



## Amtrak Fact Sheet, Fiscal Year 2013 Commonwealth of Virginia

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### Amtrak-Virginia partnership

- State grants support daily service from Washington to Lynchburg as an extension of Amtrak's *Northeast Regional* service
- State grants also support *Northeast Regional* services south from Washington to Richmond, Newport News, and Norfolk
- Almost 223,000 Virginia residents are members of the Amtrak Guest Rewards frequent user program

### Amtrak Service & Ridership

Amtrak operates over 20 trains daily in Virginia. These include the ***Regional*** service to Lynchburg, Richmond, Newport News, and Norfolk as well as the following long-distance trains:

- The ***Auto Train*** (daily Lorton, Va.- Sanford, Fla.)
- The ***Cardinal*** (tri-weekly New York-Washington, DC-Charlottesville-Cincinnati-Chicago)
- The ***Crescent*** (daily New York-Charlottesville-Atlanta-New Orleans)
- The ***Palmetto*** (daily New York-Richmond-Savannah)
- The ***Silver Meteor*** (daily New York-Richmond-Miami)
- The ***Silver Star*** (daily New York-Richmond-Tampa-Miami)

Amtrak also operates one shorter-distance train through Virginia, the ***Carolinian*** (daily New York-Richmond-Charlotte).

During FY13 Amtrak served the following Virginia locations:

<u>City</u>	<u>Boardings + Alightings</u>
<a href="#">Alexandria</a>	180,063
<a href="#">Ashland</a>	28,421
<a href="#">Burke Centre</a>	4,950
<a href="#">Charlottesville</a>	131,127
<a href="#">Clifton Forge</a>	2,750
<a href="#">Culpeper</a>	13,677
<a href="#">Danville</a>	9,697
<a href="#">Fredericksburg</a>	106,034
<a href="#">Lorton (Auto Train)</a>	265,274
<a href="#">Lynchburg</a>	93,337
<a href="#">Manassas</a>	29,070

<a href="#">Newport News</a>	128,317
<a href="#">Norfolk*</a>	39,181
<a href="#">Petersburg</a>	27,988
<a href="#">Quantico</a>	38,211
<a href="#">Richmond - Main Street</a>	38,512
<a href="#">Richmond - Staples Mill</a>	372,592
<a href="#">Staunton</a>	7,733
<a href="#">Williamsburg</a>	62,026
<a href="#">Woodbridge</a>	28,311
<b>Total Virginia Station Usage:</b>	<b>1,607,271</b>
	(up 9.6% from FY12)

*\*Service began 12/12/12*

Additionally, Amtrak estimates that well over one million of the 5 million Amtrak passengers using Washington Union Station reside in Northern Virginia.

### **Procurement/Contracts**

Amtrak spent \$107,759,453 on goods and services in Virginia in FY13. Most of this was in the following locations:

<u>City</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Arlington	\$ 3,226,149
Burke	\$ 7,128,605
Chantilly	\$ 2,190,909
Chesapeake	\$ 3,010,247
Fairfax	\$ 8,057,134
Glen Allen	\$ 2,565,520
Herndon	\$ 6,426,728
McLean	\$ 29,158,888
Oakton	\$ 20,079,249
Reston	\$ 14,411,719
Virginia Beach	\$ 3,515,512

### **Employment**

At the end of FY13, Amtrak employed 838 Virginia residents. Total wages of Amtrak employees living in Virginia were \$73,209,481 during FY13.

### **PRIIA Section 209 and State-Assisted Services**

The Passenger Rail Investment and Improvement Act of 2008 (P.L. 110-432) required, by October 2013, an equitable arrangement of cost sharing between Amtrak and state or public agency partners that provide funding for short-distance, intercity train services. Agreements were reached with all parties, including Virginia, by the deadline, and the services continued to run without interruption.

## State Partnerships

Amtrak participated in a study to develop a priority list of capital improvements on the Washington-Richmond corridor. Approximately \$70 million in projects were agreed to for Phase I implementation, aimed at relieving congestion, improving reliability, and allowing additional trains to operate. The Virginia Department of Rail and Public Transportation (DRPT) and track-owner CSX have reached agreement on the program and work is underway. The first project, which opened in spring 2007, was a new bridge over Quantico Creek, parallel to the existing, single-track bridge.

DRPT asked Amtrak in May 2007 to begin discussion on a cooperative effort to develop a strategic plan identifying promising markets and routes to be developed in Virginia. Using information provided by Amtrak, the DRPT in January 2008 posted on its website (<http://www.drpt.virginia.gov/studies>) an Amtrak Short Term Action Plan report. Adding service along two existing routes was found to better suit the goal of identifying service that could be implemented in the short term. These two routes are Washington-Richmond-Newport News and Washington-Charlottesville-Lynchburg. Amtrak's effort to provide related information to DRPT continues. Service to Lynchburg began on October 1, 2009, with service to Burke Center available to VRE ticket holders. Regular Amtrak ticket sales to/from Burke Centre began January 18, 2010. The new frequency to Richmond began July 20, 2010.

On December 12, 2012, Amtrak and the DRPT will begin service to Petersburg and Norfolk from Washington and Richmond. This new daily service will bring Amtrak service back to Norfolk for the first time since 1977.

DRPT announced \$504,000 in grants to the Buckingham Branch Railroad on February 15, 2006, some of which would be used on replacing the crossing of the CSX line (also used by Amtrak) at Doswell, and for improvements to the *Cardinal* route between Charlottesville and Clifton Forge.

## Station/Facility Improvements

- **Clifton Forge:** Amtrak has endorsed a plan by the Town of Clifton Forge and the Chesapeake & Ohio Historical Society to move the station to a newly constructed C&O replica station located on the Society's museum grounds. When complete, it will be outfitted with an ADA accessible waiting room, restrooms and a new platform. The current station is in a CSX building in a yard area.
- **Norfolk:** The City is building a new station next to the platform that has been served by *Northeast Regional* trains since December 2012. At that time, the stop for Newport News-Virginia Beach Thruway buses was relocated to the new station location. The site is on the east edge of downtown, adjacent to a light rail stop and the ballpark.
- **Richmond Main Street Station:** Opened for passenger service for the first time in 28 years on December 20, 2003, after the City and State completed a \$51.6 million station overhaul (Phase I). Two trains a day currently stop at Main Street Station in each direction. A Phase II project, which would add an additional two round-trips to Main Street Station, relocate train-storage areas, and address train speed issues related to CSX's Acca Yard, is currently under review by Richmond and the state of Virginia. DRPT is leading a task force on improving rail operations through Acca

Yard. An eventual Phase III would allow Amtrak trains to serve Main Street Station to and from the south.

### **FRA High-Speed Intercity Passenger Rail Program**

- **VDRPT:** On October 28, 2010, the FRA announced that the Virginia Department of Rail and Public Transportation would be awarded \$45.3 million dollars for the Washington-Richmond corridor and the Appomattox River Bridge project. Of the total, \$44.3 million is for the completion of the environmental studies and the preliminary engineering for the Washington-Richmond portion of the Southeast High-Speed Rail Corridor. The remainder of the funding will be used for the preliminary engineering necessary to improve the single track Appomattox Bridge, which is on the same corridor near Petersburg.

# AMTRAK ROUTES IN VIRGINIA

## TRACK OWNERSHIP

<span style="color: purple;">—</span> Amtrak	<span style="color: green;">—</span> NS
<span style="color: orange;">—</span> UP	<span style="color: lightgreen;">—</span> CP
<span style="color: blue;">—</span> BNSF	<span style="color: purple;">—</span> CN
<span style="color: red;">—</span> CSX	<span style="color: black;">—</span> Other

