Director's Report

October 2025

DRPT

VIRGINIA DEPARTMENT OF RAIL AND PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION



DRPT Next Stop: 2030
DRPT's Strategic Plan

Create a positive impact on the Commonwealth

- July 2025 statewide transit ridership (including WMATA and VRE) was 12.7 million, up 8% over July 2024.
  - WMATA Virginia ridership was 7.7 million in July 2025, 10% higher.
  - VRE ridership was just under 240,000 in July 2025, 77% higher.
  - Virginia Agencies (all non-WMATA or VRE) ridership was 4.7 million in July 2025, 5% higher.
- The Virginia Breeze transported over 3,800 people in July 2025, 3% higher than in July 2024.

Foster innovative practical solutions

- From August 18 to 21, DRPT staff attended the Community Transportation Association of Virginia Annual Conference and Expo in Roanoke. As part of the event programming, DRPT staff facilitated discussions on the Coordinated Human Service and Mobility plan, the planned expansion of the Virginia Breeze, and the fiscal health of the FTA 5311 (Rural Transit) program.
- On August 28, the Office of Regulatory Management informed DRPT that the Agency will be exempt from the requirements of EO 51. This is due to DRPT already meeting the Governor's requirements to reduce its guidance documents by more than 25 percent.

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Convene with partners and stakeholders

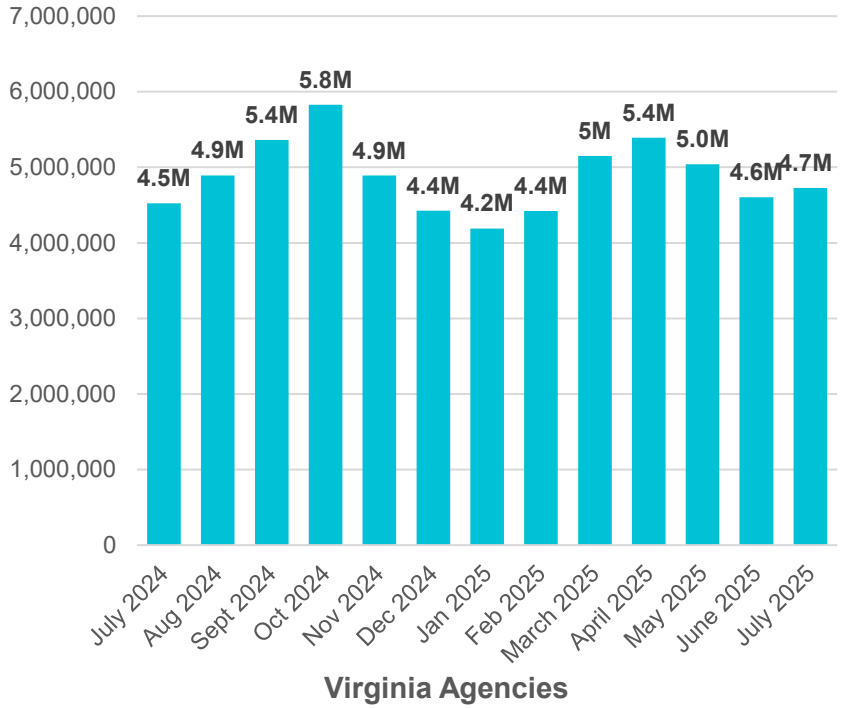
- DRPT hosted two meetings of the Transit Service Delivery Advisory Committee on August 27 and October 6 to discuss the ongoing review of the MERIT Operating Assistance and Capital Assistance programs.

Cultivate a sustainable well-managed organization

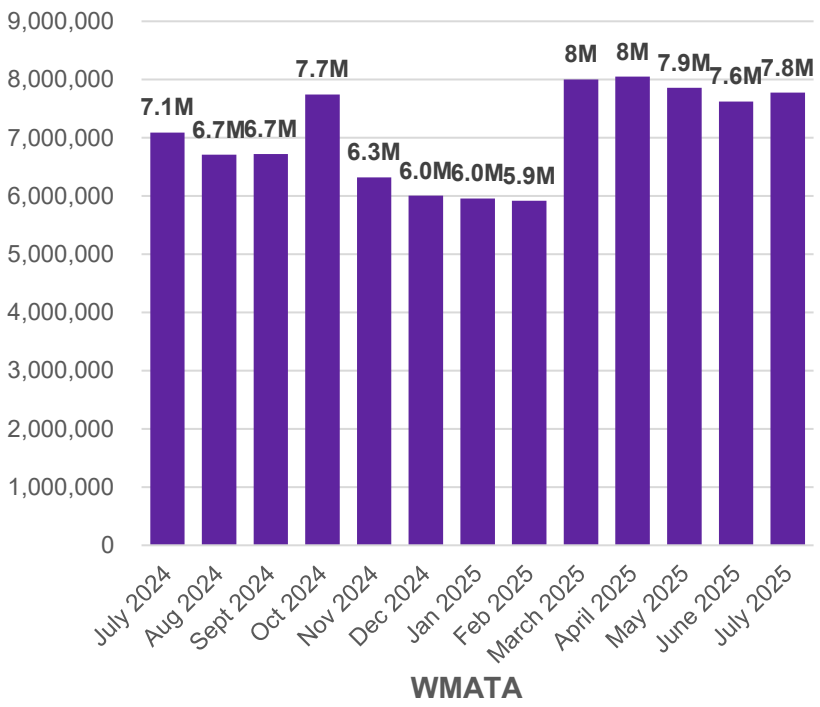
- DRPT has hired Sandeep Paruchuri as the agency's Database Administrator and SQL Programmer.
- On September 15-16, DRPT hosted a two-day training with the National Transit Institute (NTI) on State and Metropolitan Transportation Programming in Richmond, VA at the PlanRVA offices.

Statewide Transit Ridership

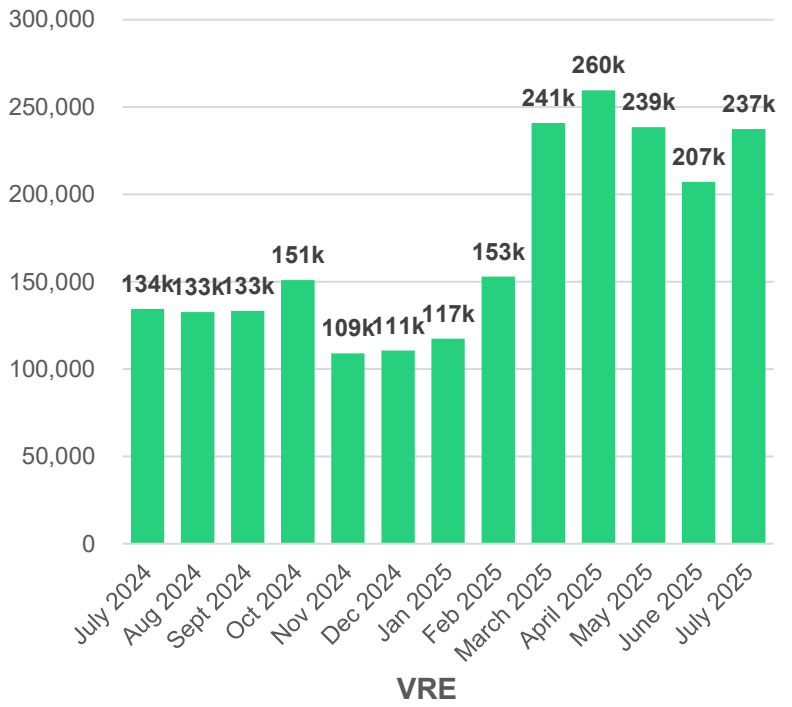
Statewide Transit Ridership – July 2024 to July 2025



Virginia Agencies



WMATA

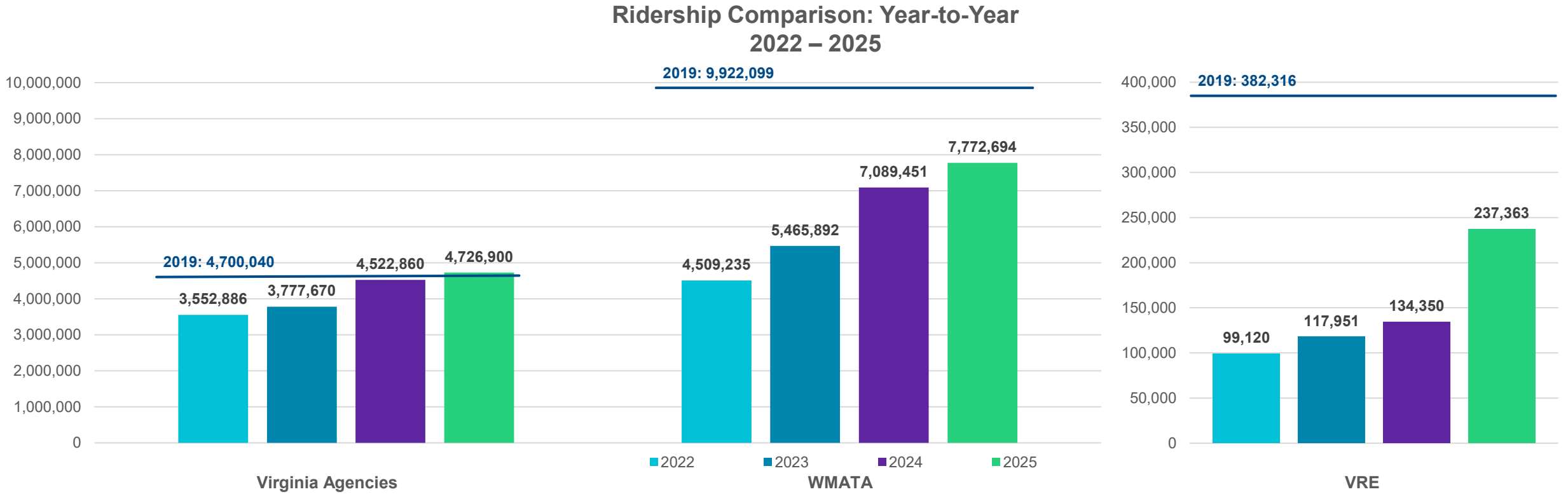


VRE

Agencies	July 2024	Aug 2024	Sept 2024	Oct 2024	Nov 2024	Dec 2024	Jan 2025	Feb 2025	March 2025	April 2025	May 2025	June 2025	July 2025	Total*
Virginia Agencies	4,522,860	4,891,914	5,360,434	5,828,176	4,889,995	4,427,193	4,190,344	4,422,095	5,149,919	5,392,036	5,038,705	4,605,627	4,726,900	58,923,338
VRE	134,350	132,607	133,247	150,972	109,026	110,625	117,466	152,882	240,794	259,585	238,518	207,130	237,363	2,090,215
WMATA	7,089,451	6,710,201	6,717,554	7,742,372	6,320,579	6,005,122	5,957,138	5,915,679	8,001,329	8,047,711	7,856,235	7,621,634	7,772,694	84,668,248
All Agencies + VRE + WMATA	**11,746,661**	**11,734,722**	**12,211,235**	**13,721,520**	**11,319,600**	**10,542,940**	**10,264,948**	**10,490,656**	**13,392,042**	**13,699,332**	**13,133,458**	**12,434,391**	**12,736,957**	**145,681,801**

*Last 12 Months

Statewide Ridership Comparison: July Year-to-Year



Mode	2022	2023	2024	2025	2025 vs 2022	2025 vs 2023	2025 vs 2024
Virginia Agencies	3,552,886	3,777,670	4,522,860	4,726,900	33%	25%	5%
VRE	99,120	117,951	134,350	237,363	139%	101%	77%
WMATA	4,509,235	5,465,892	7,089,451	7,772,694	72%	42%	10%
All Agencies + VRE + WMATA	**8,161,241**	**9,361,513**	**11,746,661**	**12,736,957**	**56%**	**36%**	**8%**

Virginia Breeze Ridership – July

In July 2025, ridership on VA Breeze routes totaled 3,815 which was:

- 133% higher than original estimates, and
- 3% higher than July 2024

For the month of July 2025, the VA Breeze contributed to a reduction of 110 metric tons of CO_2 equivalent emissions.

Valley Flyer:

- Ridership – 0% change from July 2024
- Farebox Rev. – 1% lower than July 2024

Piedmont Express:

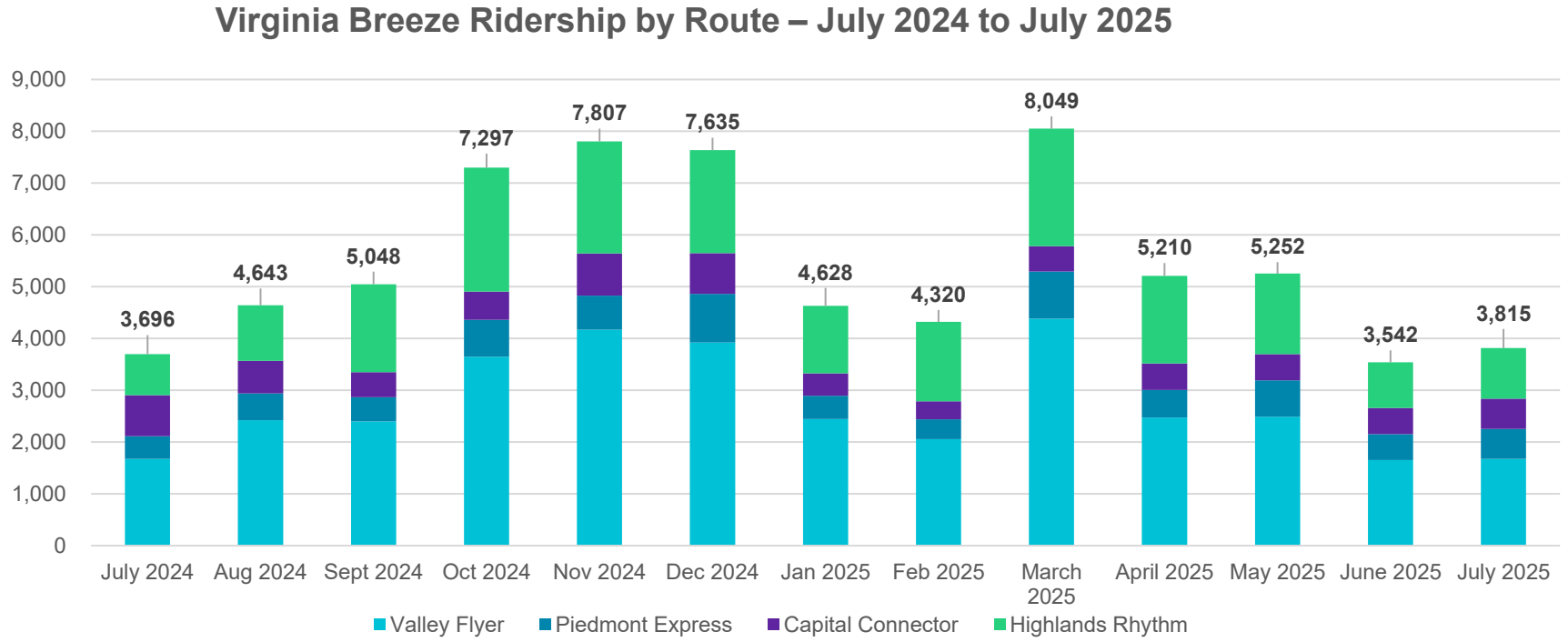
- Ridership – 31% higher than July 2024
- Farebox Rev. – 29% higher than July 2024

Capital Connector:

- Ridership – 26% lower than July 2024
- Farebox Rev. – 23% lower than July 2024

Highlands Rhythm:

- Ridership – 24% higher than July 2024
- Farebox Rev – 17% higher than July 2024



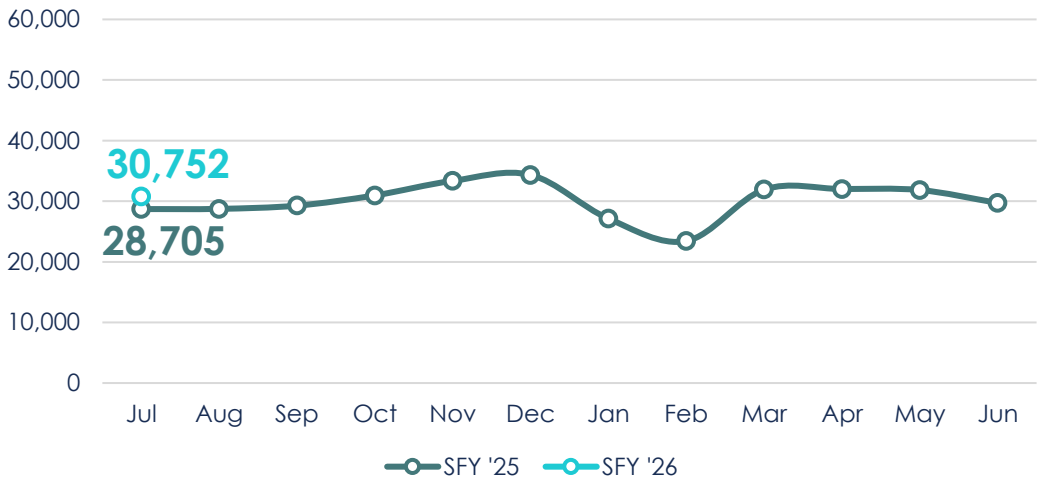
Route	July 2024	Aug 2024	Sept 2024	Oct 2024	Nov 2024	Dec 2024	Jan 2025	Feb 2025	March 2025	April 2025	May 2025	June 2025	July 2025	Total
Valley Flyer	1,676	2,421	2,399	3,645	4,171	3,920	2,448	2,057	4,385	2,475	2,489	1,655	1,675	35,416
Piedmont Express	440	518	467	717	656	940	448	384	908	531	702	499	577	7,787
Capital Connector	789	631	483	545	816	790	432	345	490	513	508	504	585	7,431
Highlands Rhythm	791	1,073	1,699	2,390	2,164	1,985	1,300	1,534	2,266	1,691	1,553	884	978	20,308
All Routes	**3,696**	**4,643**	**5,048**	**7,297**	**7,807**	**7,635**	**4,628**	**4,320**	**8,049**	**5,210**	**5,252**	**3,542**	**3,815**	**70,942**

Virginia-Supported Monthly Ridership by Route SFY '25 vs. SFY '24

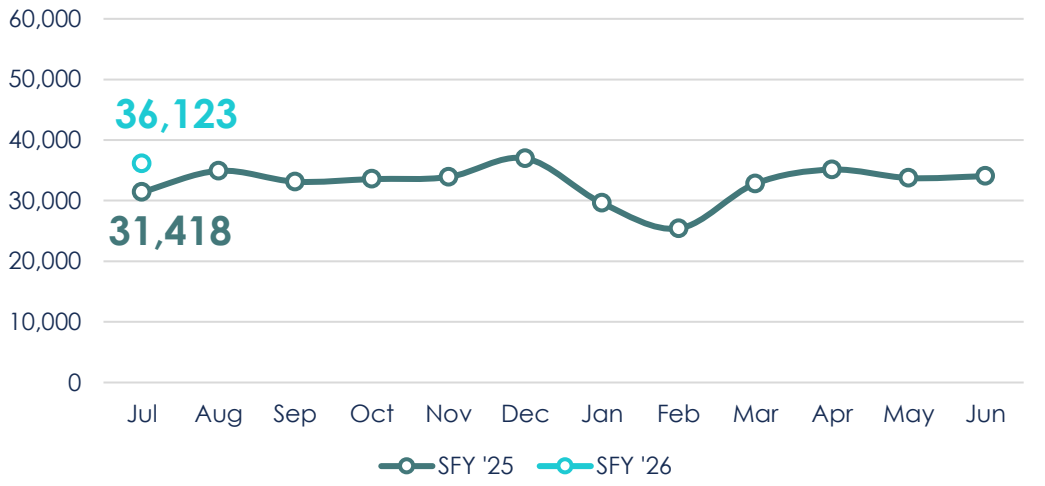
Eight trains were canceled due to track & infrastructure replacement in SW VA.

All four routes saw ridership growth year over year.

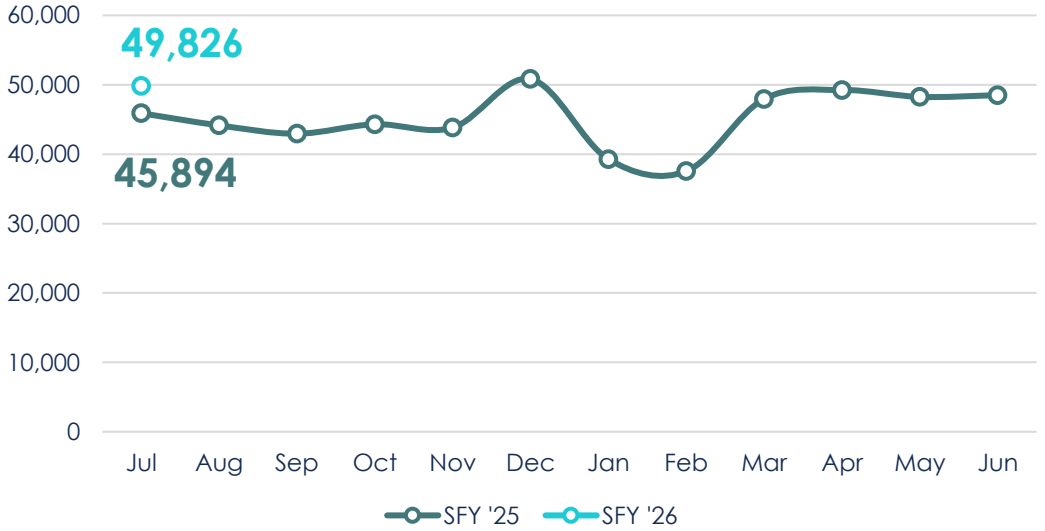
Route 46: Roanoke (+7.1%)



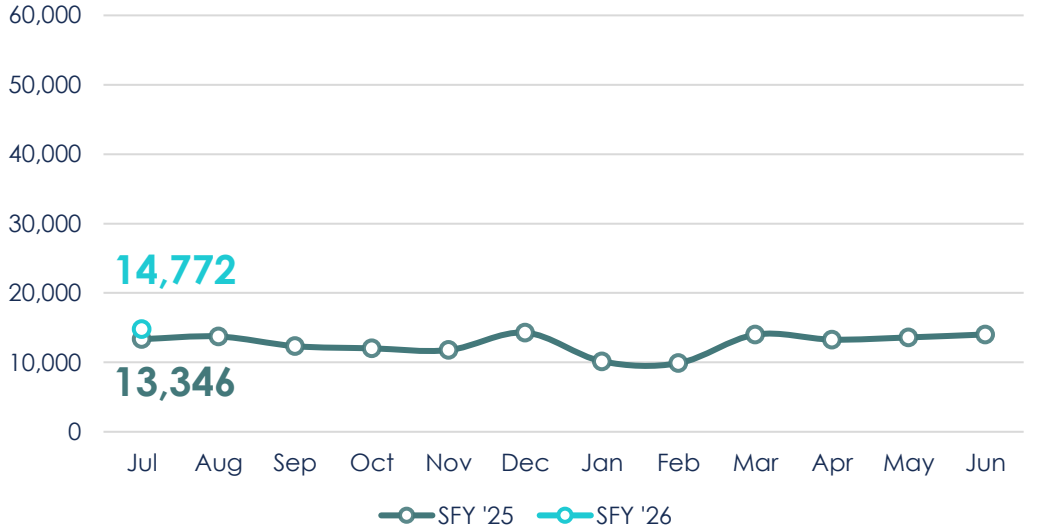
Route 47: Newport News (+15.0%)



Route 50: Norfolk (+8.6%)



Route 51: Richmond (+10.1%)



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Virginia & Comparable State-Supported Service Ridership

Normalized: Monthly Ridership ÷ Daily Trains

