

Combining the pieces of public transportation

An update of Votran's financial outlook and the potential impact to public transit service in Volusia County



Budget factors

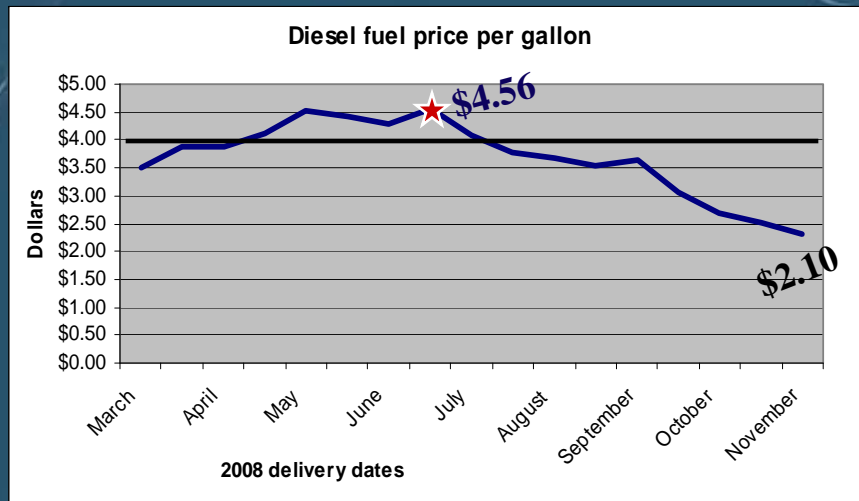
- Fuel prices
- Ridership
- Farebox return
- Funding





Fuel prices

Past six months



Votran fuel experience *(actual)*

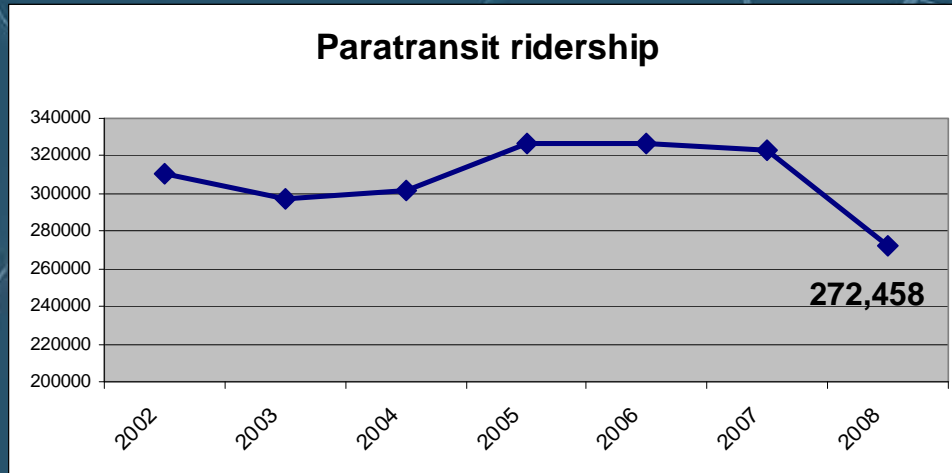
Fiscal year	Cost per gallon	Total actual annual fuel expenditures	% of operating budget
2004	\$1.40	\$1,007,403	10.2%
2005	\$2.03	\$1,518,652	14.0%
2006	\$2.30	\$1,982,366	14.5%
2007	\$2.55	\$2,177,582	15.6%
2008	\$2.98	\$3,002,316	16.3%
2009*	\$2.02	\$2,265,751	13.5%

* In the FY 2009 budget fuel was estimated to be 21.8 percent of the operating budget using a price of \$4 per gallon.

Current price yields a budget surplus in Votran fuel-related line items



Paratransit ridership



Change factors include:

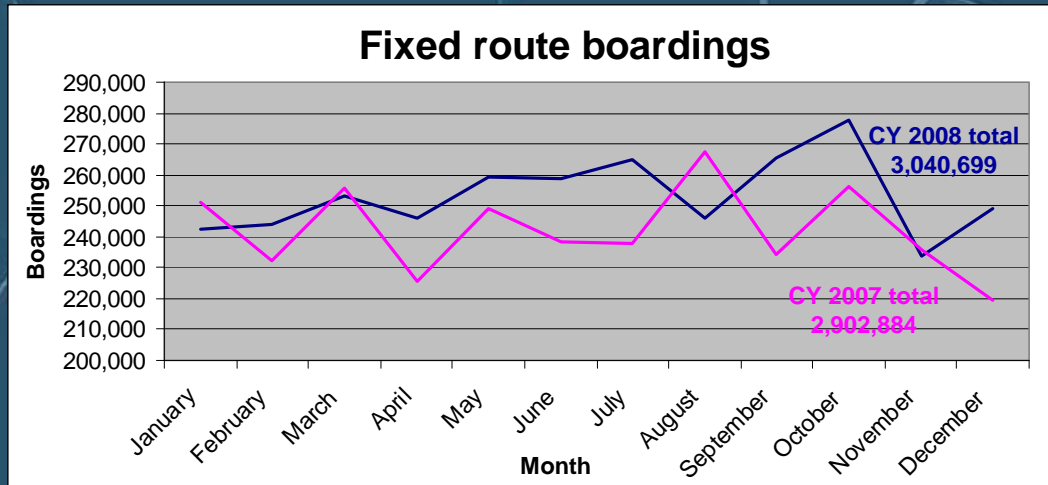
- Loss of Medicaid
- Increase in fare price
- Economy

The overall volume of paratransit service has decreased over the past several years

***Medicaid resulted in a loss of more than 50,000 trips annually
Agency-sponsored trips and ADA also have declined***



Fixed route ridership



Change factors include:

- Fare change
- Fuel prices
- Economy

In the first quarter of FY 2009 fixed route ridership is up 7 percent and farebox revenue is up 10 percent

Fixed route ridership continues to grow as a result of the challenging economy



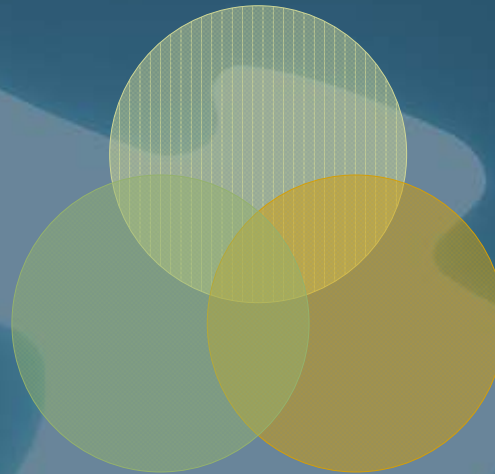
Fare revenue

Votran fare policy

"A relationship exists between the amount of government support provided for operating a public transit system and the amount of revenue collected from the actual users of the system. The relationship of subsidy versus user fee varies in each community and is based on policy decisions made by the local governing board."

System efficiency (cost)

Ridership



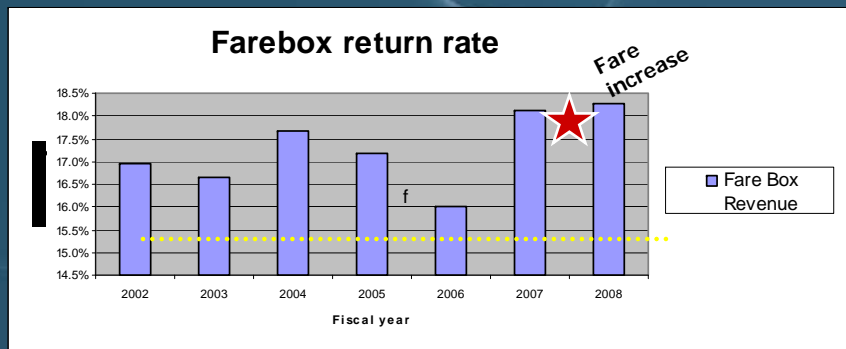
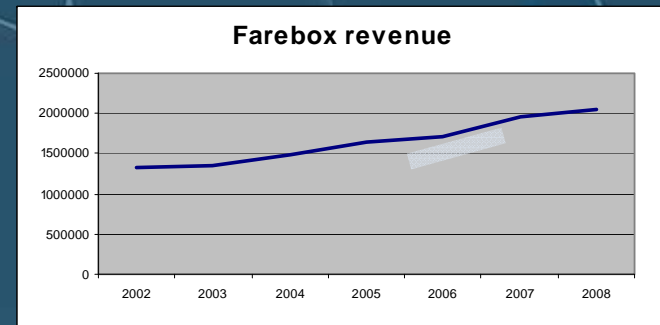
Fare price



Farebox returns

January 2007 fare change

- Increased base fare from \$1 to \$1.25
- Eliminated free transfers
- Added several multi-ride pass options
- County Council adopted a fare policy



The fare change yielded an increase of roughly \$320,000 in annual fare revenue and a decrease of 3.9 percent in ridership

(almost 120,000 boardings)



5-year funding history

operating budget

Funding source	Annual budget fiscal year				Prior year change	Forecasted budget revenue	
	2005/06*	2006/07*	2007/08*	2008/09*			Change
Federal	\$2,907,190	\$3,168,387	\$3,268,986	\$3,297,291	<1%	\$3,442,404	4.4%
State	\$2,730,377	\$2,682,060	\$2,910,657	\$2,955,168	1.5%	\$2,692,009	-8.9%
Local	\$7,126,331	\$9,891,432	\$8,727,782	\$9,753,731	11.8%	\$9,753,731	0%
Medicaid	\$1,761,696	\$1,860,697	\$1,860,697	\$120,667	-93.5	\$120,667	0%
Farebox	\$1,977,756	\$1,899,979	\$2,369,455	\$2,438,582	2.9%	\$2,501,336	2.6%
Other	\$572,221	\$431,838	\$466,613	\$356,615	-23.6%	\$359,521	0.8%
One-time	\$0	\$0	\$943,650	\$1,507,000		\$1,700,000	N/A
Reserve	\$645,000	\$0	\$0	0	0%	\$0	N/A
TOTAL	\$17,720,571	\$19,934,393	\$20,547,840	\$20,429,054	-0.6%	\$20,569,668	

* Actual budget figures

Local budget transfer history

1999/00	2000/01	2001/02	2002/03	2003/04	2004/5	2005/06**	2006/07	2007/08	2008/09
\$4,371,079	\$4,936,135	\$5,387,667	\$5,919,214	\$5,684,148	\$6,719,148	\$8,010,174	\$9,891,432	\$8,727,782	\$9,753,731

Note: These figures include unappropriated fund balances, but do not include insurance reserves.

** FY 2005/06 reflects carryover not shown above.



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Federal stimulus

- Public transit funding will be distributed through Section 5307 formula funding
 - Funds will be available for capital expenditures
 - Operational funding must be available to support the capital investment
 - Current proposal includes a requirement for 50 percent of the funds to be obligated within 120 days and the remaining 50 percent within two years
- Upgrade a planned bus purchase from standard diesel to hybrid electric engine technology
 - Improve infrastructure to facilitate better access to public transit
 - Install security cameras on the paratransit fleet
 - Assess facility improvements for "green" improvements and install equipment
 - Purchase expansion vehicles needed for commuter rail feeder service



Budget factors to monitor

Federal funding

State funding

Local funding

**Use of one-time
resources**

Fuel costs

Land use issues

Commuter rail

Toll revenue credits

Paratransit demand

Public/private partnerships

Additional funding resources



Next steps

What activities will occur during the year?

- Complete East Volusia comprehensive operations analysis
- Respond to federal stimulus package (and obligate funding in 120 days)
- Develop FY 2010 budget
- Issue RFP for major update to the Transit Development Plan



Thank you

Questions ???