



# Amtrak Fact Sheet, Fiscal Year 2006

## Commonwealth of Virginia

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### 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 FY06 Amtrak served the following Virginia locations:

<u>City</u>	<u>Boardings + Alightings</u>
Alexandria	87,979
Ashland	13,331
Charlottesville	45,708
Clifton Forge	3,498
Culpeper	3,995
Danville	4,065
Franconia-Springfield	1,238
Fredericksburg	66,125
Lorton (Auto-Train)	207,544
Lynchburg	16,847
Manassas	7,259
Newport News	90,880
Petersburg	18,296
Quantico	31,428
Richmond - Main Street	10,982
Richmond - Staples Mill	231,108
Staunton	6,413
Williamsburg	37,957
Woodbridge	18,333
<b>Total Virginia Station Usage:</b>	<b>902,986</b>

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 \$48,220,681 for goods and services in Virginia in FY06. Most of this money was spent in the following locations:

<u>City</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Annandale	\$ 1,052,058
Arlington	\$ 2,465,693
Chesapeake	\$ 7,316,948
Fairfax	\$ 1,105,679
McLean	\$ 30,712,720
Vienna	\$ 1,058,786

## Employment

During fiscal year 2006, Amtrak employed 974 Virginia residents. Total wages of Amtrak employees living in Virginia were \$57,832,056 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 spring 2007, is a new bridge over Quantico Creek, parallel to the existing, single-track bridge.

The 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

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.