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VRE to Offer Fare-Free Fridays During Summer Months No tickets required to ride VRE trains on Fridays from June 2 to September 1

Alexandria, Va. – To promote the Virginia Railway Express (VRE) as a travel option for both commuters and day-trippers, the rail service will offer fare-free rides on its trains each Friday from June 2 to September 1. Fare-free travel will be available to passengers on both the Fredericksburg and Manassas lines for rides originating at any of VRE's 19 stations. Tickets will not be required.

VRE ridership is historically lower during the summer and on Fridays year-round, so the rail service can accommodate additional passengers, including larger groups looking to spend a day in the nation's capital, or National Landing or Old Town Alexandria in Virginia.

VRE runs 32 trains each weekday, generally north in the morning and south in the afternoon and evening. It is the nation's 13th largest commuter rail service, connecting Central and Northern Virginia with the District of Columbia. VRE is recognized for its provision of safe, reliable, convenient, and comfortable transportation. Additional information is available at <u>www.vre.org</u>.

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