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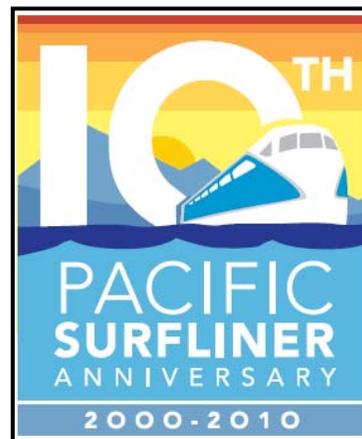
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## AMTRAK'S *PACIFIC SURFLINER* CELEBRATING TEN EASY GOING YEARS 25 million passengers have enjoyed the journey

OAKLAND – The California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) and Amtrak are celebrating 10 years of Amtrak *Pacific Surfliner* passenger rail service in Southern and Central California (San Diego – Los Angeles – Santa Barbara – San Luis Obispo).

“The *Pacific Surfliner* route has had a tremendous impact on rail travel in California,” said William Bronte, Chief of Caltrans’ Division of Rail. “If Amtrak California provides a convenient and affordable way to travel, with quality service, people will ride. We expect continued growth and celebrations such as these in the future.”



The route has experienced steady ridership growth since the inception of the newly branded service, *Pacific Surfliner*, in June of 2000 (formerly know as the *San Diegans*), averaging more than 2.5 million passengers a year. And this year also marks the celebration of the 25 millionth passenger to ride this service.

“Ten years of great service, style and amenities are among the key reasons why millions of riders each year choose passenger rail to travel along the California coastline,” said Emmett H. Fremaux, Amtrak vice president, marketing and product management. “The success of the *Pacific Surfliner* is a result of Amtrak’s strong partnerships with the state of California, public agencies and the communities along its scenic route.”

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Amtrak *Pacific Surfliner* is commemorating its 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary with an event that will also honor the 25 millionth rider, at 10:00 a.m. on June 10, 2010 at the Santa Fe Depot in downtown San Diego.

### **On Board Experience –**

Onboard the *Pacific Surfliner* passengers can expect great service, style and amenities as they travel the California coast between San Luis Obispo and San Diego. Features include modern bi-level cars with large panoramic windows, comfortable, custom-designed interiors, automatic doors for faster boarding, lower-level sitting available for passengers with special needs and a spacious Cafe car serving a variety of fresh sandwiches, snacks and beverages.

### **Pacific Business Class –**

Upgrade to Pacific Business Class and enjoy such features as electrical outlets for laptop computers and other personal electronic devices, more legroom, complimentary light snacks, beverages and newspapers.

### **Bike or Surfboard –**

Most *Pacific Surfliner* trains are equipped with bicycle and surfboard racks allowing passengers to bring their bikes onboard, unboxed as carry-on baggage.

### **Frequent Service –**

The *Pacific Surfliner* offers twelve daily round-trip service between San Diego and Los Angeles, and between Santa Barbara and San Diego.

### **About Amtrak California**

Amtrak California, a partnership between Caltrans and Amtrak, provides stress-free train service to more than 175 destinations throughout the state of California when combined with motorcoach service. Its routes are among the country's most popular, serving approximately 4.3 million passengers annually. For more information, please visit [AmtrakCalifornia.com](http://AmtrakCalifornia.com).

### **About Amtrak**

As the nation's intercity passenger rail operator, Amtrak connects America in safer, greener and healthier ways. Last fiscal year (FY 2009), the railroad carried 27.2 million passengers, making it the second-best year in the company's history. With 21,000 route miles in 46 states, the District of Columbia and three Canadian provinces, Amtrak operates more than 300 trains each day—at speeds up to 150 mph (241 kph)—to more than 500 destinations. Amtrak also is the operator of choice for state-supported corridor services in 15 states and for several commuter rail agencies. Visit [Amtrak.com](http://Amtrak.com) or call 800-USA-RAIL for schedules, fares and more information.