

## VHSR's 2015 Accomplishments

- Represented at the Federal Railroad Administration's Northeast Future public meetings in Washington, DC. (Dec 15)
- Represented at the DC to RVA High Speed Rail public meetings (Dec 15)
- 1,648: # of emails our supporters sent to members of Congress in support of the comprehensive transportation bill (FAST Act - HR 22) (Nov 11)
- Media: Richmond Times Dispatch "Four spots identified for new Tri-Cities train station" (9/20/2015)
- Media: Richmond Times Dispatch "Richmond-to-Raleigh high-speed rail plan approved" (9/18/2015)
- Represented at the CTB's Rail Subcommittee (Aug 15)
- Media: Inside Business "Foxy On The Move" (7/24/2015)
- Media WMAL Radio "Obama Administration Calls D.C. To Richmond High Speed Rail A Priority" (7/24/2015)
- Media: The Daily Progress "High speed rail progress a win for all" (7/24/2015)
- U.S. Transportation Secretary's Blog: Pressing forward on Southeast passenger rail (7/23/2015)
- Media: Richmond Times Dispatch 'Let's get this done,' U.S. transportation secretary says of D.C.-Richmond high-speed rail (7/22/2015)
- VHSR held our 21st Annual Transportation Luncheon featuring U.S. Transportation Secretary Anthony Foxx and VA Transportation Secretary Aubrey Layne. (July 15)
- Represented at the CTB's Rail Subcommittee (July 15)
- Media: Style Weekly: Will Richmond Re-connect With Its High Speed Rail Dreams? (6/16/2015)
- Media: Washington Post: Virginia Bets on Higher Speed Rail by 2025 (6/4/2015)
- Spoke to the Rotary Club of Richmond (June 15)
- Spoke to the VA Peninsula CIVIC leadership group about transportation with VA Secretary of Transportation Aubrey Layne (May 15)
- Presented to the US HSR Association's DC Conference about the progress in the Southeast in regards to higher speed rail (April 15)
- Spoke to the Virginia Club (Mar 15)
- Spoke to the Richmond Kiwanis Club (Mar 15)
- Spoke to the River City Rotary Club (Mar 15)
- Met with the FRA Administrator Sarah Feinberg and her staff to discuss the Southeast high speed rail corridor. (Mar 15)
- Met with the offices of Virginia's entire Congressional delegation in regards to the Passenger Rail Reform and Investment Act of 2015 (HR 749). (Mar 15)
- Federal: Advocated for the passage of the federal Passenger Rail Reform and Investment Act of 2015 (HR 749). Our supporters contacted their House members nearly 400 times in 24 hours. It passed the House of Representative's with 10 of Virginia's 11 members voting in favor of passage. (Mar 15)
- **2015 General Assembly**
  - Fought back effort (HB 2275) to divert funding from passenger rail to other transportation projects. Campaign resulted in over 1,800 emails, phone calls, letters, and meetings with legislators. Also support from Hampton Roads Chamber of Commerce Virginia Peninsula Chamber of Commerce, Greater Williamsburg Chamber & Tourism Alliance, Roanoke Regional Chamber of Commerce, Hampton Roads Public Transportation Alliance, Greater Richmond Chamber of Commerce, Virginia Conservation Network, Charlottesville Regional Chamber of Commerce, and City of Norfolk.
- Media: Richmond Times Dispatch "Time for more transportation choices" (February 16, 2015)
- Updated the Chesapeake EDA on our progress advancing intercity passenger rail to Hampton Roads (Jan 2015)
- Media: Chesterfield Village News "Riding the Rails" (January 7, 2015)
- Media: Featured on Charlottesville's 1070 WINA Morning News Show with Rick and Jane (1/7/2015)



## Our Mission

To educate and advocate for the expansion of fast, frequent, and reliable passenger rail service connecting Virginia to destinations up and down the east coast. We want to **triple** the number of Amtrak Regional trains serving Virginia; reduce their travel times by up-to **35 percent**; increase their on-time reliability to over **90 percent**; and reach **80 percent** of Virginians.

## FY 2015 VA Amtrak Service

### Ridership:

Long Distance: 727,703 +2.0%  
Virginia Regionals: 878,304 +0.1%  
Total: 1,606,007 +1.0%

### Stations:

- 1) Burke Centre: +30.8%
- 2) Richmond - Main Street Station: +10.4%
- 3) Norfolk: +7.2%

### Corridor Ridership:

- 1) Urban Crescent: 1,319,860 +1.1%
- 2) Piedmont Corridor: 227,165 +3.6%
- 3) Long Distance Stations: 16,718 -1.6%

### On-time Performance:

Regionals: 70.1% (-4%)  
Long Distance: 53.1 (-5.3%)  
Total: 61.6% (-4.9%)

### Regional Corridor Performance:

1. Newport News Regionals
2. Lynchburg Regional
3. Richmond Regionals
6. Norfolk Regionals

\*Out of 30 corridors in the Nation, per seat mile.

## 2016 Goals

1. Protect VA Intercity Passenger Rail Funding
2. Support federal transportation legislation that includes funding for a national intercity passenger rail network
3. Support continued progress on federal DC-Richmond high speed rail study
4. Identify funding for Richmond-Hampton Roads passenger rail & high speed rail studies
5. Advocate for VA's Amtrak Regional trains

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### Pictures Top to Bottom:

1. VA Secretary of Transportation Aubrey Layne speaking to the members of VHSR at our 2015 Annual Luncheon.
2. US Secretary of Transportation Anthony Foxx talking to our members at VHSR's 2015 Annual Luncheon. Secretary Foxx would announce a \$1 million grant to assist with the planning of the Southeast High Speed Rail Corridor.

## 2015 Highlights

- \$490.2 million** in funding to sustain, expand, and improve intercity passenger rail included in Virginia's 6 year transportation plan.
- Continued operation of all of Virginia's Amtrak Regional trains.
- DC-Richmond federal high speed rail study advanced.
- New (Tri-Cities) Petersburg Regional Passenger Rail station study progressing.
- Richmond-Raleigh federal high speed rail study completed.