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AMTRAK EXTENDS MICHIGAN SUMMER SCHEDULE THROUGH SEPTEMBER

Track and signal work nearly complete in West Michigan

CHICAGO – Amtrak will continue to operate trains on a modified schedule for the [Wolverine Service](#) and [Blue Water](#) routes through the end of September as it completes infrastructure improvements in West Michigan. The track and signal work will result in improved reliability, a smoother ride and the future extension of 110 mph Amtrak service between Battle Creek and Kalamazoo.

The modified schedules first announced in the spring primarily affect the westbound schedule of Train 365, the *Blue Water*, from Port Huron to Chicago, via East Lansing. *Wolverine Service* customers between West Michigan and Chicago will continue to benefit from an additional eastbound trip on Sundays and an additional westbound trip on Mondays during the period ending Sept. 30.

Please see the attached Amtrak Passenger Service Notice for details and other significant schedule modifications.

These temporary schedules also allow Norfolk Southern Railway (NS) a greater opportunity to continue their work to reduce freight train congestion that has been interfering with Amtrak trains in Northern Indiana. Both Amtrak and the Michigan Department of Transportation have asked NS to take action to improve the daily dispatching of ten state-sponsored Amtrak trains -- and four more Amtrak national network services -- on NS tracks between Chicago and Porter, Ind.

Normal *Wolverine Service* and *Blue Water* schedules in Michigan are effective on Oct. 1. The Amtrak [Pere Marquette](#) train schedules to and from Grand Rapids are unchanged.

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The mission of the Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) is to provide the highest quality integrated transportation services for economic benefit and improved quality of life. MDOT has direct jurisdiction over Michigan's nearly 10,000-mile state highway system, comprised of all Interstate, state, and U.S. routes. The state also owns 4,704 highway, railroad and pedestrian bridges, 655 miles of railroad track (which is managed by private operators including Amtrak), 103 miles of non-motorized trails and four airports. For more information, visit www.michigan.gov/mdot.

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Wolverine Service & Blue Water Trains

Track Improvement Project in Western Michigan



Summer Schedule Extended through September 30, 2014

Attention Amtrak Passengers:

Wolverine Service and Blue Water schedule changes that began in the spring will continue through September 30, 2014, while track improvements are completed in West Michigan. The largest change affects the westbound schedule of Blue Water Train 365 from Port Huron, but many other schedules are also modified. Wolverine Service customers between West Michigan and Chicago will continue to benefit from an additional eastbound trip on Sundays and an additional westbound trip on Mondays during the period.

The infrastructure work will result in improved reliability, a smoother ride and the extension of 110 mph Amtrak service between Battle Creek and Kalamazoo.

As with all transportation modes, passengers should check for delays before heading to their boarding locations. For the most up-to-date departure and arrival times visit Amtrak.com, use our free mobile apps or call 1-800-USA-RAIL (1-800-872-7245).

Wolverine	Wolverine	Wolverine	Blue Water	Wolverine	Train Name	Wolverine	Wolverine	Blue Water	Wolverine	Wolverine	Wolverine				
350	352	358	364	354	Train Number	349	351	365	353	359	355				
Daily	Su	Daily	Daily	Daily	Normal Days of Operation	Mo	Daily	Daily	Su	Mo-Sa	Daily				
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Read Down					Mile	Read Up									
7:00A	12:50P	2:50P	4:00P	6:00P	0	↓	CHICAGO, IL	Symbol	↑	8:04A	10:12A	10:55A	4:08P	7:51P	11:07P
7:29A	1:19P	3:19P			16	↓	Union Station (CT)	☐☐☐	↑						
	1:58P	3:58P		7:01P	52	↓	Hammond-Whiting, IN	☐☐☐	↑				L3:20P	L7:03P	L10:18P
9:17A	3:09P	5:09P	6:10P	8:12P	62	↓	Michigan City, IN (CT)	☐☐☐	↑	6:35A					9:34P
9:47A	3:33P	5:33P	6:33P	8:35P	89	↓	New Buffalo, MI (ET)	☐☐☐	↑	7:25A		10:24A	3:28P	7:11P	10:24P
9:57A			6:43P		102	↓	Niles, MI (South Bend)	☐☐☐	↑	6:58A		10:03A	2:58P	6:48P	10:03P
10:45A	4:18P	6:18P	7:22P	9:20P	138	↓	Dowagiac, MI	☐☐☐	↑	6:45A		9:50A			9:51P
						↓	Kalamazoo, MI	☐☐☐	↑	6:20A	8:50A	9:25A	2:25P	6:15P	9:26P
						↓	Traverse City, MI	☐☐☐	↑						9:20P
						↓	St. Ignace—see back	☐☐☐	↑						9:26P
11:17A	4:50P	6:50P	7:55P	9:57P	160	↓	BATTLE CREEK, MI	☐☐☐	↑	5:49A	8:17A	8:52A	1:54P	5:44P	8:55P
						↓	East Lansing, MI	☐☐☐	↑						
						↓	Durand, MI	☐☐☐	↑				7:45A	☐☐☐1:25A	☐☐☐5:30P
						↓	Flint, MI	☐☐☐	↑				7:04A		☐☐☐6:30P
						↓	Lapeer, MI	☐☐☐	↑				6:32A	☐☐☐3:40A	☐☐☐4:25P
						↓	Port Huron, MI	☐☐☐	↑				5:20A		☐☐☐4:25P
						↓	Albion, MI	☐☐☐	↑						
						↓	Jackson, MI	☐☐☐	↑	4:53A	7:23A			☐☐☐1:21P	☐☐☐5:11P
						↓	ANN ARBOR, MI	☐☐☐	↑	4:12A	6:41A			12:58P	4:41P
						↓	Greenfield Village, MI	☐☐☐	↑					12:17P	4:00P
						↓	Dearborn, MI	☐☐☐	↑						
						↓	Detroit, MI	☐☐☐	↑	3:38A	6:06A			11:43A	3:26P
						↓	Royal Oak, MI	☐☐☐	↑					3:03P	6:23P
						↓	Birmingham, MI	☐☐☐	↑					11:17A	8:20P
						↓	PONTIAC, MI (ET)	☐☐☐	↑					10:57A	2:40P
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Reference Marks: L: Train may leave before time shown; F: Flag stop, reservation required; †: Except Sundays

We appreciate your patronage and apologize for any inconvenience. Thank you for traveling with Amtrak.