

Northern Virginia Transit Ridership on the Rise



Today's Transit is Strong

From local bus to Metrorail to commuter rail, transit posted ridership gains over the last few years.

706K

weekly **bus** riders

1.3M

weekly **Virginia Metrorail** riders

47K

weekly **VRE** riders

15%

year-over-year ridership increase

as of July 2025

Local Agencies Innovate to Meet Rider Demand

Over the past year, local agencies have pursued innovative strategies to support an integrated Northern Virginia transit network. Implementation of **network redesigns and restructures, service enhancements** and **free and reduced fare programs** have contributed to rising ridership across the system.

Northern Virginia bus ridership is the highest its been in a **decade**



Long Haul Commuters Return

Commuter Bus ridership

DOUBLED

between January and March 2025



VRE ridership increased

76%

between January and June 2025



Metro on the Rise



Metro Invests in Success

Service Excellence

- Optimized rail service with more peak trains
- Implemented Tap.Ride.Go contactless payment system
- Debuted Better Bus Network in June 2025
- Reintroduced Automatic Train Operations

Maintaining a Safe System

- Decreased serious crime by 55% in the past three years
- Implemented banning policy

Customer Satisfaction

- Exceeded customer satisfaction targets for all modes
- Improved customer perceptions of safety over the last two years

Leading the Nation in Ridership Growth

30% more
weekend riders at Virginia
Metrorail stations since 2019

54 months
of year-over-year
ridership growth



89%
Metrorail customer
satisfaction

82% less
fare evasion after
installation of new faregates



Transit agencies serving Northern Virginia

