski Area Transit	7,458	7,737	-4%	21,493	22,999	-7%
RADAR/Roanoke	1,413	1,337	6%	1,911	1,657	15%
Southern Area Agency On Aging	5,578	4,625	21%	13,836	12,733	9%
Stepping Stones, Inc	38	38	0%	108	102	6%
Total Salem District Ridership	691,107	604,957	14%	1,388,823	1,301,317	7%

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STAUNTON DISTRICT						
City of Harrisonburg Dept. of Public Transportation	252,261	216,216	17%	351,848	303,378	16%
City of Winchester	12,720	11,237	13%	39,346	34,366	14%
Friendship Industries	945	1,060	-11%	2,433	3,589	-32%
Grafton, Inc	1,422	1,894	-25%	4,965	5,682	-13%
Northwestern Community Services	1,385	1,500	-8%	4,155	4,440	-6%
Pleasant View, Inc	6,220	n/a	n/a	12,720	n/a	n/a
RADAR/Covington & Clifton Forge	1,286	1,120	15%	3,876	3511	10%
Rockbridge Area CSB	966	920	5%	2,900	2,760	5%
Rockbridge Area Occupational Center	610	500	22%	2,068	1,727	20%
Rockbridge Area Transportation System	831	471	76%	2,190	1,413	55%
Shenandoah Area Agency on Aging	2,438	2,215	10%	7,337	7,192	2%
The Arc of Harrisonburg/Rockingham	2,350	1,893	24%	7,145	6,783	5%
Valley Program for Aging Services	2,521	2,037	24%	7,094	6677	6%
Virginia Regional Transit - CATS Coordinated Area Transportation	3,847	2,868	34%	11,033	9,415	17%
Virginia Regional Transit - City of Staunton	9,013	8,878	2%	30,093	29,499	2%
Virginia Regional Transit - Clarke County	164	153	7%	436	495	-12%
Virginia Regional Transit - Page County	691	549	26%	2,164	1,811	19%
Virginia Regional Transit - Shenandoah Blue Ridge Service	6,336	2,807	126%	11,250	5,653	99%
Virginia Regional Transit - Town of Front Royal	1,187	1,327	-11%	3,149	2,661	18%
Total Staunton District Ridership	307,193	257,645	19%	506,202	431,052	17%
TOTAL STATEWIDE RIDERSHIP	Total Statewide Ridership September 2008	Total Statewide Ridership September 2007	Percent Change	FYTD 2009	FYTD 2008	Percent Change
	17,130,212	15,225,806	13%	52,494,802	47,284,517	11%

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CALENDAR COMPARISON	September 2008	September 2007	Percent Change	FYTD 2009 (July-Sept. 2008)	FYTD 2008 (July-Sept. 2007)	Percent Change
Number of Weekdays	21	19	11%	64	63	2%
Number of Saturdays	4	5	-20%	13	13	0%
Number of Sundays/Holidays	5	6	-17%	15	16	-6%

*Amtrak provides OTP data on a quarterly basis. Second quarter Amtrak OTP will be provided in the December 2008 Ridership Report.

NOTES:

- Transit ridership is impacted by a number of factors to include: land use, population density, seasonal changes, service changes, number of days in a particular month, weather, fuel price, economic conditions and fare adjustments. The best method for comparison is current month's performance compared to the previous year's performance for that month.
- Over time, this report will become more detailed as DRPT collects and analyzes, in a more comprehensive manner, factors that impact ridership such as economic conditions and fare policy.
- Comparisons between regions or transit operators should be avoided without detailed analysis and understanding of local goals that support investment in public transportation.
- The Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority (WMATA) is the nation's second largest rail operator and fifth largest bus operator. WMATA reports only Virginia ridership (trips that begin and/or end in the Commonwealth) for DRPT's performance reports