

## AMTRAK MEDIA STATEMENT:

Wednesday, Sept. 14

Starting Thursday, Sept. 15, all Amtrak Long Distance trains are canceled to avoid possible passenger disruptions while enroute.

### Information:

Amtrak is closely monitoring the ongoing freight rail – rail labor contract negotiations. The negotiations do not involve Amtrak or the Amtrak workforce. While we are hopeful that parties will reach a resolution, Amtrak has now begun phased adjustments to our service in preparation for a possible freight rail service interruption later this week. Such an interruption could significantly impact intercity passenger rail service, as Amtrak operates almost all of our 21,000 route miles outside the Northeast Corridor (NEC) on track owned, maintained, and dispatched by freight railroads. These initial adjustments include canceling all Long Distance trains and could be followed by impacts to most State-Supported routes. These adjustments are necessary to ensure trains can reach their terminals before freight railroad service interruption if a resolution in negotiations is not reached.

Most travel within the Amtrak-owned Northeast Corridor (Boston - New York - Washington) and related branch lines to Albany, N.Y., Harrisburg, Penn., and Springfield, Mass., would not be affected: *Acela* would operate a full schedule, and only a small number of *Northeast Regional* departures would be impacted. Amtrak will reach out to impacted and potentially impacted customers, informing them of the potential situation, offering to change their reservation to another travel date, waiving any difference in fare for departures through October 31, or receiving a full refund without cancellation fees.

Customer Impact: Amtrak will only operate trains this week that we can ensure will have enough time to reach their final destinations by 12:01 a.m. on Friday, Sept. 16.

### Suspended services starting Tuesday, Sept. 13:

- [\*Southwest Chief\*](#)
- [\*Empire Builder\*](#)
- [\*California Zephyr\*](#)
- Train #421 portion of the [\*Texas Eagle\*](#) (Los Angeles-San Antonio)

### Suspended services starting Wednesday, Sept. 14:

- [\*City of New Orleans\*](#)
- [\*Coast Starlight\*](#)
- [\*Crescent\*](#)
- [\*Lake Shore Limited\*](#)
- [\*Silver Star\*](#)
- [\*Sunset Limited\*](#)
- [\*Texas Eagle\*](#)

Suspended services starting Thursday, Sept. 15

- [\*Auto Train\*](#)
- [\*Capitol Limited\*](#)
- [\*Cardinal\*](#)
- [\*Palmetto\*](#) (south of Washington)

Amtrak will notify additional customers scheduled to be on upcoming trains about the possibility of disruptions.