Amtrak Ridership and Delay Update to the Virginia Rail Advisory Board

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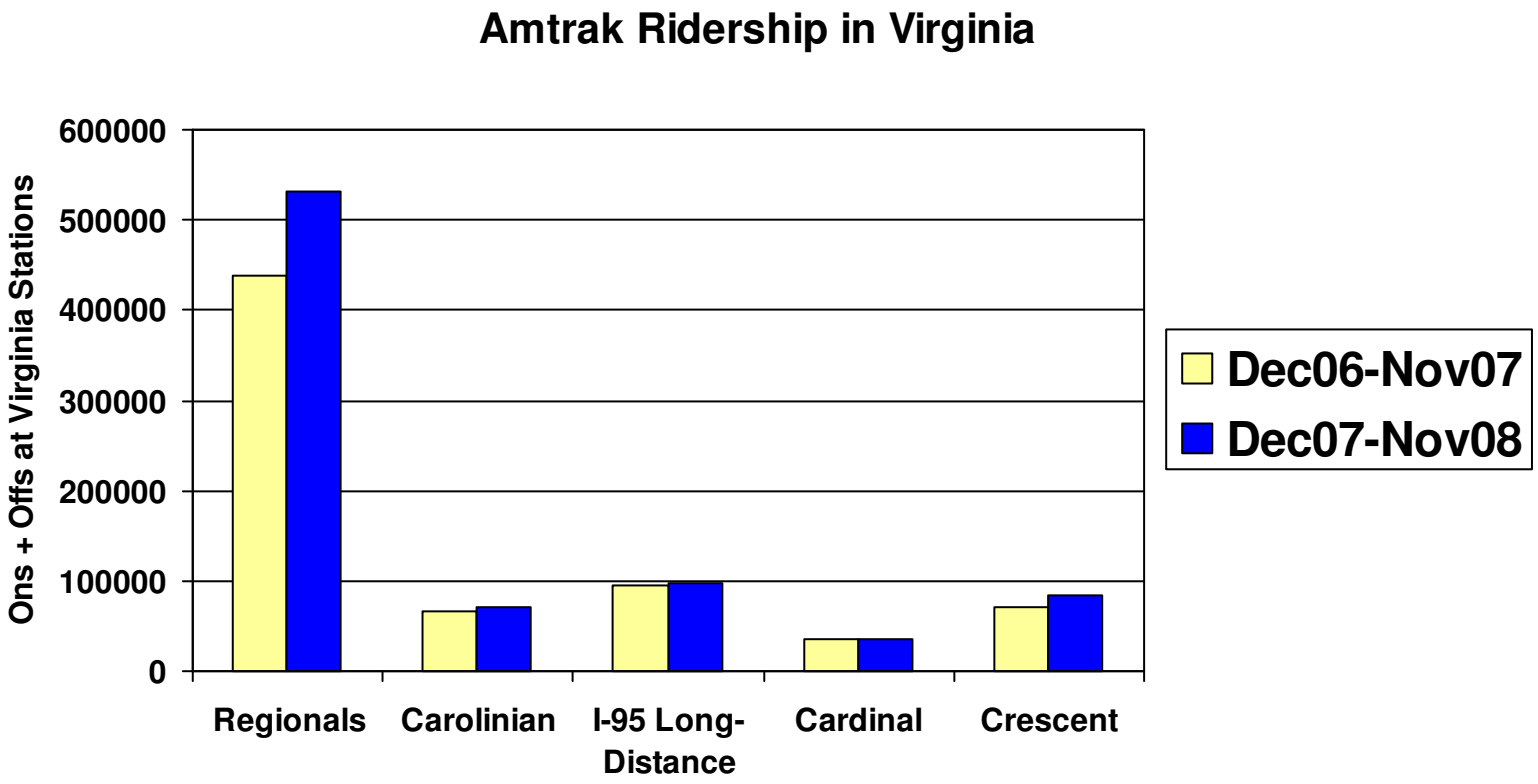
Amtrak Ridership in Virginia is up 16.25% year over year



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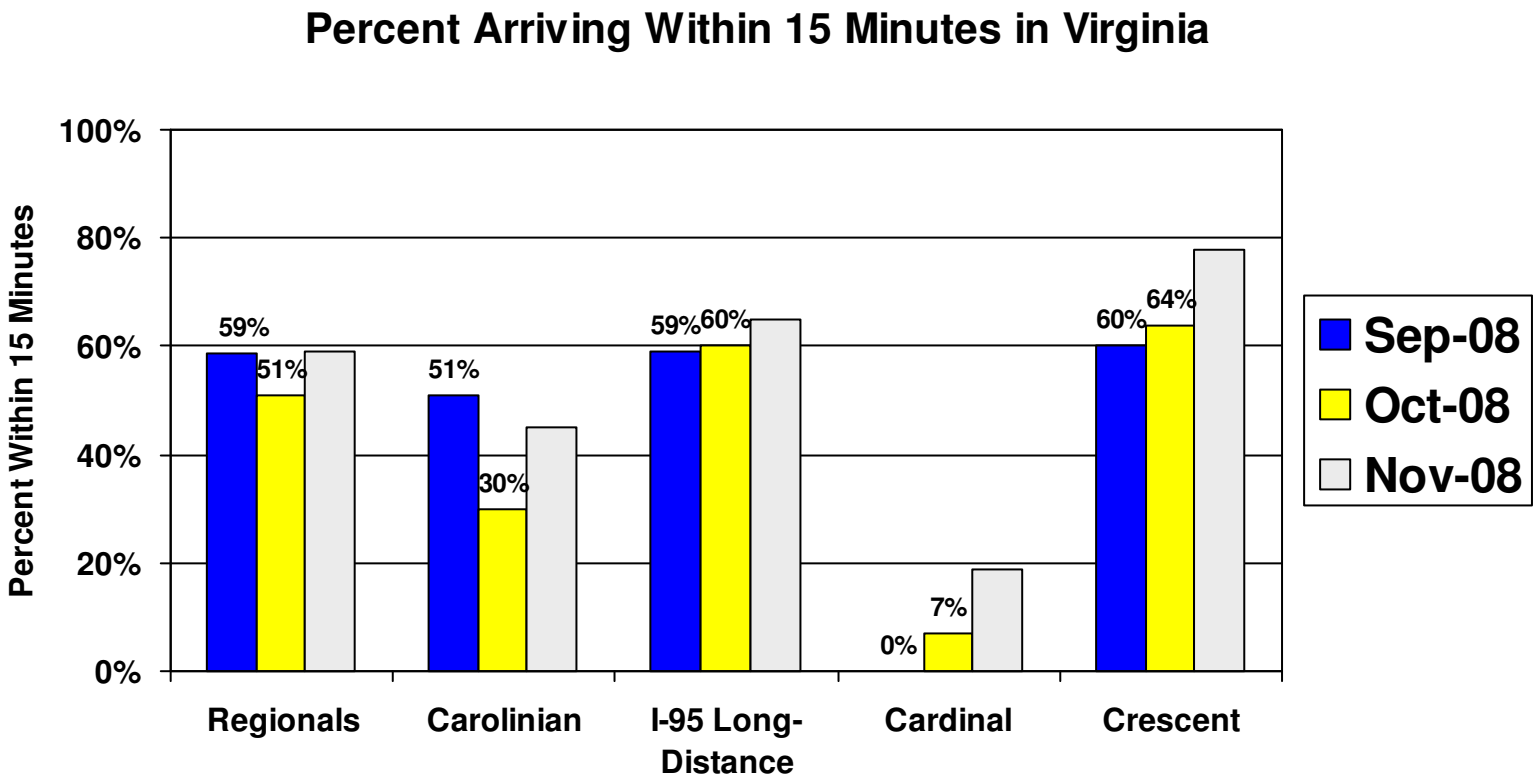
Virginia Ridership by Station 2007 vs. 2008

STATION	ONS-OFF 2007	ONS-OFFS 2008	2007 vs. 2008
RICHMOND MAIN STREET	13,496.	20,468.	51.66%
FRANCONIA-SPRGF	1,848.	2,704.	46.32%
VIRGINIA BEACH	6,481.	8,229.	26.97%
LYNCHBURG	19,743.	24,831.	25.77%
ASHLAND	13,333.	16,651.	24.89%
CULPEPER	4,302.	5,352.	24.41%
CLIFTON FORGE	3,340.	4,115.	23.20%
NORFOLK	9,733.	11,769.	20.92%
DANVILLE	5,127.	6,121.	19.39%
ALEXANDRIA	100,375.	119,823.	19.38%
WOODBRIDGE	5,253.	6,254.	19.06%
NEWPORT NEWS	112,842.	134,073.	18.81%
MANASSAS	7,854.	9,250.	17.77%
QUANTICO	12,694.	14,759.	16.27%
WILLIAMSBURG	42,788.	49,141.	14.85%
FREDERICKSBURG	36,251.	41,081.	13.32%
RICHMOND	238,966.	268,388.	12.31%
PETERSBURG	19,290.	21,009.	8.91%
CHARLOTTESVILLE	55,088.	59,563.	8.12%
LORTON	218,737.	235,126.	7.49%
STAUNTON	6,558.	5,989.	-8.68%

Amtrak long-distance on time performance in Virginia continues to improve while Regional's and Carolinian performance is stagnate or down.



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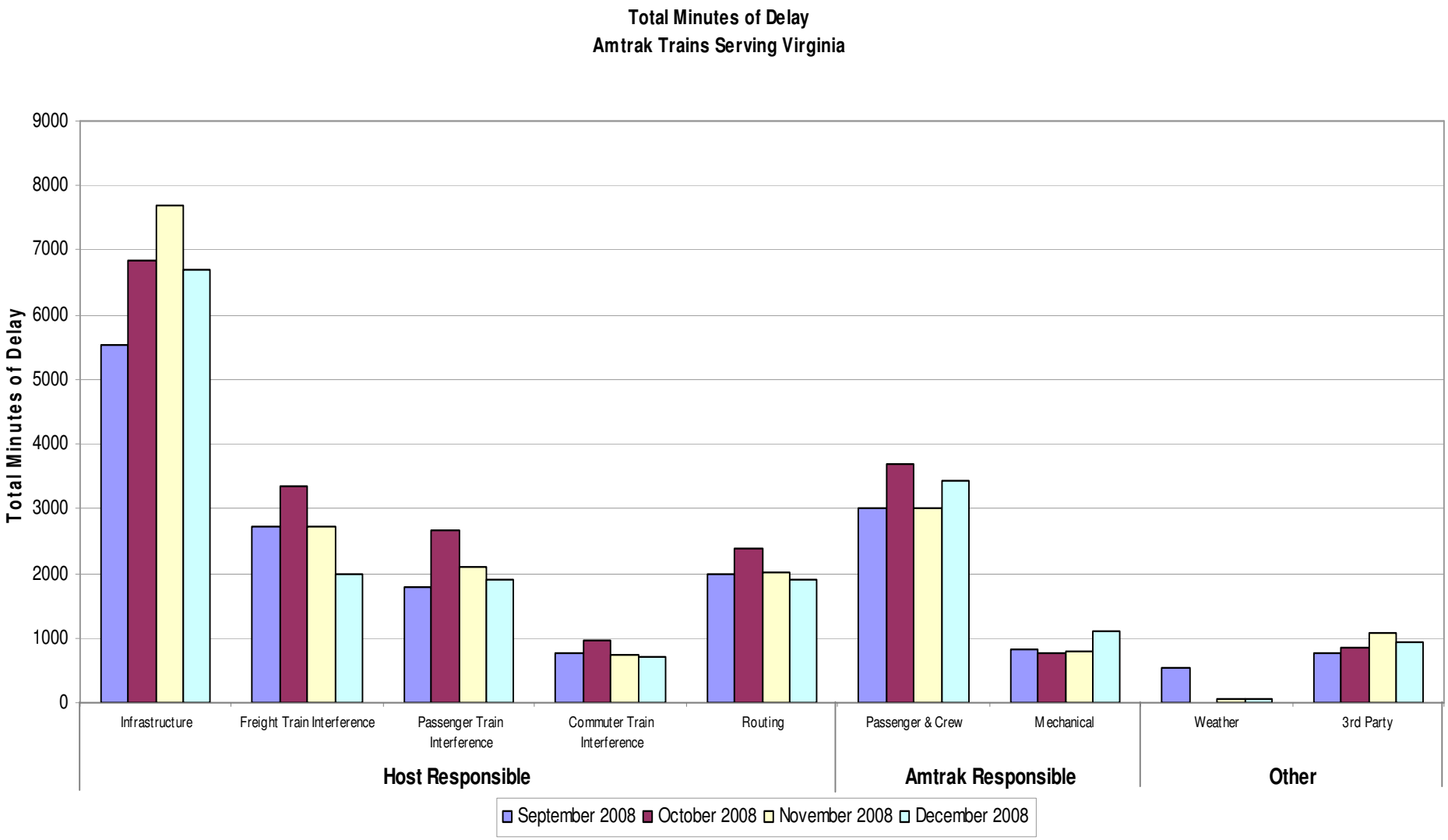
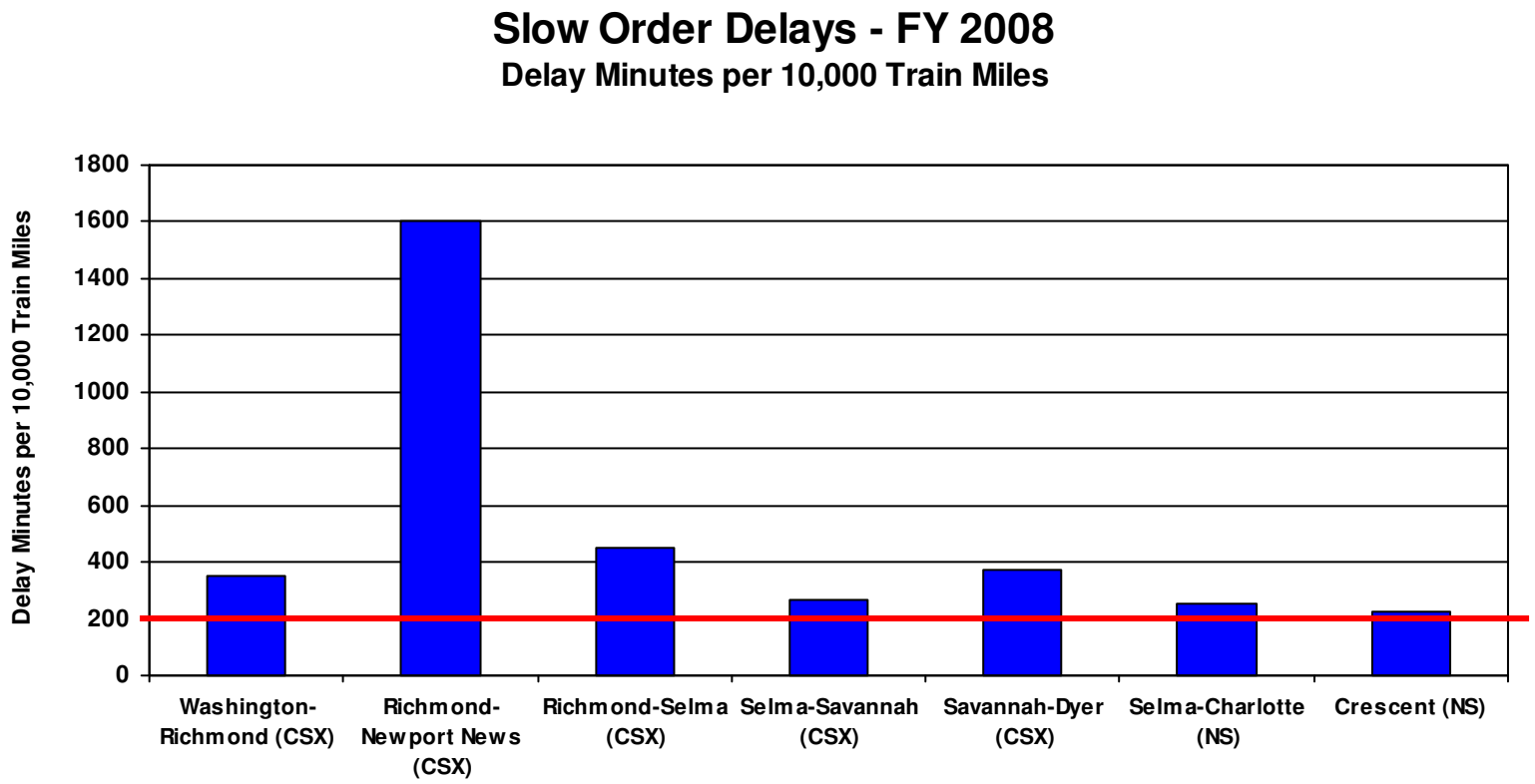
–Showing percentage arriving within 15 minutes of schedule at the final point in Virginia (or Washington DC).

Infrastructure issues are now the largest delay category



Slow orders: Route Segments With Trains Operating Through Virginia



I-95 Corridor segments exclude Auto Train. Savannah-Dyer showing Silver Meteor only.
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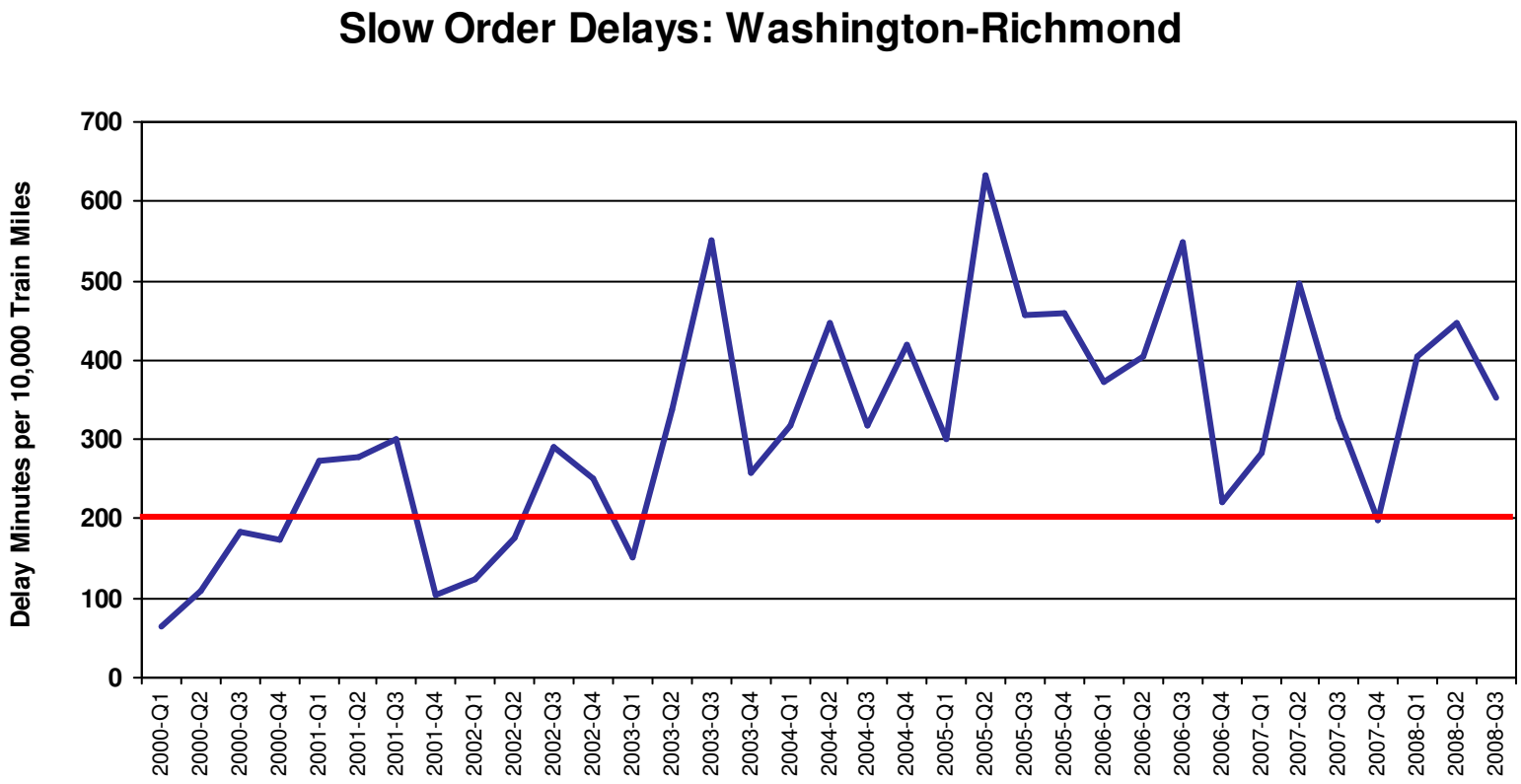
Slow Order Trend – Washington-Richmond



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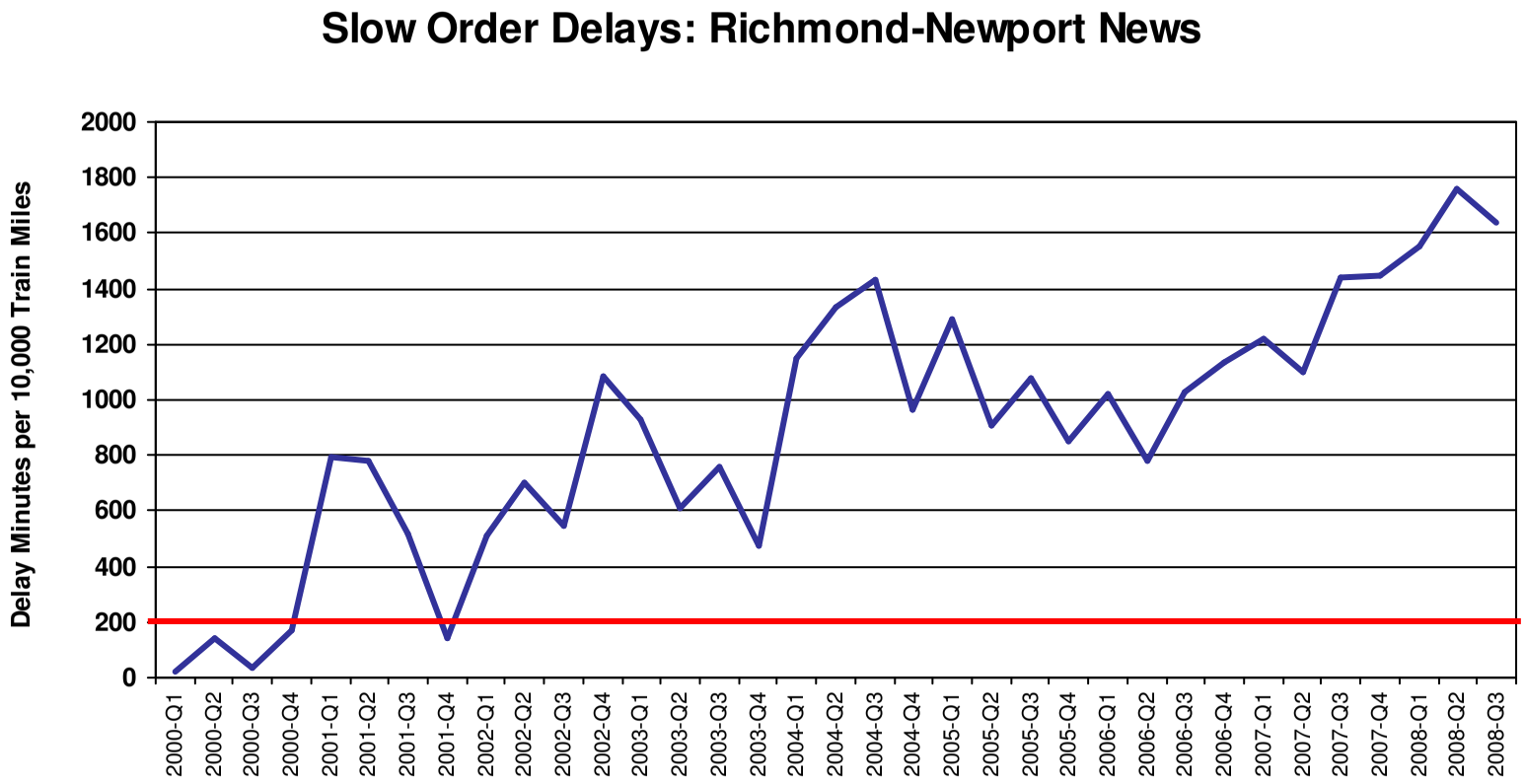
Slow Order Trend – Richmond-Newport News



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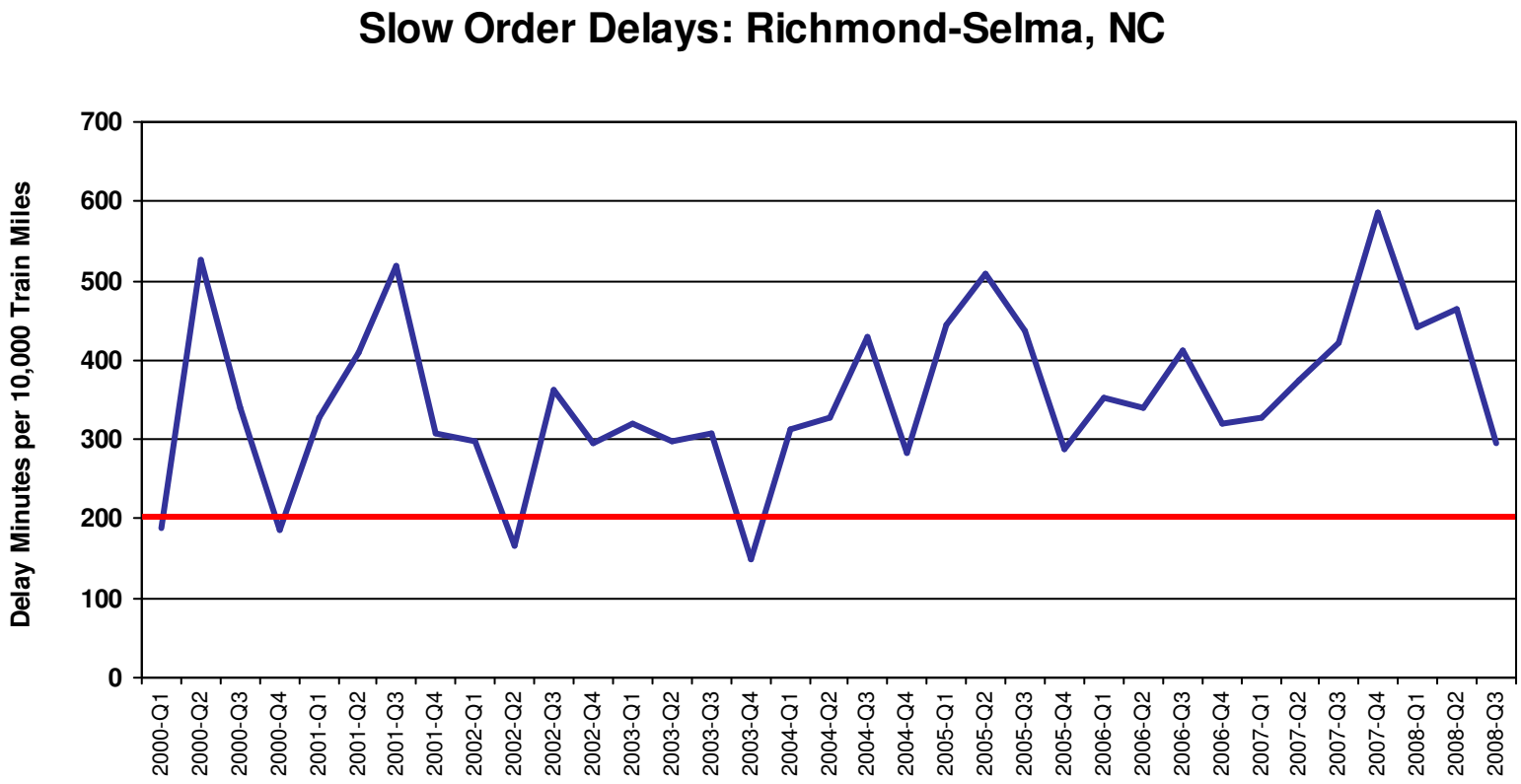

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Steps to Continue Improving Performance

- CSX and NS continue management focus
  - Train dispatching,
  - freight train interference
  - Train handling through trackwork areas
- Maintenance improvements to reduce slow orders
  - Richmond-Newport News
  - Richmond-Florida
- Identify specific capacity investment projects matched to expected benefits
  - Washington-Richmond-Newport News
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  - Richmond-Florida