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NEW SCHEDULE FOR *SUNSET LIMITED* BENEFITS PASSENGERS AND IMPROVES FINANCIAL PERFORMANCE

Better connections, increased ridership and revenue, and reduced costs

NEW ORLEANS -- A new schedule for the Amtrak *Sunset Limited* is planned to take effect on May 7 for the New Orleans-Los Angeles route that will change the days of westbound operations and provide better connections for passengers travelling to and through California. These changes are expected to increase ridership and revenue, and reduce crew layover costs.

"The passenger benefits and financial improvement resulting from changing the *Sunset Limited* schedule are two-fold: Amtrak is providing better service and acting to improve our bottom line," said President and CEO Joe Boardman. "These are improvements that can be implemented quickly, require no capital investment and will enhance connectivity across our national network."

The westbound *Sunset Limited* (Train 1) will depart from New Orleans on Mondays, Wednesdays and Saturdays almost three hours earlier each day than the current Monday, Wednesday, Friday schedule. While there is no change to the eastbound *Sunset Limited* (Train 2) days of operations from Los Angeles on Sundays, Wednesdays and Fridays, it will depart seven hours later each day in order to restore connections between the *Sunset Limited* and the Amtrak *Coast Starlight* (Trains 11 & 14) and to make possible an attractive next morning arrival to Arizona destinations.

In addition, the change will significantly reduce the layover for through passengers at San Antonio by more than seven hours for eastbound passengers and by more than three hours for westbound passengers when railcars are exchanged between the *Sunset Limited* and the *Texas Eagle* (Trains 21 & 22).

Better connections between the *Sunset Limited*, *Coast Starlight*, *Texas Eagle* and Amtrak corridor services in California are predicted to increase the ridership and revenue of these trains.

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Those passengers who have already purchased tickets for the period affected by the schedule change will be notified and offered rebooking at no charge.

Inaugurated by the Southern Pacific Railroad in 1894, the *Sunset Limited* has been operated by Amtrak since its inception in 1971. Nearly 100,000 passengers rode the *Sunset Limited* last year, an increase of almost nine percent over the previous fiscal year.

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(schedule attached)

Amtrak *Sunset Limited*

New Orleans-San Antonio-Los Angeles

Effective May 7, 2012

Train 1, Westbound
(read down)

Dp	New Orleans, LA			9:00 AM	MoWeSa
Dp	Schriever, LA		**F**	10:30 AM	MoWeSa
Dp	New Iberia, LA		**F**	11:56 AM	MoWeSa
Dp	Lafayette, LA			12:24 PM	MoWeSa
Dp	Lake Charles, LA			1:55 PM	MoWeSa
Dp	Beaumont, TX			3:48 PM	MoWeSa
Ar	Houston, TX			6:18 PM	MoWeSa
Dp				6:55 PM	MoWeSa
Ar	San Antonio, TX			12:05 AM	TuThSu
Dp				2:45 AM	TuThSu
Dp	Del Rio, TX			5:49 AM	TuThSu
Dp	Sanderson, TX		**F**	8:24 AM	TuThSu
Dp	Alpine, TX	**CT**		10:38 AM	TuThSu
Ar	El Paso, TX	**MT**		1:22 PM	TuThSu
Dp				1:47 PM	TuThSu
Dp	Deming, NM		**F**	3:18 PM	TuThSu
Dp	Lordsburg, NM	**MT**	**F**	4:13 PM	TuThSu
Dp	Benson, AZ	**MST**	**F**	5:18 PM	TuThSu
Ar	Tucson, AZ			6:45 PM	TuThSu
Dp				7:35 PM	TuThSu
Ar	Maricopa, AZ			8:52 PM	TuThSu
Dp				9:02 PM	TuThSu
Dp	Yuma, AZ	**MST**		11:49 PM	TuThSu
Dp	Palm Springs, CA	**PT**		2:02 AM	WeFrMo
Dp	Ontario, CA		**D**	3:54 AM	WeFrMo
Dp	Pomona, CA		**D**	4:04 AM	WeFrMo
Ar	Los Angeles, CA	**PT**		5:35 AM	WeFrMo

Train 2, Eastbound
(read down)

Dp	Los Angeles, CA	**PT**		10:00 PM	SuWeFr
Dp	Pomona, CA			10:41 PM	SuWeFr
Dp	Ontario, CA			10:54 PM	SuWeFr
Dp	Palm Springs, CA	**PT**		12:36 AM	MoThSa
Dp	Yuma, AZ	**MST**		2:47 AM	MoThSa
Ar	Maricopa, AZ			5:30 AM	MoThSa
Dp				5:40 AM	MoThSa
Ar	Tucson, AZ			7:28 AM	MoThSa
Dp				8:15 AM	MoThSa
Dp	Benson, AZ	**MST**	**F**	9:15 AM	MoThSa
Dp	Lordsburg, NM	**MT**	**F**	12:15 PM	MoThSa
Dp	Deming, NM		**F**	1:10 PM	MoThSa
Ar	El Paso, TX			3:10 PM	MoThSa
Dp		**MT**		3:35 PM	MoThSa
Dp	Alpine, TX	**CT**		8:45 PM	MoThSa
Dp	Sanderson, TX		**F**	10:36 PM	MoThSa
Dp	Del Rio, TX			1:02 AM	TuFrSu
Ar	San Antonio, TX			4:50 AM	TuFrSu
Dp				6:25 AM	TuFrSu
Ar	Houston, TX			11:10 AM	TuFrSu
Dp				12:10 PM	TuFrSu
Dp	Beaumont, TX			2:05 PM	TuFrSu
Dp	Lake Charles, LA			3:29 PM	TuFrSu
Dp	Lafayette, LA			5:15 PM	TuFrSu
Dp	New Iberia, LA		**F**	5:41 PM	TuFrSu
Dp	Schriever, LA		**F**	7:03 PM	TuFrSu
Ar	New Orleans, LA			9:40 PM	TuFrSu

Note: Arriving Train 1 sleeping car passengers at Los Angeles will be invited to remain aboard the train until 6:30 a.m.

Legend: (all times local)

Dp: Depart
Ar: Arrive
F: Flag Stop, trains stop with advance reservation or if passengers are visible on platform
D: Trains stop only to discharge passengers
CT: Central Time
MT: Mountain Time
MST: Mountain Standard Time (Arizona does not observe Daylight Saving Time)
PT: Pacific Time