

Virginia's Public Transportation Network

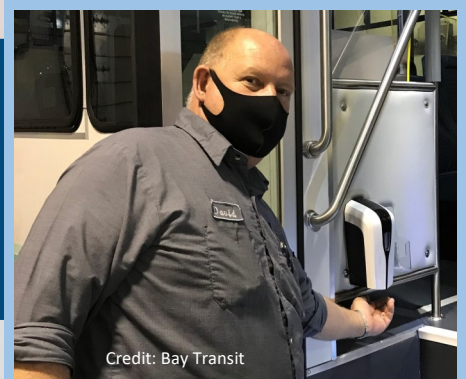
ESSENTIAL TRANSPORTATION FOR ESSENTIAL WORKERS



As the world shut down, work from home orders expanded, and daily commuting patterns drastically changed, Virginia's over three dozen public transportation agencies handled **nearly 193,000 passenger trips every single day** during the height of the global COVID-19 pandemic (FY 2020 + FY 2021).

Whether by bus, vanpool, rail, or boat; hundreds of thousands of Virginians relied on public transportation to keep our essential workers moving.

As the health impacts from the pandemic continue to subside, it's important to remember how essential public transit was to our essential workers.



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TRANSIT **CONNECTS** VIRGINIA



6.1 million
Virginians



2.4 million
Jobs



70 percent
Higher education students

TRANSIT MEANS **BUSINESS**



\$5.1 billion
Economic benefits
generated annually



29,000+
Jobs created/sustained
each year



\$61,100+
Median salary for a
transit user

TRANSIT IMPROVES THE **ENVIRONMENT** (FY 2020 + FY 2021)



837 Million
Passenger miles
off our roads



8.9 Million
Gallons of fuel
not burned



79,000+
Metric tons of CO2
emissions not released

TRANSIT MOVES **VIRGINIA** (FY 2020 + FY 2021)



93.2 million
Bus/BRT
passengers



38.2 million
Metro & Tide Rail
passengers



3.6 million
Commuter Rail
passengers



5.6 million
Para & Vanpool
passengers



360 thousand
Ferry
passengers

Virginia Transit Quick Facts:

- **America's first electric streetcar system:** Richmond, Virginia (1888)
- **Virginia's first subway service:** Orange/Blue lines, Metro (1978)
- **Virginia's first commuter rail service:** Fredericksburg line, VRE (1992)
 - **Virginia's first light rail service:** Tide, HRT (2011)
- **Virginia's first bus rapid transit service:** Metroway, Metro (2014)