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EXTRA HELPINGS OF AMTRAK TRAINS FOR THANKSGIVING TRAVEL IN MICHIGAN Additional service for the busy holiday season

CHICAGO and LANSING – In anticipation of its busiest travel week of the year, Amtrak is adding 18 more trains to its schedule to operate between Chicago and Michigan destinations during the Thanksgiving holiday season. Passengers are encouraged to <u>book early</u>.

The attached schedule (<u>also on Amtrak.com</u>) provides information on these extra trains that will operate in addition to the <u>Amtrak *Wolverine Service*</u>, <u>Blue Water</u> and <u>Pere Marquette</u> trains sponsored by the Michigan Department of Transportation. Michigan passengers also will find new stations in Grand Rapids and Troy.

To accommodate the expected surge of holiday riders nationally, America's Railroad® will operate every available passenger rail car in its fleet and is scheduling extra trains and adding capacity on several routes. The busiest travel days are the Tuesday and Wednesday before Thanksgiving and the Sunday after the holiday. Other than Thanksgiving Day, morning trains typically have more available seats than those in the afternoon and evening.

About Amtrak®

Amtrak is America's Railroad®, the nation's intercity passenger rail service and its high-speed rail operator. Amtrak and its state and commuter partners move people, the economy and the nation forward. Formally known as the National Railroad Passenger Corporation, Amtrak is governed by a nine member board of directors appointed by the President of the United States and confirmed by the U.S. Senate. Anthony R. Coscia is board chairman and Jeffrey R. Moreland is vice chairman. In FY 2014, nearly 31 million passengers traveled on Amtrak on more than 300 daily trains – at speeds up to 150 mph (241 kph) – that connect 46 states, the District of Columbia and three Canadian Provinces. Enjoy the journey® at Amtrak.com or call 800-USA-RAIL for schedules, fares and more information Like us on Facebook, Follow us on Twitter (@Amtrak) and check out our blog at blog.amtrak.com.

About MDOT

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.

(special schedule attached)

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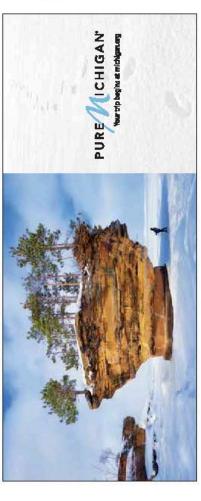


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