

VRE adding another train to Fredericksburg line

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A new train will start running on the Virginia Railway Express Fredericksburg line Monday, and that will change the schedules for the commuter rail service.

The additional train is part of the new VRE package that includes a just-opened Spotsylvania County station and the soon-to-be completed third track between the new station and downtown Fredericksburg. The Spotsylvania VRE station opened Nov. 16 and is now the rail line's southern terminus.

"Our Fredericksburg line riders have been requesting more commuter rail service for a long time and we're pleased to deliver greater flexibility and travel choices in the I-95 corridor," VRE Chief Executive Officer Doug Allen said in a release.

The new train brings the total on the Fredericksburg line to eight. Almost 5,000 people use the Fredericksburg-line trains each day.

The change to the schedule starts with the third train in the morning, which will now reach the Spotsylvania station nine minutes earlier at 5:23. The rest of the morning-train arrivals have also been adjusted. The afternoon schedule has similar changes, all of which can be found below. (Click to enlarge, then click again to enlarge again)

Fredericksburg Line schedule

Along with the VRE schedule changes, there will be adjustments to the FREDericksburg Regional Transit feeder buses that carry commuters to the stations.

In a note to riders, FRED officials say they are reworking the schedules, but may not be able to "provide the same level of service as we do now."

A revised FRED schedule will soon be released.



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Keith Wigglesworth waits for his wife's 7:07 a.m. VRE train to depart the new Spotsylvania station on Monday.