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Virginia Breeze Bus Lines Achieves Record-Breaking Ridership, Connecting More Virginians in 2024

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Virginia Breeze Bus Lines, operated by the [Virginia Department of Rail and Public Transportation \(DRPT\)](#), reached an impressive milestone in 2024 by transporting nearly 65,000 passengers across its four routes. This is the Virginia Breeze's best year in its seven-year history and represents a 9.2% increase from 2023, highlighting the growing demand for sustainable, affordable, and reliable travel options that connect communities across the Commonwealth.

The service's four routes that operate daily in both directions demonstrated strong ridership growth, showcasing its appeal to travelers across the state:

- Valley Flyer (Blacksburg-Washington): 32,278 riders (+6.78%)
- Piedmont Express (Danville-Washington): 6,942 riders (+4%)
- Capital Connector (Martinsville-Richmond-Washington): 7,786 riders (+13%)
- Highlands Rhythm (Bristol-Washington): 17,716 riders (+14%)

Tiffany Robinson, Director of DRPT, praised the achievement, affirming its importance for strengthening connections across Virginia:

"The record-breaking ridership in 2024 reflects the trust Virginians place in reliable and convenient travel options. Virginia Breeze Bus Lines plays a vital role in connecting people to opportunities, whether for work, education, or visiting loved ones. DRPT is proud to support this service and remains committed to enhancing mobility throughout the Commonwealth."

With routes spanning the state and offering direct connections to major hubs like Union Station in Washington and Dulles International Airport, Virginia Breeze serves as a vital link between rural and urban communities.

For more information on Virginia Breeze Bus Lines, including schedules, ticketing, and trip planning, visit [VirginiaBreeze](https://www.virginiabreeze.com)

About the Virginia Department of Rail and Public Transportation

DRPT's mission is to connect and improve the quality of life for all Virginians with innovative transportation solutions. The agency works with rail and public transportation stakeholders to provide service to people throughout Virginia and promotes transportation options to the general public, businesses, and community decision makers. DRPT's vision is a connected Commonwealth with an integrated multimodal network that serves every person, every business, and every need. For more information, please visit www.drpt.virginia.gov.

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