



Amtrak Fact Sheet, Fiscal Year 2004

Commonwealth of Virginia

Amtrak Service & Ridership

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

- The *Auto Train* (daily Lorton, VA- Sanford, FL)
- 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 FY04 Amtrak served the following Virginia locations:

<u>City</u>	<u>Ridership</u>
Alexandria	79,802
Ashland	12,822
Charlottesville	36,433
Clifton Forge	3,701
Culpeper	3,094
Danville	3,806
Franconia-Springfield	515
Fredericksburg	33,131
Lorton (Auto-Train)	197,483
Lynchburg	12,703
Manassas	8,636
Newport News	92,981
Petersburg	16,120
Quantico	12,422
Richmond Main Street (<i>opened 12/18/03</i>)	8,693
Richmond Staples Mill	233,501
Staunton	4,658
Williamsburg	35,530
Woodbridge	7,664
Total Virginia Ridership:	803,695

Additionally, Amtrak estimates that well over 1 million of the 3.7 million Amtrak passengers using Washington Union Station reside in Northern Virginia.

Procurement/Contracts

Amtrak expended \$50,212,471 for goods and services in Virginia in FY04. Most of this money was spent in the following locations:

<u>City</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Alexandria	\$ 5,072,972
Chesapeake	\$ 7,772,852
McLean	\$ 31,502,220
Richmond	\$ 965,541

Of the total for McLean, over \$30 million went to advertising agency Arnold Worldwide Partners.

Employment

During fiscal year 2004, Amtrak employed 970 Virginia residents. Total wages of Amtrak employees living in Virginia were \$51,446,428 during this period.

Commuter Partners

Amtrak operates 31 daily Virginia Railway Express (VRE) commuter service trips under contract with the Northern Virginia and Potomac & Rappahannock Transportation Commissions.

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 new project, expected to open in 2007, is a new bridge over Quantico Creek, parallel to the existing, single-track bridge.

Station/Facility Improvements

Richmond's 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. Phase II, 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, are 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.