



Amtrak Fact Sheet, Fiscal Year 2005

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, 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 FY05 Amtrak served the following Virginia locations:

<u>City</u>	<u>Boardings + Alightings</u>
Alexandria	85,125
Ashland	14,642
Charlottesville	45,648
Clifton Forge	3,647
Culpeper	3,544
Danville	3,787
Franconia-Springfield	811
Fredericksburg	35,112
Lorton (Auto-Train)	204,698
Lynchburg	16,990
Manassas	7,710
Newport News	92,382
Petersburg	17,364
Quantico	12,712
Richmond - Main Street	11,792
Richmond - Staples Mill	250,444
Staunton	5,401
Williamsburg	37,450
Woodbridge	6,934
Total Virginia Station Usage:	856,193

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

Procurement/Contracts

Amtrak expended \$46,092,292 for goods and services in Virginia in FY05. Most of this money was spent in the following locations:

<u>City</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Alexandria	\$ 2,973,134
Chesapeake	\$ 3,705,970
Fairfax	\$ 1,173,651
McLean	\$ 28,360,980
Reston	\$ 3,937,567

Of the total for McLean, over \$26 million went to advertising agency Arnold Worldwide Partners.

Employment

During fiscal year 2005, Amtrak employed 943 Virginia residents. Total wages of Amtrak employees living in Virginia were \$55,032,577 during this period.

Commuter Partners

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