

Spotsylvania VRE station ready to open on Monday

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The new Spotsylvania Virginia Railway Express station is set to open for business Monday morning, providing some of the nearly 5,000 Fredericksburg line riders with another commuting option.

The first train is scheduled to leave at 4:57 a.m.

“It’ll be interesting to see how many people make the move,” said VRE spokesman Bryan Jungwirth.

The station, in the Crossroads Station development off the U.S. 17 Bypass, is the VRE line’s first extension since service started in 1992 and will now be the southern terminus.

The station includes a 1,500-space parking lot and a 700-foot platform with a waiting area and restrooms. The project also included a traffic signal at the intersection of the Bypass, Benchmark Road and Crossroads Parkway.

There also is a companion project: construction of a third track from the station to Fredericksburg. That line is slated for completion by the end of the year.

Another train will also be added to the busy Fredericksburg line by year’s end.

The station project, initially set for a 2013 finish, experienced numerous delays. But come Monday, all that will be behind them.