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TRAIN TALK

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VRE Service for the Week Ending July 14

VRE's reliability last week was far below what we expect and what our passengers deserve. While the reasons were many and varied, the result was frequent and lengthy delays for VRE riders.

The week began Monday morning with CSX maintenance activities delaying four trains, but the major issues started Tuesday when Amtrak 86 derailed in the tunnel south of Washington Union Station. This severely restricted service on Tuesday and Wednesday and limited service to the "S" schedule on Thursday.

On Friday, we operated full service but experienced lingering delays in Union Station from the derailment as well as some switch issues.

Then, Friday evening, a major weather event took down multiple trees on the Manassas Line, stranding three VRE trains and multiple Amtrak trains. Our partners at OmniRide provided bus support for the VRE trains which were at the Rolling Road and Burke Centre stations. The trees were cleared by 1 a.m. and we were able to get the equipment back to our Broad Run Maintenance and Storage Facility.

Last week we were not able to provide the consistent reliable service VRE is known for and for this we sincerely apologize.

We look forward to providing the service our riders expect moving forward.

Thank you.