

An aerial photograph of a VRE train station. A silver and blue high-speed train is stopped at the platform. Behind the train is a large, multi-story brick building with a dark roof and several dormer windows. The station is surrounded by lush green trees. In the background, a city skyline is visible under a clear sky.

VRE OPERATIONS BOARD MEETING

October 21, 2022

*The meeting will
begin at 9 a.m.*

Meeting materials are available at
vre.org/about/board/board-agenda-minutes/2022/October

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE



ROLL CALL



Walter Alcorn
Fairfax County



Sarah Bagley
Alexandria



Andrea Bailey
Prince William County



Meg Bohmke
Stafford County



Margaret Franklin
Prince William County



Monica Gary
Stafford County



Libby Garvey
Arlington County



Lori Hayes
Spotsylvania County



Matt Kelly
Fredericksburg



Jeanine Lawson
Prince William County



Mike McLaughlin
Commonwealth of Virginia



Alanna Mensing
Manassas Park



Ralph Smith
Manassas



Dan Storck
Fairfax County



James Walkinshaw
Fairfax County



SAFETY MOMENT



SAFETY FIRST

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

1. Pledge of Allegiance
2. Roll Call
3. Safety Briefing
4. Approval of the Agenda
5. Approval of Minutes from the September 16, 2022 VRE Operations Board Meeting
6. Chair's Comments
7. Chief Executive Officer's Report
8. VRE Riders' and Public Comment
9. Consent Items
 - A. Authorization to Issue a Request for Proposals for Maintenance/Custodial and Seasonal Services for VRE Facilities
 - B. Authorization to Issue a Request for Proposals for Engineering and Environmental Services for VRE L'Enfant Track and Station Improvements
10. Action Items
 - A. Recommend Authorization to Amend a Site Lease Agreement for Real Property in Fredericksburg
 - B. Authorization to Extend Fare-Free Travel and Offer Reduced Fares between Zones 1, 2 and 3
10. Action Items (continued)
 - C. Approval of the Preferred Alternative for L'Enfant Track and Station Improvements
 - D. Authorization to Issue a GECVIII Task Order for Engineering Support for the Crossroads MSF Employee Parking Project
 - E. Authorization to Provide a Letter of Support for the City of Manassas Park's Virginia HSIP Grant Application for the Manassas Drive Corridor
11. Information Items
 - A. FY 2024 Budget Update
 - B. Fare-Free September Ridership and Survey Results
 - C. Draft 2023 Legislative Agenda
 - D. System Plan 2050 Update
 - E. Spending Authority Report
11. Closed Session
12. Operations Board Members' Time



APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Members Present

Walter Alcorn (NVTC)
Sarah Bagley (NVTC)
Andrea Bailey (PRTC)
Margaret Franklin (PRTC)
Monica Gary (PRTC)
Lori Hayes (PRTC)
Matt Kelly (PRTC)
Michael McLaughlin (VPRA)
Ralph Smith (PRTC)
Dan Storck (NVTC)
James Walkinshaw (NVTC)

Alternates Present

Alanna Mensing
Pamela Yeung

Members Absent

Meg Boehmke (PRTC)
Libby Garvey (NVTC)
Jeanine Lawson (PRTC)

September 16, 2022

Meeting with YouTube Livestream

Jurisdiction

Fairfax County
City of Alexandria
Prince William County
Prince William County
Stafford County
Spotsylvania County
City of Fredericksburg
Commonwealth of Virginia
City of Manassas
Fairfax County
Fairfax County

Jurisdiction

City of Manassas Park
Stafford County

Stafford County
Arlington County
Prince William County



Margaret Franklin
VRE Operations Board Chair
Prince William County

CHAIR'S COMMENTS

- Welcome to the October 2022 VRE Operations Board meeting.
- To assist in next month's appointment of a Nominating Committee, it would be helpful to know which board members are interested in serving. The committee will bring a slate of proposed 2023 officers to the board in December. The board will also vote next month on a charge to the Nominating Committee regarding subordinate officers.
- At the November meeting, Operations Board members will sit for a group photo. Staff will send details and reminders.
- Thank you to those who participated in the ribbon cutting for the Rolling Road Station Platform Extension project last month.
- There will be a closed session toward the end of today's meeting.



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VRE Operations Board Chair
Prince William County

CEO REPORT

- **Safety**
- **Performance**
- **Ridership**
- **Tour de VRE**
- **New Staff**



Rich Dalton
VRE CEO



CEO REPORT – SAFETY

Full-Scale Emergency Response Drill

The exercise is designed to strengthen VRE's incident-management and -communication skills in partnership with first responders in Spotsylvania County, CSX Transportation, and Keolis through a full-scale emergency simulation on Saturday, October 22nd. Participants will be presented with a real-world emergency scenario. Evaluators from each organization will examine the implementation of Federal Emergency Management Agency incident-management standards and organizational teamwork.



Broad Run 2019

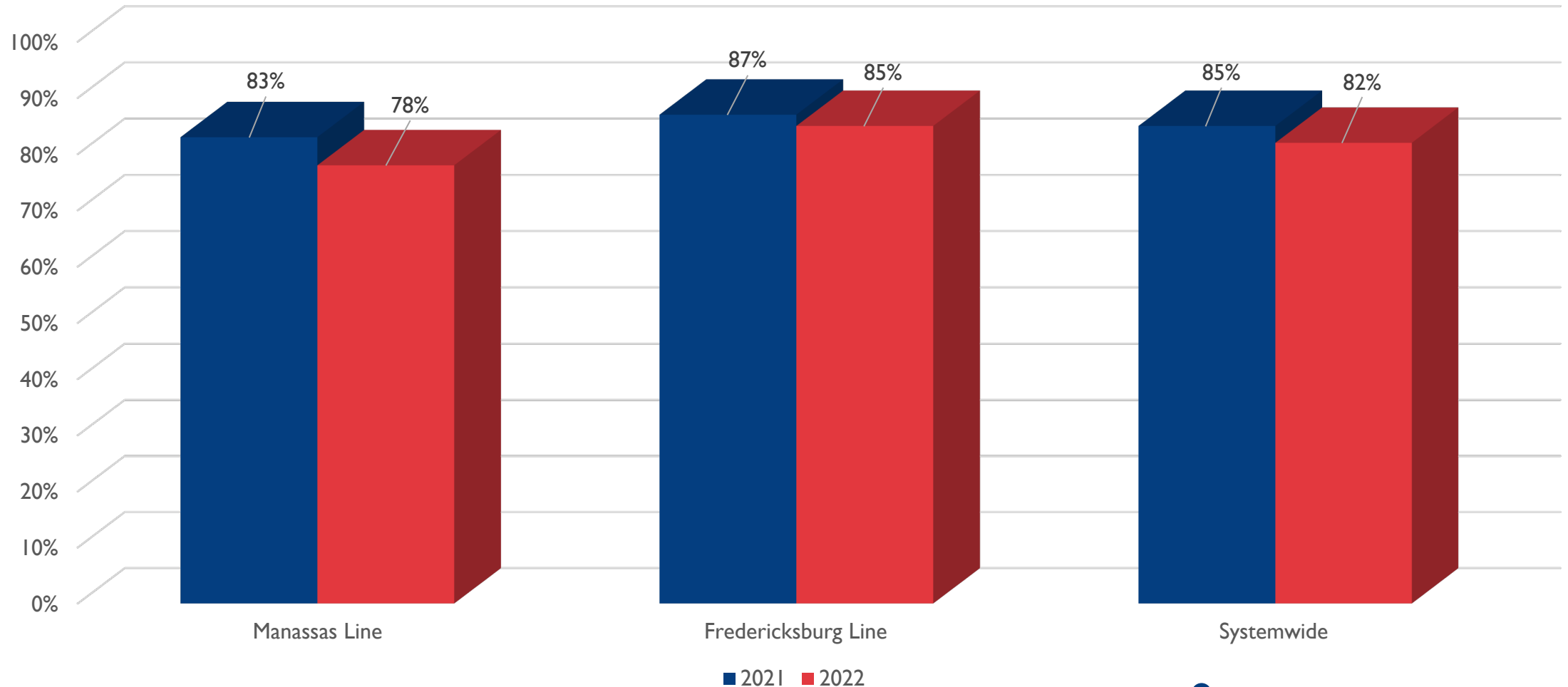


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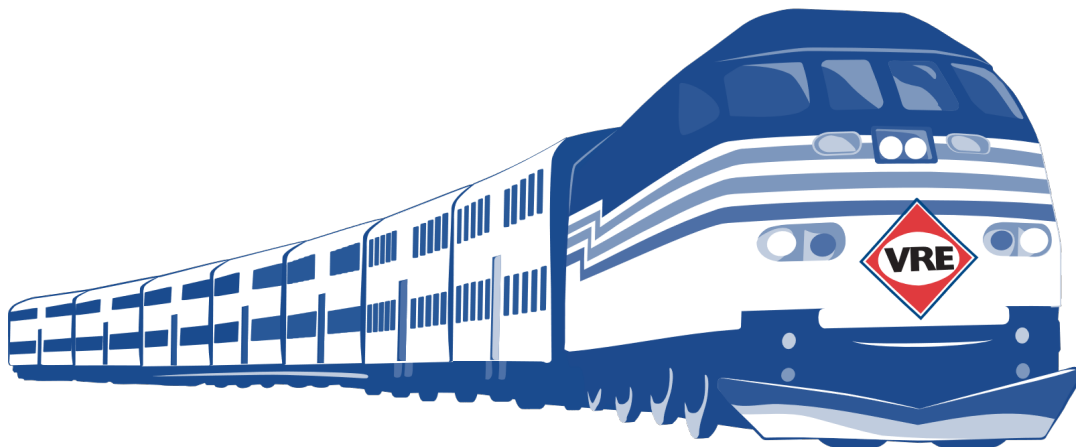


CEO REPORT – ON-TIME PERFORMANCE

September Comparisons



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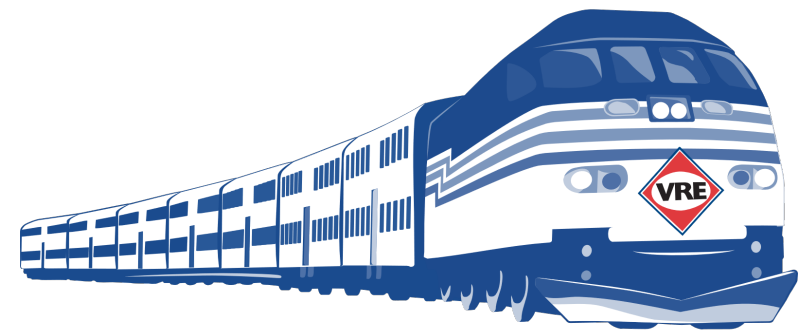


	JULY 2022	AUG. 2022	SEPT. 2022
	20 Days	23 Days	21 Days
<i>LATE TRAINS</i>			
Manassas	64	71	73
Fredericksburg	42	31	49
Systemwide	106	102	122
<i>AVERAGE MINUTES DELAYED</i>			
	21	31	23
<i># TRAINS 30+ MINUTES LATE</i>			
	13	20	25
<i>OTP</i>			
Manassas	80%	81%	78%
Fredericksburg	87%	91%	85%
Systemwide	83%	86%	82%



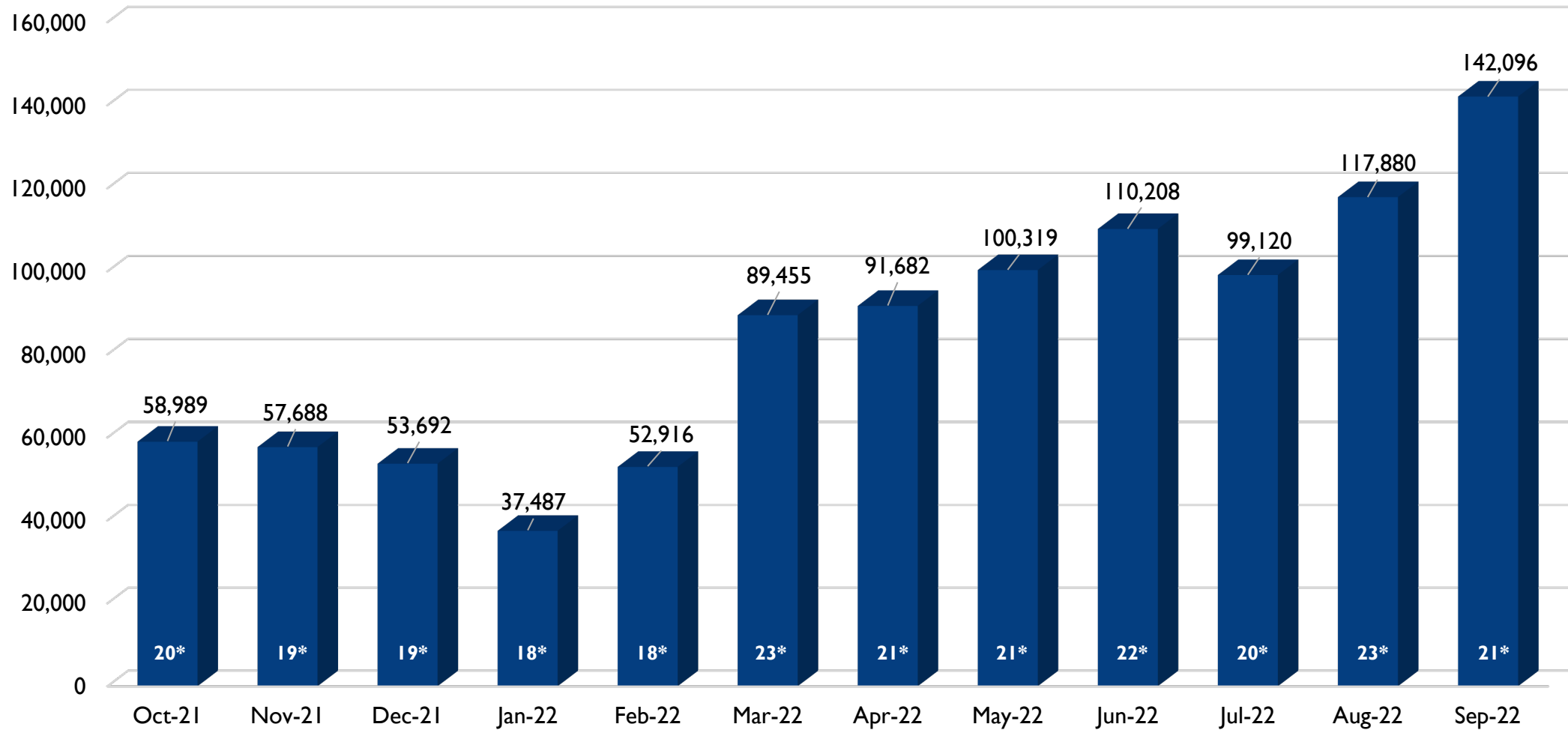
CEO REPORT – ON-TIME PERFORMANCE

	JULY 2022	AUG. 2022	SEPT. 2022	TOTAL #	TOTAL %
	20 Days	23 Days	21 Days	64 Days	
CAUSE	# OF TRAINS DELAYED				
Congestion	62	51	81	194	58.8%
Switch/Signal Issue	6	13	16	35	10.6%
Weather	10	12	7	29	8.8%
Positive Train Control	1	9	8	18	5.6%
Maintenance of Way	6	6	-	12	3.6%
Mechanical	12	-	-	12	3.6%
Police Activity	1	4	6	11	3.3%
Crew Hours of Service	-	7	-	7	2.1%
Dispatcher	-	2	4	6	1.8%
Bridge Strike	4	-	-	4	1.2%
Speed Restrictions	2	-	-	2	0.6%
Total Delays	104	104	122	330	100.0%



CEO REPORT – MONTHLY RIDERSHIP

Exclusive of Boardings at Alexandria and Crystal City

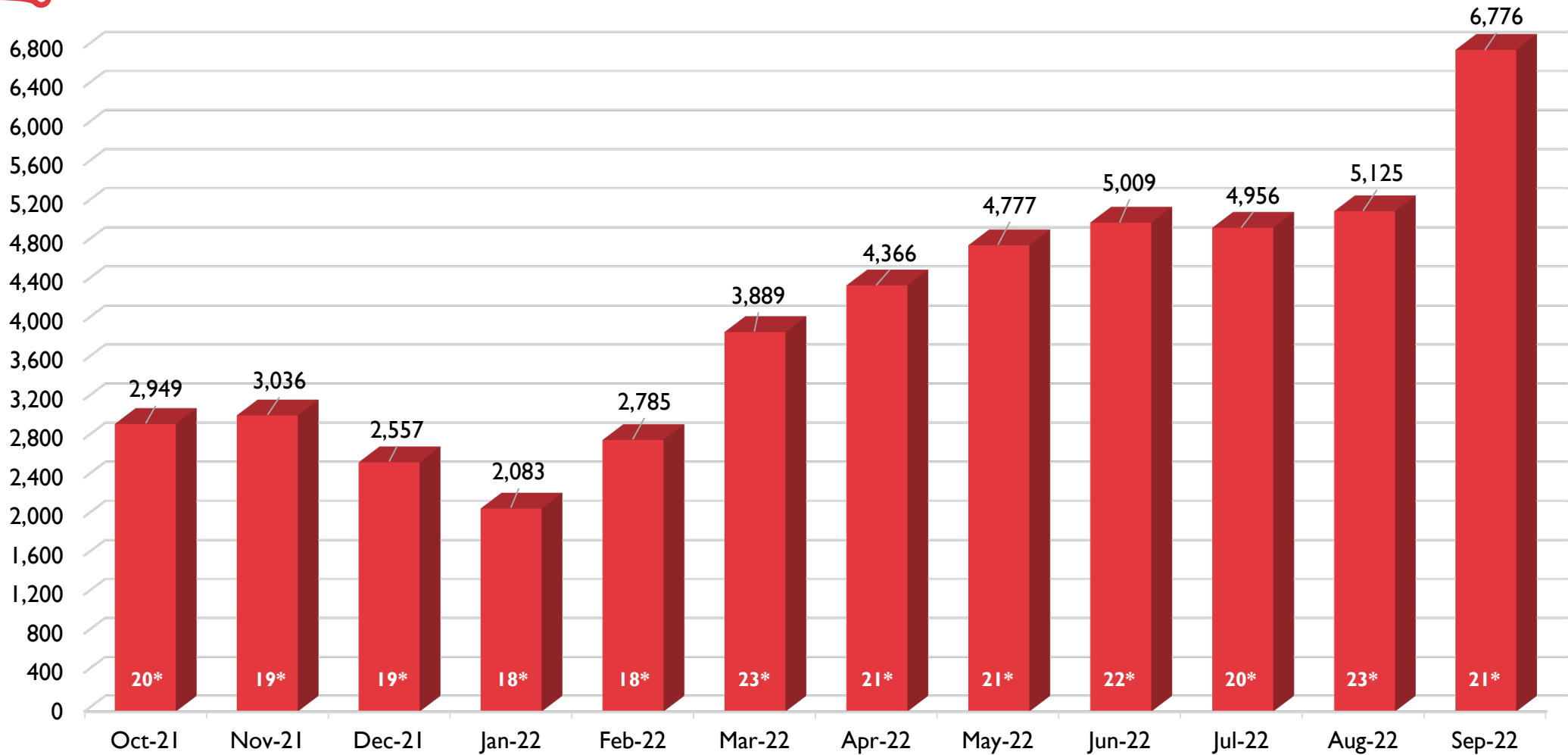


*service days per month



CEO REPORT – AVERAGE DAILY RIDERSHIP

Exclusive of Boardings at Alexandria and Crystal City



*service days per month



CEO REPORT – TOUR DE VRE



CEO REPORT – NEW STAFF



Lana Clemente
Communications Specialist

CEO REPORT – COMMENTS



VRE RIDERS' & PUBLIC COMMENT



Margaret Franklin
VRE Operations Board Chair
Prince William County



CONSENT AGENDA

A. Maintenance/custodial and seasonal services for VRE facilities

Recommendation:

The VRE Operations Board is asked to authorize the CEO to issue a request for proposals for maintenance/custodial and seasonal services for a period of three base years and a two-year option period.

Summary:

This resolution will authorize the procurement process of two contracts with one or two firms to provide ongoing maintenance services as well as custodial and seasonal services at 18 rail stations, two rail storage yards, headquarters, and satellite office spaces.

B. Engineering and environmental services for VRE L'Enfant track and station improvements

Recommendation:

The VRE Operations Board is asked to authorize the CEO to issue a request for proposals for engineering and environmental services for the VRE L'Enfant track and station improvements.

Summary:

This resolution will authorize the procurement process for professional engineering and environmental services to prepare preliminary engineering plans and National Environmental Policy Act documentation.



Margaret Franklin
VRE Operations Board Chair
Prince William County



Rich Dalton
VRE CEO



RECOMMEND AUTHORIZATION TO AMEND A SITE LEASE AGREEMENT FOR REAL PROPERTY IN FREDERICKSBURG

Recommendation:

The VRE Operations Board is asked to recommend the commissions authorize the CEO to execute an amendment to a site lease agreement with Qwest Corporation of Delaware for property owned by the commissions adjacent to the railroad right-of-way and VRE Fredericksburg Office, extending the term of the Lease by ten years for a total of \$60,000 due VRE in rent.

Summary:

VRE and Qwest previously entered into a 20-year lease agreement for an approximately 4,262 square-foot parcel on the eight acres of property owned by the commissions in Fredericksburg, Virginia. The leased property is utilized by Qwest for its communication equipment and facilities, including cabinets, huts, and underground conduit and cables. Qwest proposes to amend the existing lease between the parties to extend the term for an additional 10 years.



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RECOMMEND AUTHORIZATION TO AMEND A SITE LEASE AGREEMENT FOR REAL PROPERTY IN FREDERICKSBURG



AUTHORIZATION TO EXTEND FARE FREE TRAVEL AND OFFER REDUCED FARES BETWEEN ZONES 1, 2 AND 3

Recommendation:

The VRE Operations Board is asked to authorize the CEO to continue to offer fare free travel between zones 1, 2 and 3 until Metrorail service south of Reagan National Airport reopens, likely in November 2022. Additionally, this authorization will allow VRE to offer promotional fares for zones 1, 2 and 3 throughout the duration of the Yellow Line bridge shutdown.

Summary:

The current promotional fare initiative includes offering fare free travel between zones 1, 2 and 3 through the end of October 2022. This promotional initiative is intended to maximize VRE's effort towards mitigating the impact of the Metrorail's complete shutdown south of Reagan National Airport by encouraging Metro riders to try VRE service during the shutdown period. VRE staff was recently notified the Metrorail shutdown south of the airport will extend into November. Additionally, VRE staff recommends extending the promotional initiative once the Blue Line service resumes by offering a reduced fares between zones 1, 2 and 3 until Yellow Line service resumes, scheduled for Spring 2023.



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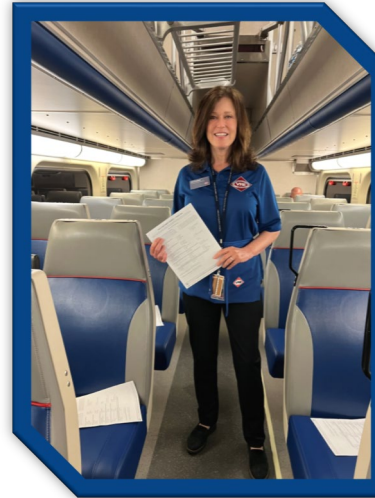


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MASTER AGREEMENT SURVEY

- Wednesday, November 2
- 34 staff from VRE, NVTC & PRTC
- 14 northbound trains
- Single page (front and back) survey
- Last undertaken in 2019
- Data used as basis for calculating subsidy allocation by jurisdiction and to inform other decisions
- 2022 data will be presented at the November board meeting



APPROVAL OF THE PREFERRED ALTERNATIVE FOR L'ENFANT TRACK AND STATION IMPROVEMENTS

Recommendation:

The VRE Operations Board is asked to approve Alternative 2a as the preferred track and station location on which to proceed with more detailed design and evaluation including preliminary engineering and National Environmental Policy Act review for the L'Enfant Track and Station Improvements.

Summary:

VRE conducted a technical analysis of possible track and station locations using a two-step evaluation process. The process integrated public outreach and stakeholder coordination. The technical evaluation determined that, when compared to other options, Alternative 2a best accommodates long-term platform capacity and operational requirements while also enhancing station access, especially Americans with Disabilities Act access. Based on the technical analysis and feedback received, VRE staff recommends Alternative 2a as the preferred track and station alternative.



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VRE CEO



Christine Hoeffner
VRE Director of Planning
and Environmental Policy



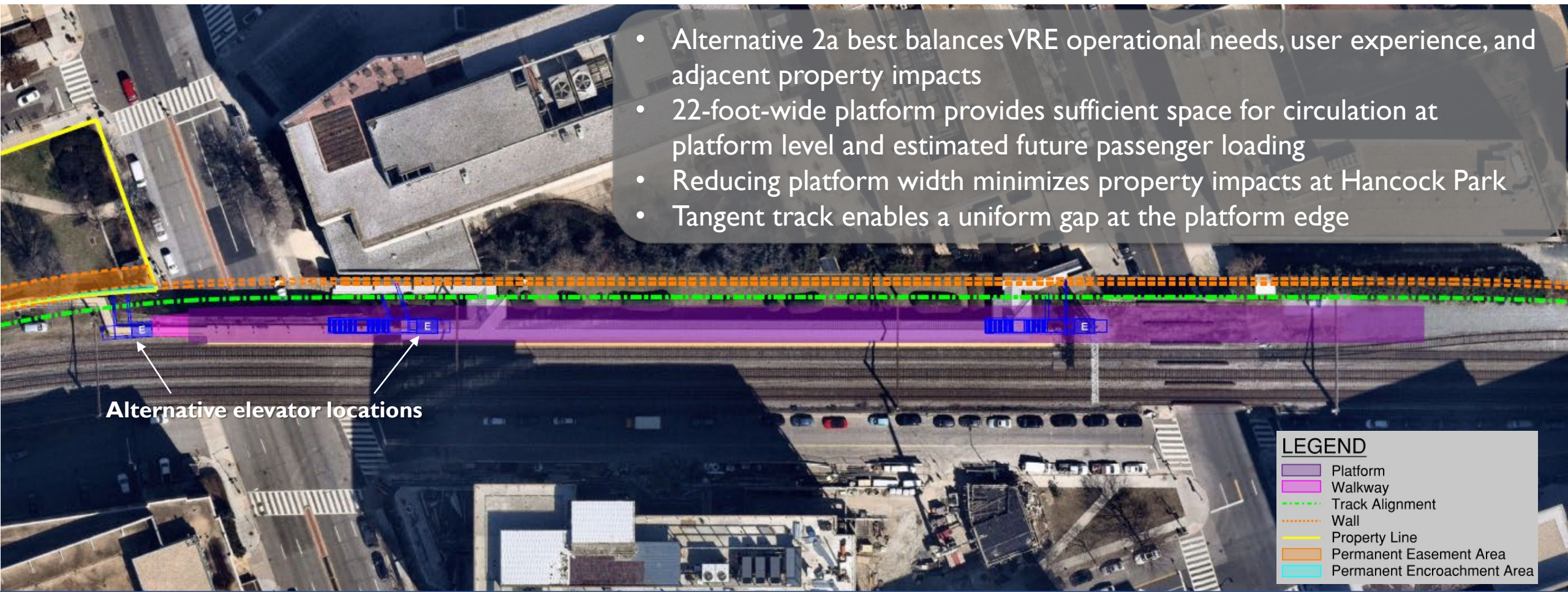
APPROVAL OF THE PREFERRED ALTERNATIVE FOR L'ENFANT TRACK AND STATION IMPROVEMENTS

- Alternative 2a best balances VRE operational needs, user experience, and adjacent property impacts
- 22-foot-wide platform provides sufficient space for circulation at platform level and estimated future passenger loading
- Reducing platform width minimizes property impacts at Hancock Park
- Tangent track enables a uniform gap at the platform edge

Alternative elevator locations

LEGEND

- Platform
- Walkway
- Track Alignment
- Wall
- Property Line
- Permanent Easement Area
- Permanent Encroachment Area



AUTHORIZATION TO ISSUE A GEC VIII TASK ORDER FOR ENGINEERING SUPPORT FOR THE CROSSROADS MSF EMPLOYEE PARKING PROJECT

Recommendation:

The VRE Operations Board is asked to authorize the CEO to issue a general engineering consulting services (GEC) VIII task order to HDR Engineering, Inc. for engineering support for employee parking facilities at the Crossroads Maintenance and Storage Facility (MSF) in the amount of \$650,000, plus a 10 percent contingency of \$65,000, for a total not to exceed \$715,000.

Summary:

Ongoing construction at the Crossroads MSF has placed employee parking in a temporary lot well away from construction activities. VRE intends to provide a permanent parking facility for employees outside of the yard away from train movements. The scope of work for this GEC task order includes final design as required to advance the current concept design to 100 percent complete plans, technical specifications, pre-construction documents, and cost estimates for the proposed employee parking.



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AUTHORIZATION TO PROVIDE A LETTER OF SUPPORT FOR THE CITY OF MANASSAS PARK'S VIRGINIA HSIP GRANT APPLICATION FOR THE MANASSAS DRIVE CORRIDOR

Recommendation:

The VRE Operations Board is asked to authorize the CEO to provide a letter of support for the City of Manassas Park's application to the Virginia Department of Transportation Highway Safety Improvement Program (HSIP) grant program for the Manassas Drive corridor.

Summary:

The City of Manassas Park has requested VRE provide a letter of support for its application to the Virginia HSIP. If awarded, the HSIP funds will be used to implement a series of safety initiatives along the Manassas Drive corridor within the city to improve roadway safety for pedestrians, bicyclists and drivers, including improvements in the vicinity of the VRE Manassas Park station.



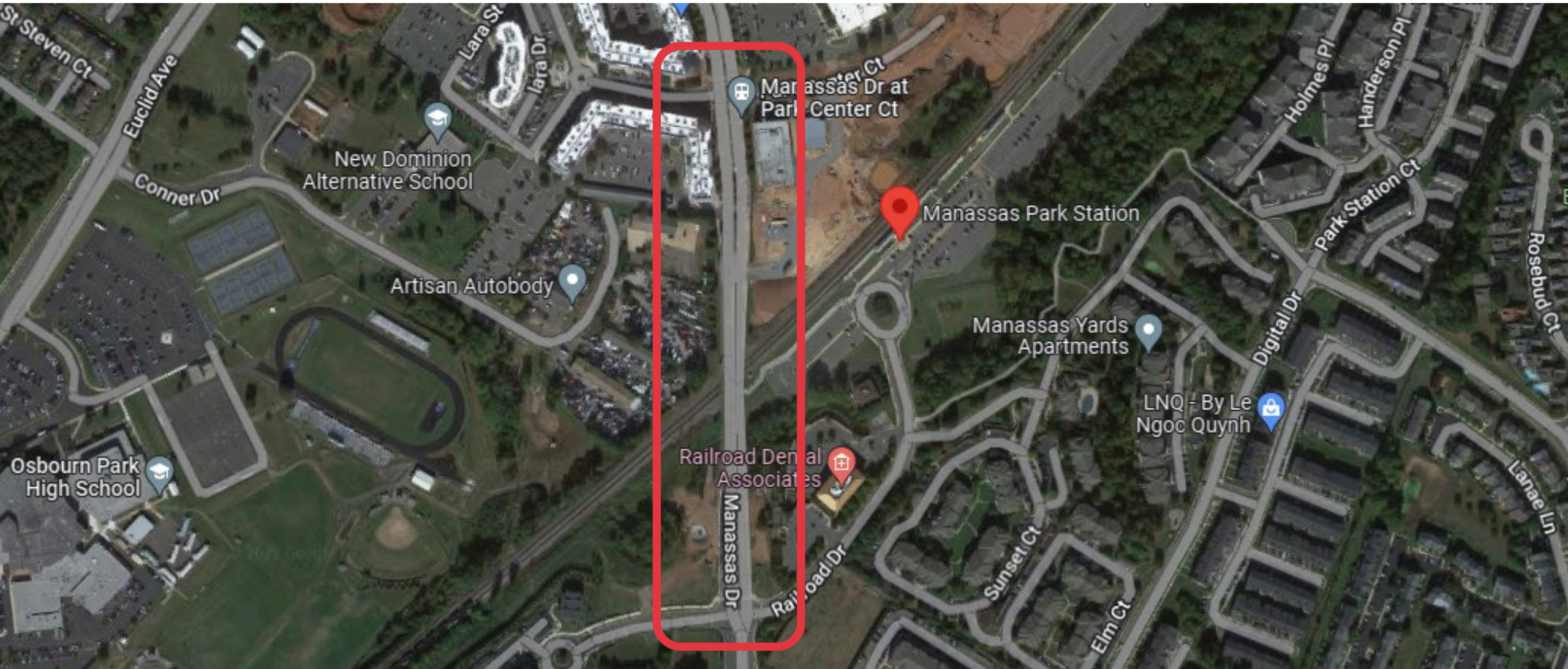
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FY 2024 VRE OPERATING AND CAPITAL BUDGET UPDATE

This update follows the Operation Board's recommendation of the preliminary Fiscal Year 2024 Operating and Capital budget in September.

Topics:

- management actions to reduce expenses
- ridership and fare revenue, including potential future fare increases
- planned additional service
- changes to projects in the Capital Improvement Program



Rich Dalton
VRE CEO



Mark Schofield
VRE CFO



FARE-FREE SEPTEMBER



**FARE-FREE
SEPTEMBER**

RIDE FOR FREE ALL MONTH LONG



V66

Vist vre.org for schedules and info

This promotional graphic features a blue and red vertical line on the left side with two white circles. The background shows a VRE train engine (numbered V66) at a station. The text 'FARE-FREE SEPTEMBER' is prominently displayed in large, bold, black letters, with 'RIDE FOR FREE ALL MONTH LONG' in smaller blue text below it. The VRE logo is in the bottom left corner, and the website 'Vist vre.org for schedules and info' is at the bottom.



**FARE-FREE
SEPTEMBER**

RIDE FOR FREE ALL MONTH LONG

Scan QR code for schedules and info



This promotional graphic features a photograph of a VRE train at a station platform. The text 'FARE-FREE SEPTEMBER' is prominently displayed in large, bold, white letters on a dark blue background, with 'RIDE FOR FREE ALL MONTH LONG' in smaller white text below it. A QR code is located in the bottom right corner, with the text 'Scan QR code for schedules and info' to its left.

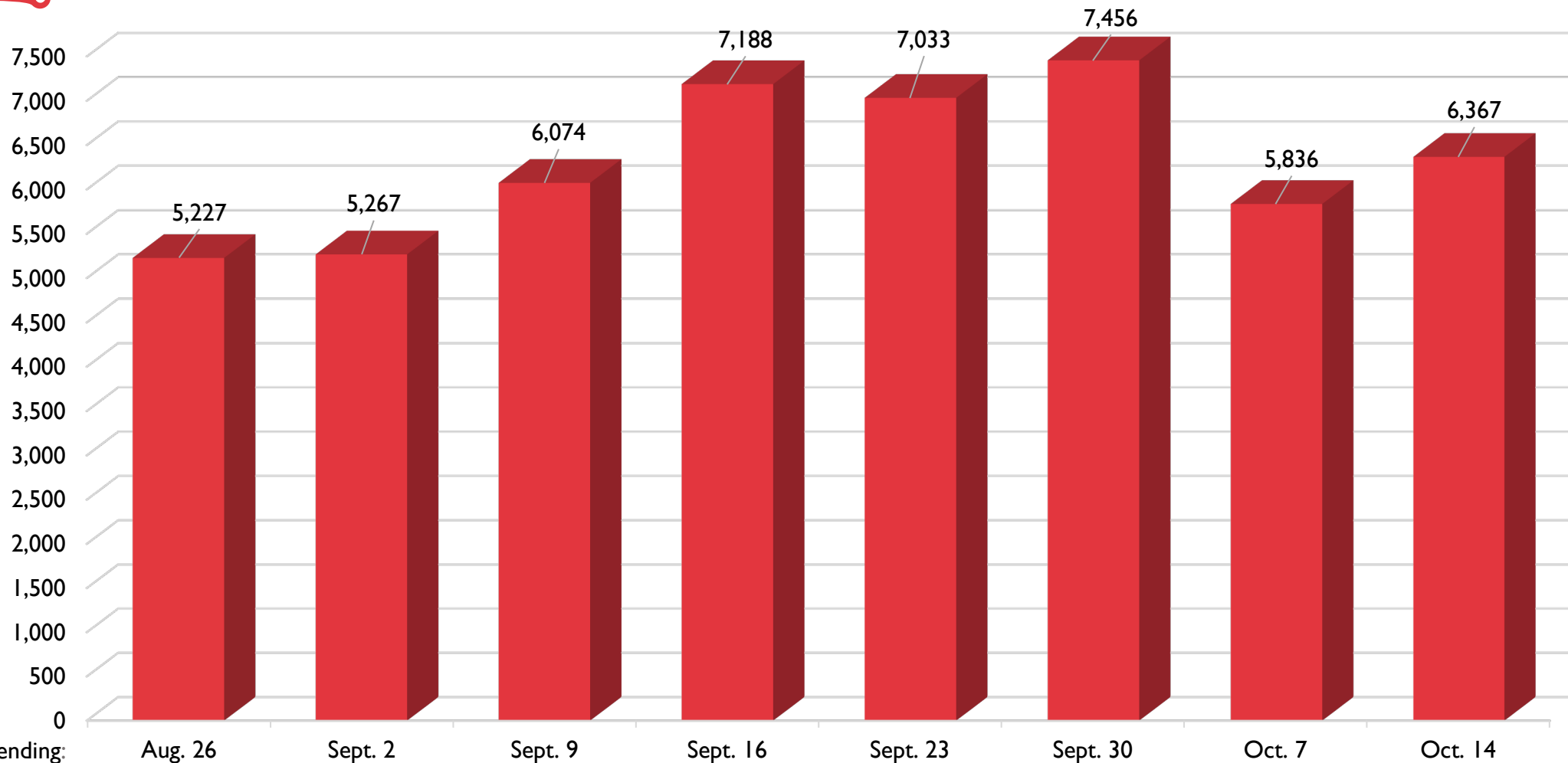


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FARE-FREE SEPTEMBER – AVERAGE DAILY RIDERSHIP

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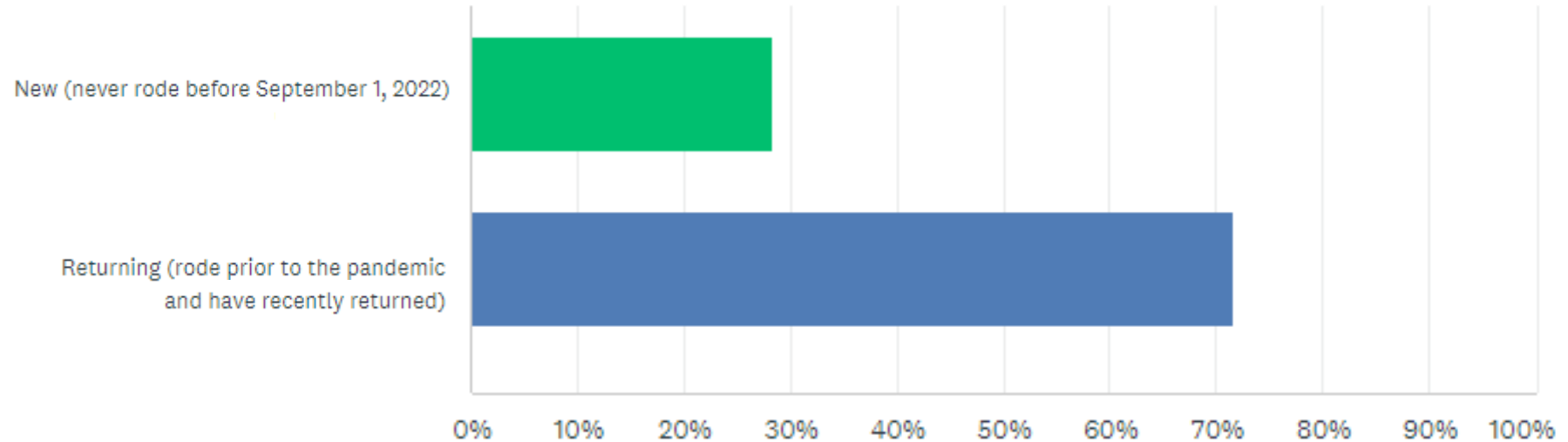
For the week ending:



FARE-FREE SEPTEMBER – NEW/RETURNING RIDER SURVEY

How would you categorize yourself as a VRE rider?

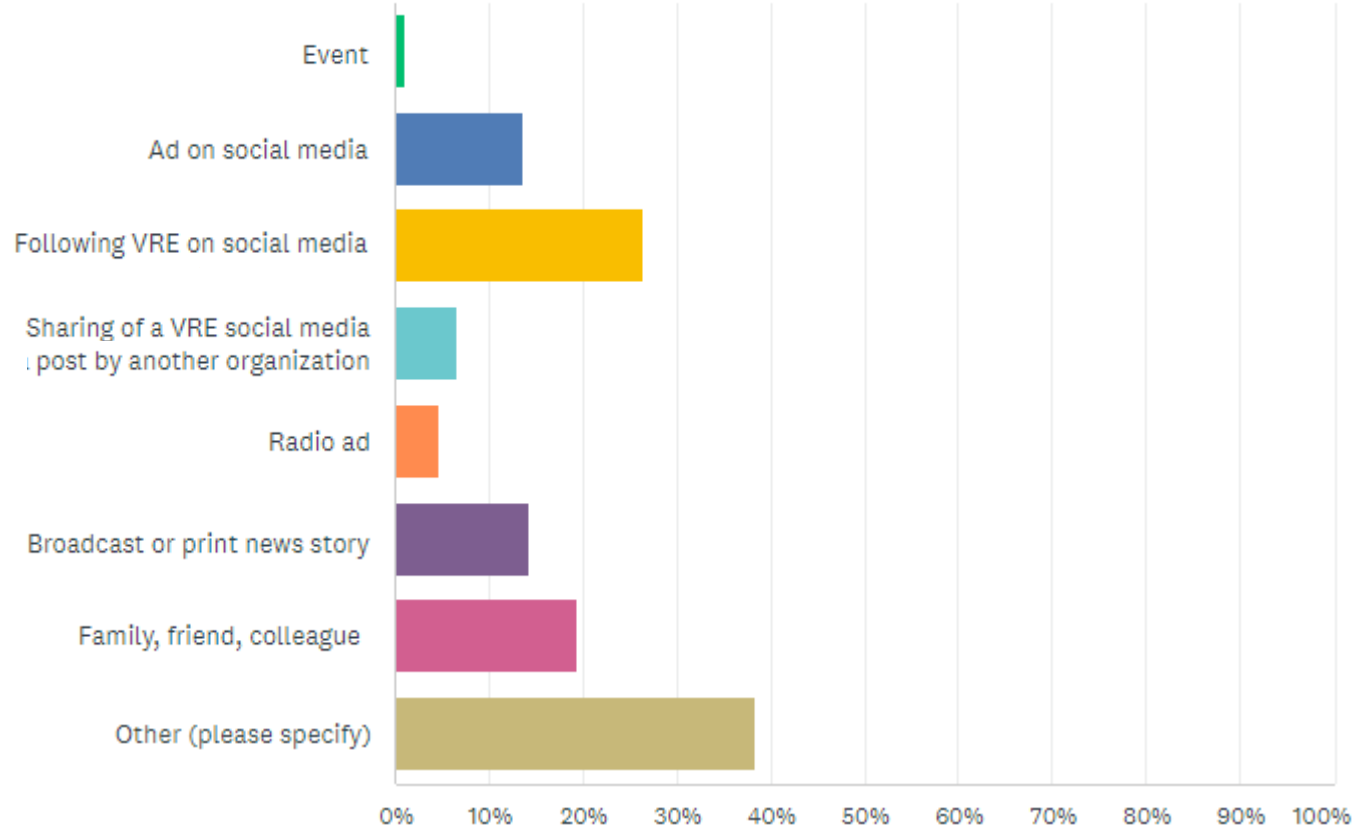
Answered: 438 Skipped: 6



FARE-FREE SEPTEMBER – NEW/RETURNING RIDER SURVEY

How did you learn about Fare-Free September?

Answered: 438 Skipped: 6



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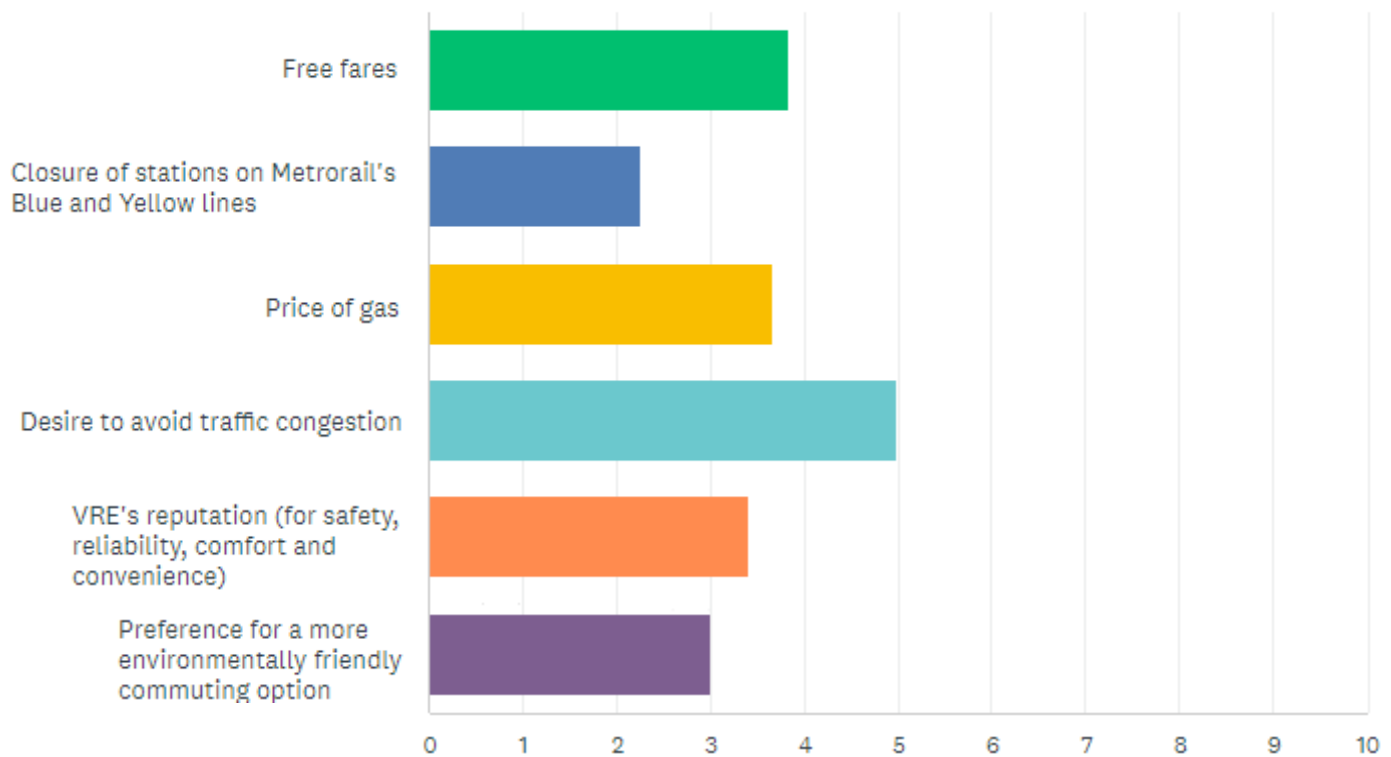
- VRE Train Talk Alert
- VRE Website
- Employer
- Conductor Announcement
- Platform Announcement
- Commuter Connections
- Handout at Metrorail Station
- Internet Search



FARE-FREE SEPTEMBER – NEW/RETURNING RIDER SURVEY

What is it that enticed you to ride the train? (Please rank in order of importance.)

Answered: 440 Skipped: 4



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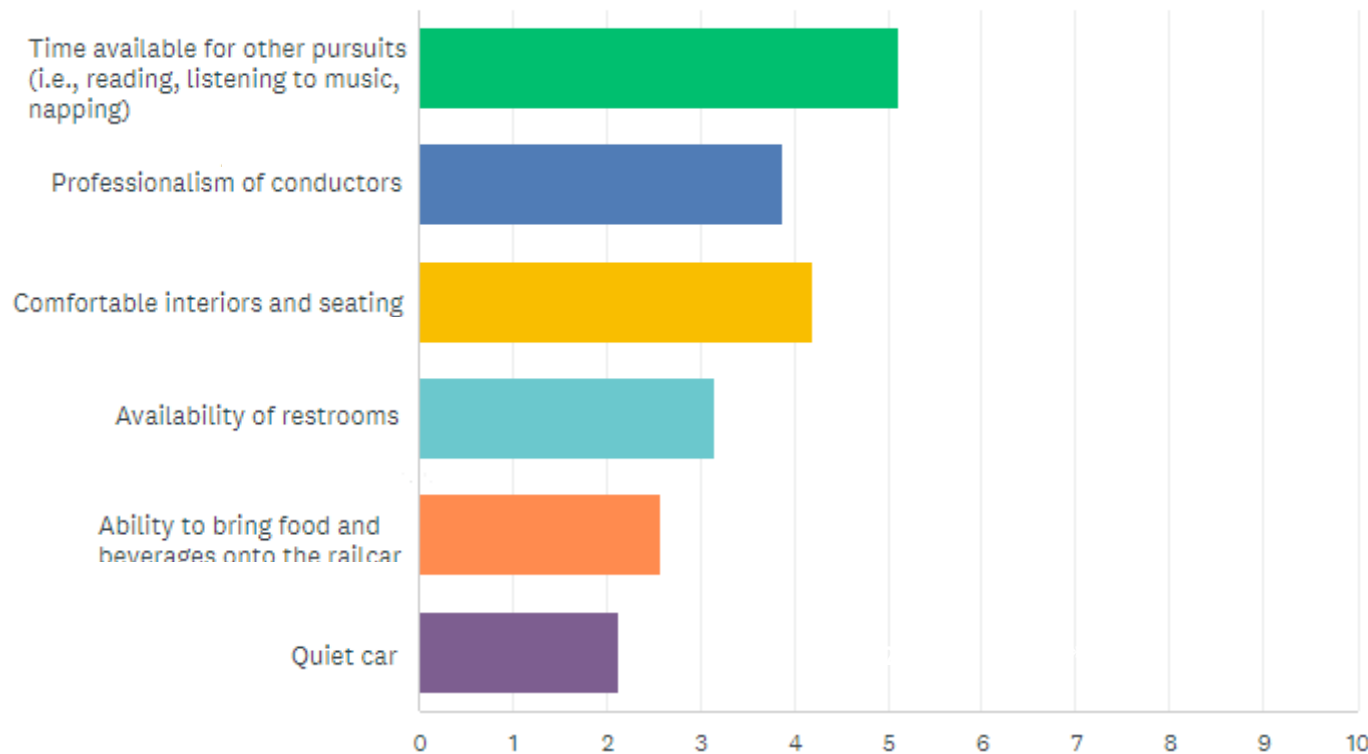
	1	2	3	4	5	6	TOTAL	SCORE
Free fares	25.12% 105	13.88% 58	16.99% 71	14.83% 62	21.53% 90	7.66% 32	418	3.83
Closure of stations on Metrorail's Blue and Yellow lines	7.37% 30	8.60% 35	7.13% 29	8.60% 35	17.44% 71	50.86% 207	407	2.27
Price of gas	5.50% 23	28.71% 120	21.53% 90	23.68% 99	12.20% 51	8.37% 35	418	3.67
Desire to avoid traffic congestion	51.50% 223	21.48% 93	12.47% 54	5.77% 25	5.77% 25	3.00% 13	433	4.98
VRE's reputation (for safety, reliability, comfort and convenience)	7.18% 30	16.75% 70	23.68% 99	24.88% 104	17.94% 75	9.57% 40	418	3.42
Preference for a more environmentally friendly commuting option	6.00% 25	12.71% 53	18.23% 76	20.62% 86	23.26% 97	19.18% 80	417	3.00



FARE-FREE SEPTEMBER – NEW/RETURNING RIDER SURVEY

What is it that you appreciate most about your onboard experience? (Please rank in order of importance.)

Answered: 430 Skipped: 14



FARE-FREE SEPTEMBER – NEW/RETURNING RIDER SURVEY

What is it that you appreciate most about your onboard experience? (Please rank in order of importance.)

Answered: 430 Skipped: 14

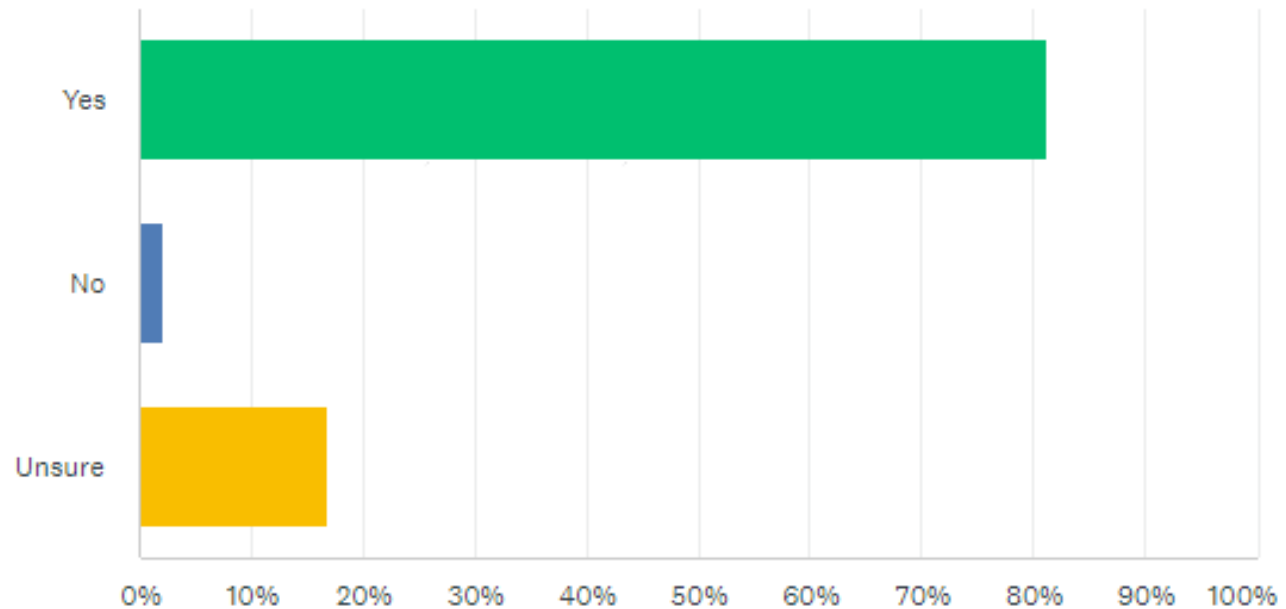
	1	2	3	4	5	6	TOTAL	SCORE
Time available for other pursuits (i.e., reading, listening to music, napping)	57.35% 242	18.01% 76	11.85% 50	5.92% 25	4.50% 19	2.37% 10	422	5.11
Professionalism of conductors	14.53% 60	25.18% 104	21.07% 87	20.34% 84	11.86% 49	7.02% 29	413	3.89
Comfortable interiors and seating	16.15% 68	28.03% 118	28.74% 121	17.58% 74	6.89% 29	2.61% 11	421	4.21
Availability of restrooms	4.83% 20	13.53% 56	16.91% 70	30.92% 128	25.36% 105	8.45% 35	414	3.16
Ability to bring food and beverages onto the railcar	1.46% 6	8.50% 35	15.29% 63	17.96% 74	35.19% 145	21.60% 89	412	2.58
Quiet car	6.81% 28	7.54% 31	6.81% 28	7.06% 29	14.60% 60	57.18% 235	411	2.13



FARE-FREE SEPTEMBER – NEW/RETURNING RIDER SURVEY

When the fare-free period expires, will you continue to ride VRE?

Answered: 441 Skipped: 3



DRAFT 2023 LEGISLATIVE AGENDA

Prior to the start of the Virginia General Assembly session in Richmond, the VRE Operations Board formulates and recommends to the commissions its priorities to better communicate and influence the actions of the Governor's administration and the General Assembly. This program will serve as guidance for staff and the contracted legislation liaisons during the legislative session.

In addition, the Legislative Agenda includes federal legislative and regulatory issues that are relevant to transit and commuter rail in the U.S., and VRE specifically. Throughout the year, staff and our contracted federal relations consultants will work with the U.S. Department of Transportation and its agencies, our Congressional delegation, relevant Congressional committees, and others to educate them on these issues and their potential impacts to VRE.

The VRE Operations Board will be asked to recommend the Legislative Agenda to the commissions at its November 2022 meeting.



Rich Dalton
VRE CEO



Joe Swartz
Director of Government
and Community Affairs



SYSTEM PLAN 2050 UPDATE: DRAFT VISION AND GOALS

Overview

1. System Plan 2050 Update

2. Planning Context

3. Vision and Goals

4. Next Actions



Rich Dalton
VRE CEO



Nick Ruiz
VRE Planning Program
Manager



SYSTEM PLAN 2050 UPDATE

Phase 1
June – December 2022

- Initiate coordination with peer agencies and stakeholders
- Set the System Plan 2050 Vision and Goals
- Evaluate ridership trends and potential new markets

Phase 2
January – June 2023

- Develop future VRE service scenario alternatives
- Compare and refine future scenarios to best meet System Plan Goals
- Seek feedback from the public and stakeholder agencies

Phase 3
July – December 2023

- Determine costs and funding for future operations and infrastructure
- Coordination with jurisdictions on appropriate station area land use
- System Plan 2050 documentation, reviews, and Operations Board adoption

PLANNING CONTEXT: RIDER SENTIMENTS

Free-Fare September gave VRE staff the ability to query riders on near- and long-term wants/needs

Common Themes:

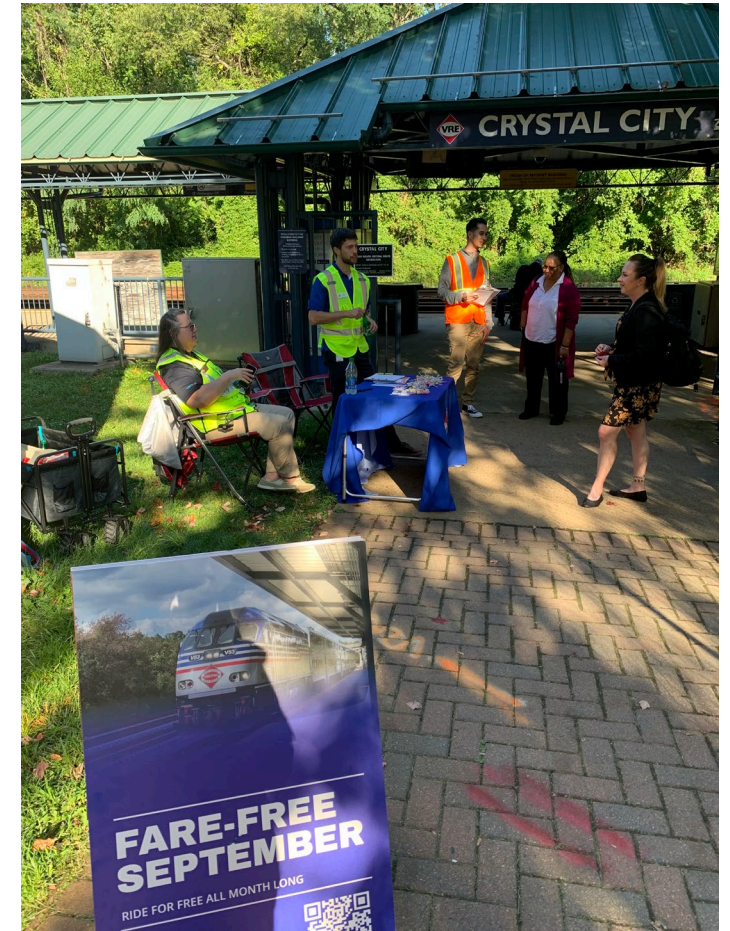
"I choose VRE because of the fast, comfortable, stress-free commute."

"I chose my home (or work) location based on accessibility to a VRE station."

"I am new to VRE because of the Metrorail closures, and the commute has been good."

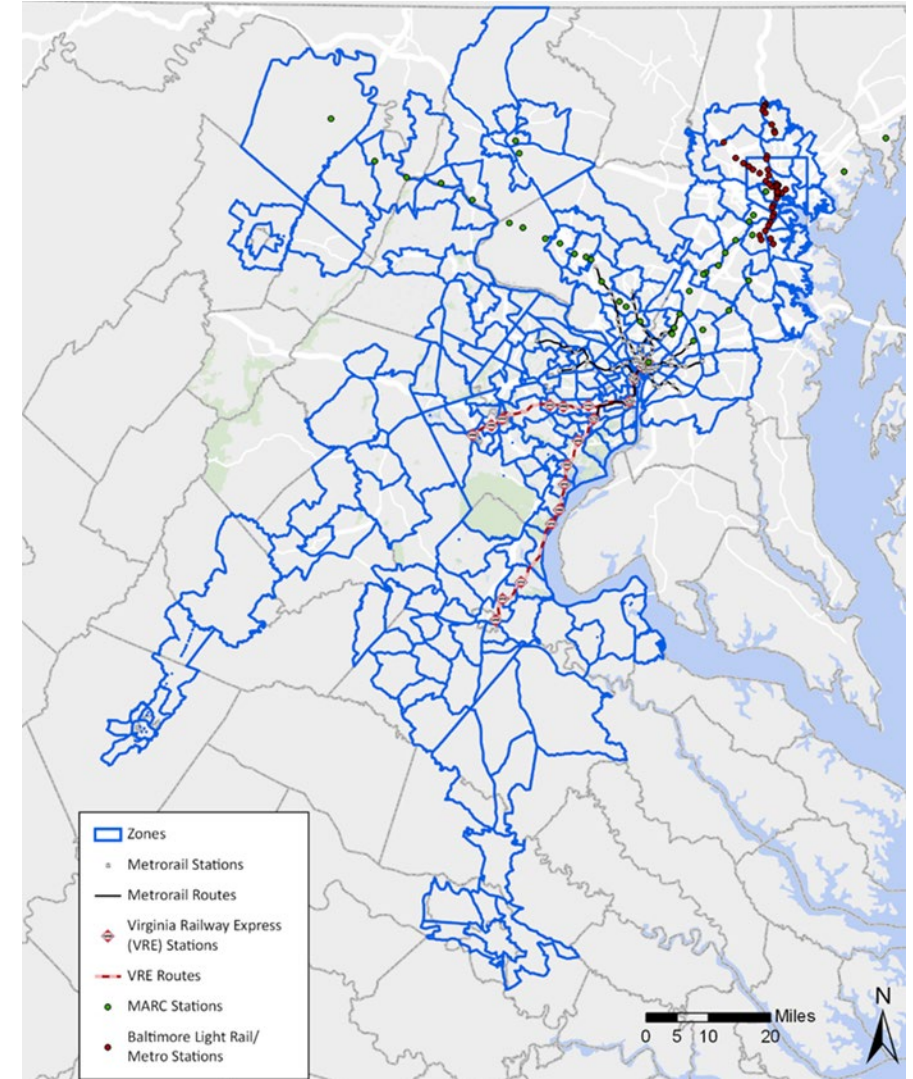
Frequent VRE riders feel 'part of the family' - generally happy with the service provided yet forthcoming about recommended schedule changes to allow better transfers and reliability improvements.

Long-term, many riders desire more service: more peak frequency, more mid-day and late evening service, and weekend service.



PLANNING CONTEXT: MARKET FORCES

- Telework patterns starting to solidify:
 - In Office: Tuesday-Thursday
 - At Home: Monday and Friday
- Unequal recoveries on each line
- New SOV commute options (tolls)
- Longer average distance trips in AM, but more trips occur in PM*



*From VRE System Plan analysis of ridership patterns and Replica/StreetLight origin-destination data for the zone network shown in the graphic.

PLANNING CONTEXT: BUILDING ON PAST THEMES TO INFORM THE FUTURE

VRE 2040 System Plan

Improve and expand service

Address emerging markets

VRE as part of a larger system

Partnerships to add capacity

VRE 2022 Organizational Goals

Commitment to VRE mission

Service enhancements, ridership,
and revenue growth

Enhance sustainability

Prioritize diversity, equity and
inclusion

SYSTEM PLAN 2050 DRAFT VISION

VRE will grow to serve the region as the transportation service of choice by creating meaningful connections and economic opportunities in a safe, sustainable, and equitable manner.



2050 SYSTEM PLAN DRAFT GOALS



1. Safety and Reliability



2. Market Growth and Financial Stability



3. Regional System Integration and Equitable Service



4. Sustainability and Resiliency

2050 SYSTEM PLAN DRAFT GOAL #1

Safety and Reliability

Support a continued strong record of safety; provide a predictable, reliable, comfortable, secure service to customers by maintaining the system to the highest quality

TARGET	MEASURES	SUCCESS
Maintain System in a State of Good Repair	Annual Federal Transit Administration Transit Asset Management Measures	Varies
Maximize On-Time Performance and Service Predictability	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> On-Time Performance Metrics Deviations from Standard Operating Plan 	▲
		▼
Safety Incidents	Annual Federal Railroad Administration System Safety Program Reporting Metrics	Varies
Customer Satisfaction	VRE Customer Service Survey Results Scorecard	Varies



2050 SYSTEM PLAN DRAFT GOAL #2

Market Growth and Financial Stability






Grow the market for VRE service while maintaining financial stability; provide service for a full range of travel given changing needs

TARGET	MEASURES	SUCCESS
Maximize daily riders	Average daily ridership	↑
Facilitate more diversified trip purposes	Number of “traditional” commute trips as a percentage of total VRE trips	↓
Meet or exceed percentage of operating costs through fare recovery	Fare recovery ratio	?



2050 SYSTEM PLAN GOAL #3

Regional System Integration and Equitable Service
Serve as a critical element of an integrated and equitable transportation system; promote access for all

TARGET	MEASURES	SUCCESS
Maximize connections among transportation modes and schedules	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Number of transit connections • Travel time to regional destinations 	 
Expand daily service offering including non-peak and weekend service	Percentage of ridership growth of non-peak/ weekend trains	
Increase VRE station access modes	Jurisdiction plans to provide non-motorized and transit accommodations to/at VRE stations	
Increase service to underserved populations	Origins/destinations in Metropolitan Washington Council of Government's Equity Emphasis Areas	



2050 SYSTEM PLAN DRAFT GOAL #4

Sustainability and Resiliency

Support regional and state-wide environmental sustainability and transportation system resilience

TARGET	MEASURES	SUCCESS
Participate in regional and statewide initiatives to reduce environmental impacts of transportation	Avoided green house gas emissions	↑
Promote VRE role in regional transportation resiliency	Passengers carried during regional or localized transportation disruptions	↑
Develop infrastructure and operating standards to be more efficient and adaptive to climate change	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reduction in heat-order/weather-related delays • Reduction in facilities' energy consumption • Lower asset lifecycle costs 	↓



DISCUSSION OF VISION AND GOALS





NEXT ACTIONS

Apply the Vision and Goals throughout System Plan development

Complete market analysis and develop ridership forecasts for 2030/2050

Return to Operations Board with data findings

SPENDING AUTHORITY REPORT

On September 18, 2020, the VRE Operations Board approved increasing the CEO's delegated spending authority from \$100,000 to \$200,000. It was resolved as part of that increased delegation that any purchase or contract award in the range of \$50,000 to \$200,000 would be communicated to the Board as an information item.

- On September 7, 2022, VRE issued a task order in the amount of \$101,686 to Keolis Rail Services Virginia, LLC under the maintenance services for commuter rail contract to replace the fluid storage system at both Crossroads and Broad Run, which includes the purchase and installation of two new containers, designed specifically for safe and environmentally controlled lubricant storage, as well as removal and off-site disposal of the existing containers.
- On September 13, 2022, VRE issued a blanket purchase order in an amount not to exceed \$50,820 to Powersolv, Inc., utilizing an existing cooperative staff augmentation contract, to provide consulting support services on an as needed basis for the administration of VRE's e-Builder project controls software.



Rich Dalton
VRE CEO



OPERATIONS BOARD CLOSED SESSION

Pursuant to the Virginia Freedom of Information Act (Section 2.2-3711.A(1) of the Code of Virginia), I move that the VRE Operations Board convene a closed meeting for the purpose of discussing a personnel matter regarding the performance of the VRE General Counsel.



James Walkinshaw

Vice Chair
Fairfax County



OPERATIONS BOARD CLOSED SESSION

**The livestream will recommence
following this portion of the meeting**



OPERATIONS BOARD CLOSED SESSION

The VRE Operations Board certifies that, to the best of each member's knowledge and with no individual member dissenting, at the just concluded closed session:

- 1. Only public business matters lawfully exempted from open meeting requirements under the Freedom of Information Act were discussed; and,**
- 2. Only such public business matters as were identified in the motion by which the closed session was convened were heard, discussed or considered.**



James Walkinshaw

Vice Chair
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