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VIRGINIA BREEZE

**Connecting Communities Across
the Commonwealth**

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**VIRGINIA DEPARTMENT OF RAIL
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Overview



Operates 365 days a year with five routes connecting cities through Western and Central Virginia to Washington, D.C. and from the Shenandoah Valley to Hampton Roads.



Academy Bus and Dillon's Bus Service are contracted by DRPT to operate the service and provides drivers, vehicles, and maintenance.





Why the Virginia Breeze Was Created

- The Federal Transit Administration (FTA) requires states to use a portion of its federal funding to meet intercity bus needs.
- DRPT opted to develop service from end-to-end (branding, routes, schedules, and operator oversight managed by staff).
- Connects underserved rural communities to major destinations.
- Reliable, affordable, eco-friendly travel.



Why Virginia Breeze Matters

- Provides critical lifeline for rural communities lacking intercity travel options.
- Supports economic development, workforce access, and educational opportunity.
- Reduces single-occupancy vehicle travel, lowering congestion and emissions.
- Ensures essential mobility where private operators no longer provide service.

How the Virginia Breeze Has Grown

2017

2020

2021

2026

Original Route-
Valley Flyer
Launched

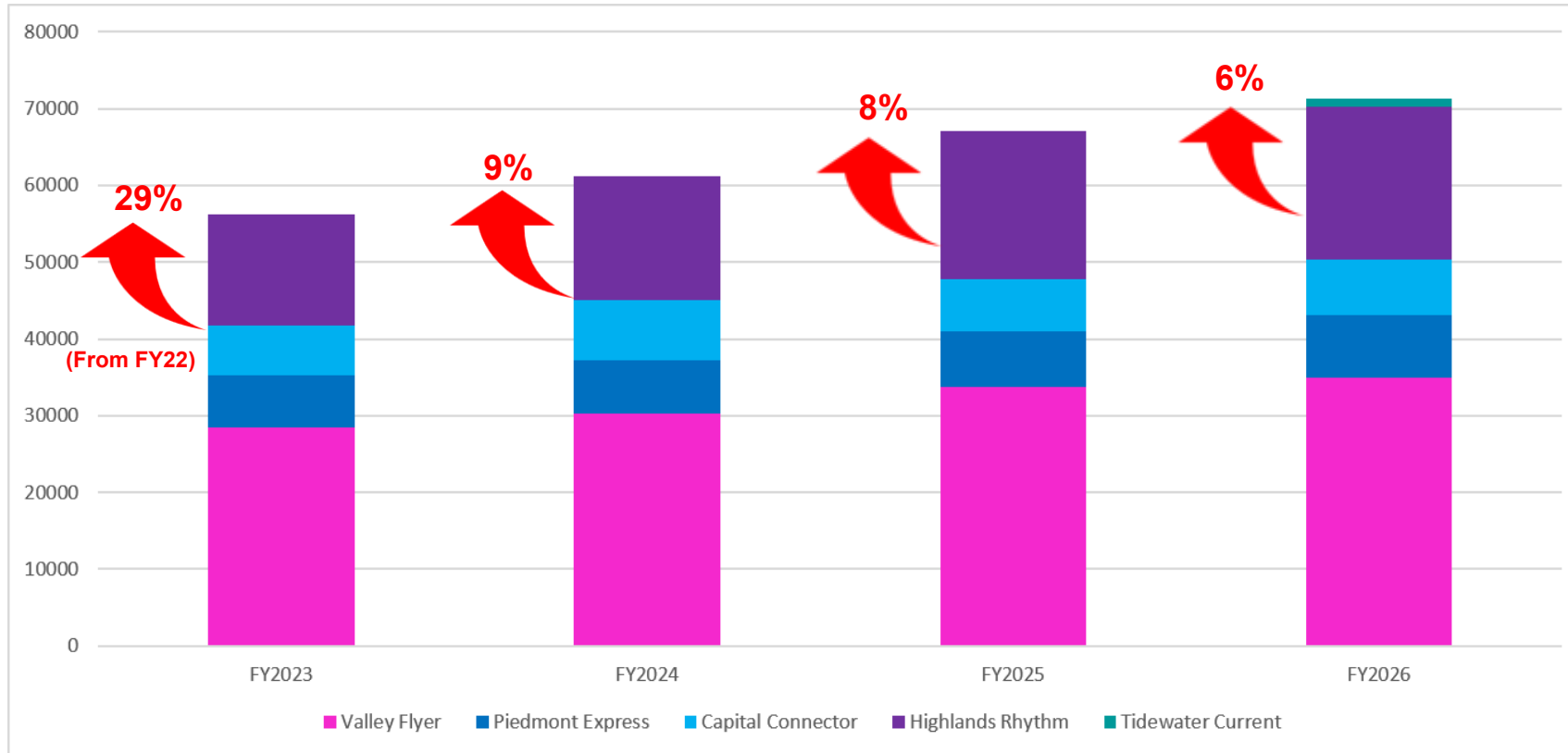
Piedmont Express &
Capital Connector
Routes Added

Highlands Rhythm
Route Added-
Extended Service to
Southwestern VA

Tidewater Current
Launched- 1st East-
West route



Virginia Breeze Ridership



- **FY23: 56,237**
 - Valley Flyer: 28,530
 - Piedmont Express: 6,740
 - Capital Connector: 6,444
 - Highlands Rhythm: 14,523
- **FY24: 61,812**
 - Valley Flyer: 30,826
 - Piedmont Express: 6,926
 - Capital Connector: 7,823
 - Highlands Rhythm: 16,237
- **FY25: 67,127**
 - Valley Flyer: 33,741
 - Piedmont Express: 7,210
 - Capital Connector: 6,846
 - Highlands Rhythm: 19,330
- **FY26: 71,333**
 - Valley Flyer: 34,957
 - Piedmont Express: 8,110
 - Capital Connector: 7,346
 - Highlands Rhythm: 19,871
 - Tidewater Current: 1,049

Virginia Breeze is for Everyone

- **Age:**
 - 18-24 – 34%
 - 45-64 – 30%
 - 25-44 – 27%
- **Employment:**
 - Student – 31%
 - Employed Full-Time – 31%
- **Income:**
 - Less than \$20K – 24%
 - \$100,000+ – 21%
- **Purpose of Trip:**
 - Social/Recreational – 71%
 - Work – 9%



Virginia Breeze: Major Destinations

Amtrak & Transit Stations:

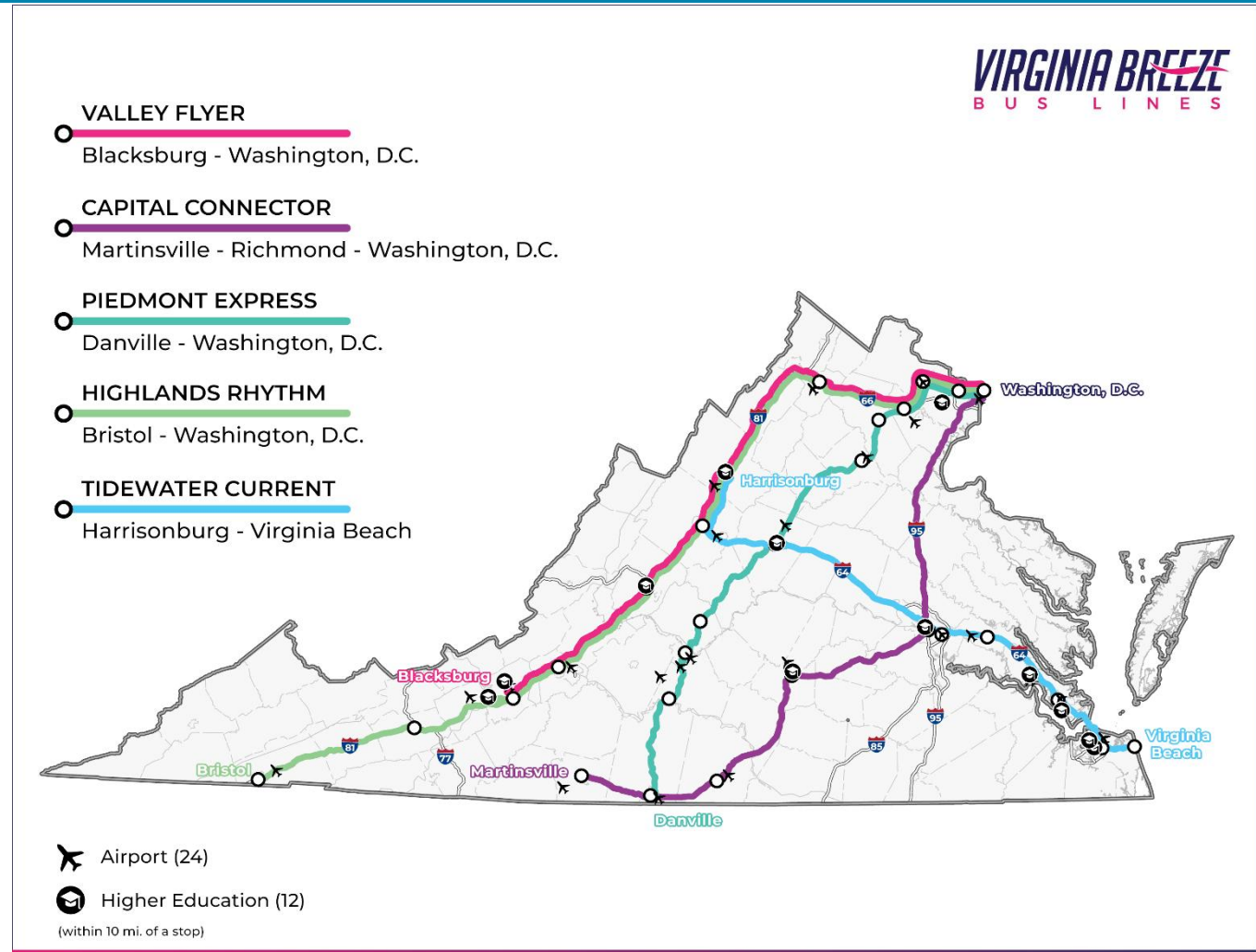
- Northeast Corridor at Union Station
- Silver Line Metrorail Via Dulles Airport
- West Falls Church Metrorail Station
- Richmond Main Street Station
- Charlottesville Station
- Lynchburg Station
- Williamsburg Station
- Newport News Station
- Norfolk Station (in future)

Airports:

- Dulles International Airport (IAD)
- Richmond International Airport (RIC)

Universities:

- Virginia Tech
- James Madison University
- Old Dominion University
- University of Virginia
- Virginia Commonwealth University
- William & Mary



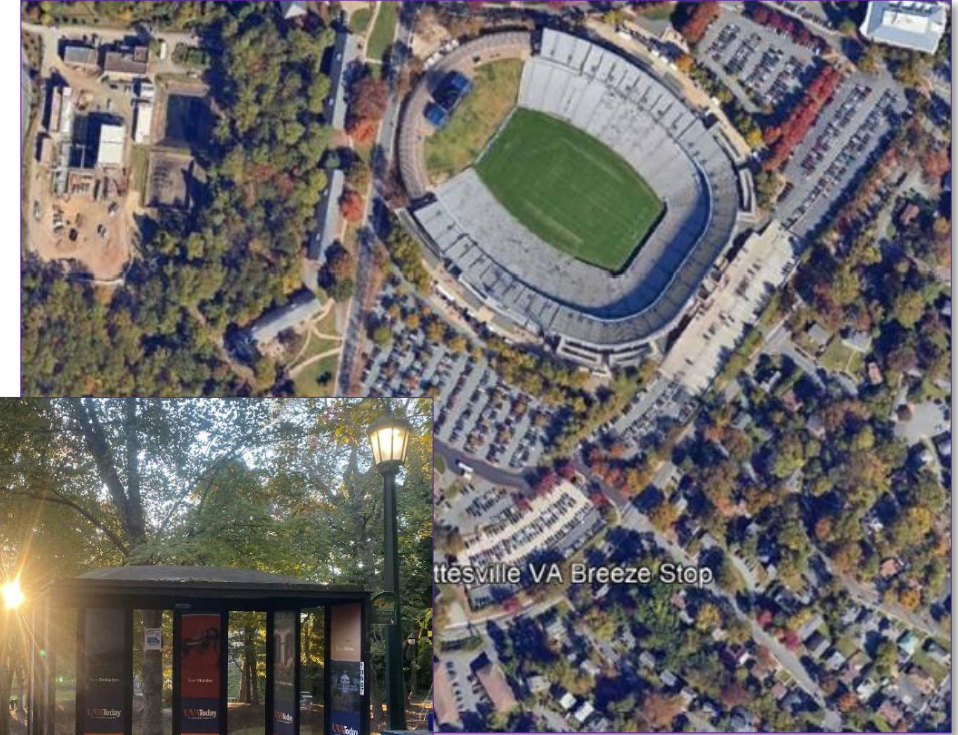


Highest Ridership Stops

- Dulles International Airport (IAD) - 24%
- Harrisonburg - 18%
- Washington, D.C. (Union Station) -16%
- Blacksburg – 14%
- West Falls Church – 6%
- Richmond – 4%
- **Charlottesville – 4%**
- Christiansburg – 3%
- Danville – 2%
- Lexington – 2%

Charlottesville Highlights

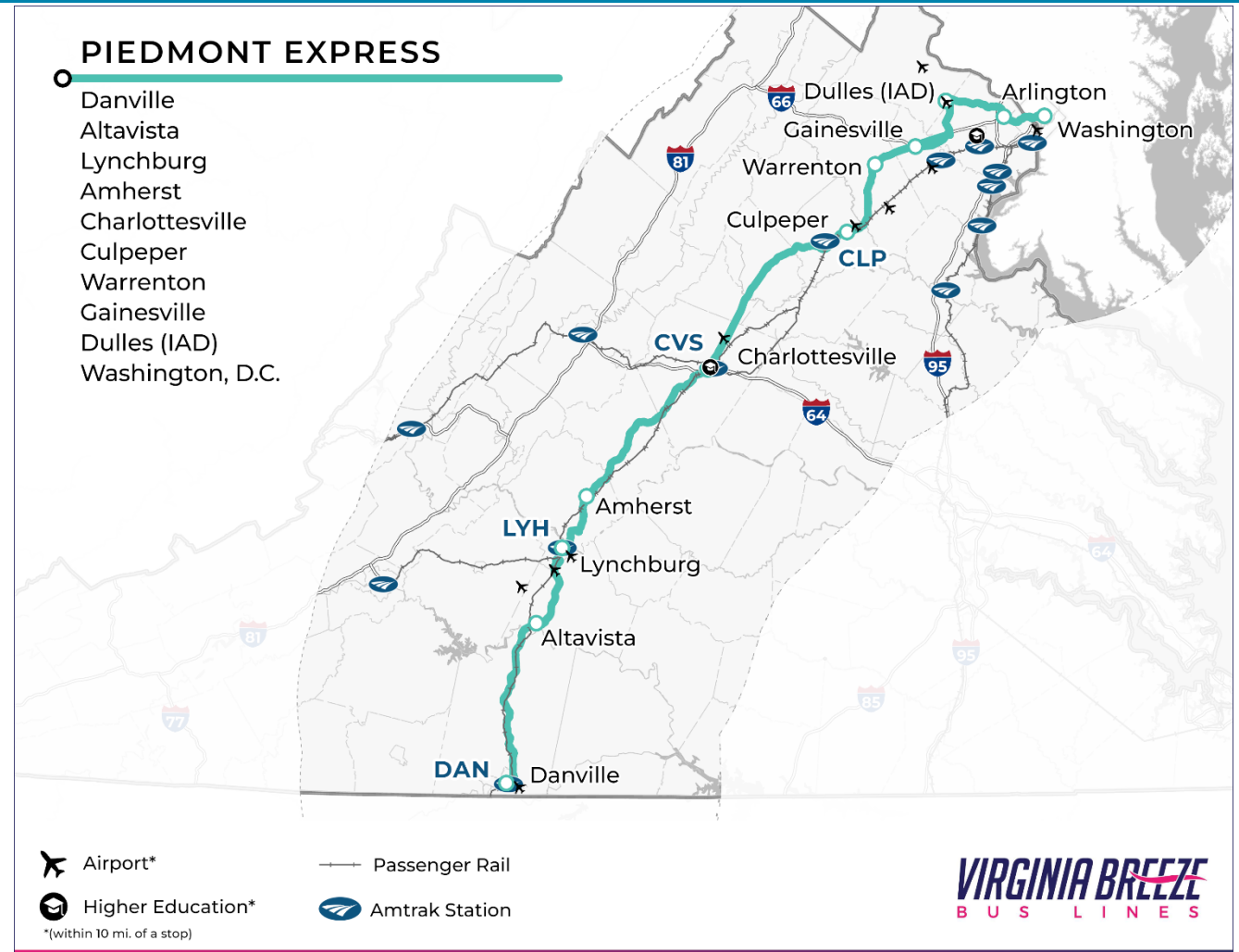
- Bus Stop- On UVA's Campus near Scott Stadium along Alderman Rd.
- Two Routes Daily (bi-directional):
 - Piedmont Express
 - Tidewater Current
- Charlottesville Ridership:
Approximately 400 riders monthly



Charlottesville VA Breeze Stop

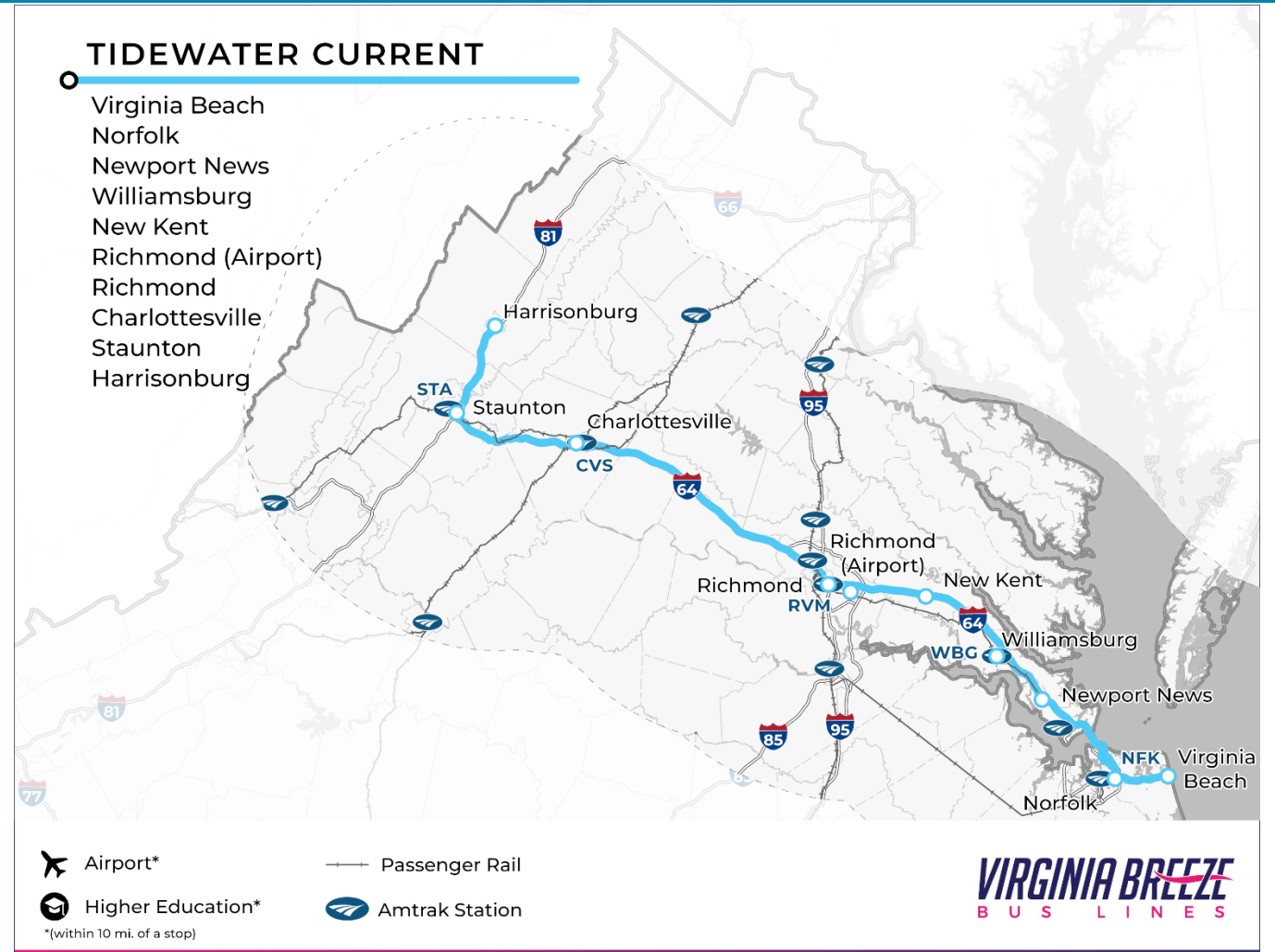
Piedmont Express

- Northbound
 - 8:00am departure from Danville
 - 10:55am arrival to Charlottesville
 - 2:00pm arrival to Union Station
- Southbound
 - 10:05am departure from Union Station
 - 1:10pm arrival to Charlottesville
 - 4:15pm arrival to Danville
- Ticket Prices:\$36 or less



Tidewater Current

- Eastbound
 - 6:20am departure from Virginia Beach
 - 11:30am arrival to Charlottesville
 - 12:55pm arrival to Harrisonburg
- Westbound
 - 6:50am departure from Harrisonburg
 - 8:20 arrival to Charlottesville
 - 1:25pm arrival to Virginia Beach
 - 4:15pm arrival to Danville
- Ticket Prices:\$29 or less



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Catch your bus at the designated stop and **enjoy the ride!**



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Questions?

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