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AMTRAK TO EXCEED 30 MILLION PASSENGERS FOR THE FIRST TIME EVER

Ridership projections show a new all-time record will be set

WASHINGTON –Amtrak is projecting that for the first time ever its annual ridership will exceed 30 million passengers and in the process set a new all-time record when the current fiscal year ends Sept. 30.

“We are having a very strong year because people around the country are choosing the convenience, efficiency and hassle-free environment of Amtrak to meet their travel needs,” said President and CEO Joe Boardman. “Amtrak has wisely invested the federal funding we have received to improve infrastructure and equipment. Continued investment in Amtrak and passenger rail will support the further growth of this increasingly vital transportation option.”

Amtrak is basing its projection of more than 30 million passengers on strong June ridership numbers and expected ticket sales for July, August and September. June 2011 was the best June on record with more than 2.6 million passengers for the month and marked 20 consecutive months of year-over-year ridership growth, a streak that began in November 2009.

This strong performance is part of a long-term trend that has seen Amtrak set annual ridership records in seven of the last eight fiscal years, including more than 28.7 million passengers in FY 2010.

Comparing the first nine months of FY 2011 (October – June) to the same time period in FY 2010, national Amtrak ridership is up 6.4 percent so far this fiscal year and all three major business lines are showing gains: the Northeast Corridor up 5.6 percent, state-supported and other short distance corridors up 7.8 percent, and long-distance trains up 3.9 percent.

Factors contributing to the continuing success of Amtrak include high gasoline prices, continued growth in business travel on the high-speed *Acela Express* trains with free Wi-Fi service, the increased appeal and popularity of rail travel, and effective marketing campaigns.

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About Amtrak®:

Celebrating 40 years of dedicated service as America's Railroadsm, Amtrak is the nation's intercity passenger rail provider and its only high-speed rail operator. A record 28.7 million passengers traveled on Amtrak in FY 2010 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. Amtrak operates trains in partnership with 15 states and four commuter rail agencies. Amtrak also is a strong financial performer achieving an 85 percent cost-recovery ratio in FY 2010. Enjoy the journeysm at Amtrak.com or call 800-USA-RAIL for schedules, fares and more information. Join us on facebook.com/Amtrak and follow us at twitter.com/Amtrak.

Ridership Charts Attached

Amtrak Ridership

	June FY11			October-June FY11		
	Ridership			Ridership		
	FY11	FY10	% change FY10	FY11	FY10	% change FY10
Northeast Corridor						
<i>Acela Express</i>	308,312	296,256	+4.1	2,607,801	2,441,165	+6.8
<i>Northeast Regional</i>	676,718	616,354	+9.8	5,633,365	5,362,216	+5.1
<i>Special Trains</i>	0	50	-100.0	4,507	6,273	-28.2
Subtotal	985,030	912,660	+7.9	8,245,673	7,809,654	+5.6

State Supported and Other Short Distance Corridors

<i>Ethan Allen</i>	4,076	3,880	+5.1	34,607	33,652	+2.8
<i>Vermont</i>	6,319	7,780	-18.8	64,375	61,546	+4.6
<i>Albany-Niagara Falls-Toronto</i>	34,849	33,678	+3.5	301,832	269,271	+12.1
<i>Downeaster Service</i>	45,699	44,217	+3.4	373,149	341,626	+9.2
<i>Shuttles (New Haven-Springfield)</i>	33,294	31,071	+7.2	282,612	270,252	+4.6
<i>Keystone Service</i>	118,021	119,973	-1.6	1,013,088	972,385	+4.2
<i>Empire Service (New York City-Albany)</i>	89,670	84,465	+6.2	767,248	725,043	+5.8
<i>Lincoln Service (Chicago-St. Louis)</i>	30,558	51,669	-40.9	412,176	409,947	+0.5
<i>Hiawatha Service</i>	71,380	71,265	+0.2	597,180	564,844	+5.7
<i>Wolverine Service</i>	42,393	44,272	-4.2	377,087	336,439	+12.1
<i>Illini/Saluki (Chicago-Carbondale)</i>	26,949	21,250	+26.8	229,370	194,842	+17.7
<i>Illinois Zephyr/Carl Sandburg (Chicago-Quincy)</i>	19,007	18,519	+2.6	165,568	152,615	+8.5
<i>Heartland Flyer</i>	9,171	10,578	-13.3	60,373	57,177	+5.6
<i>Pacific Surfliner Service</i>	239,984	209,810	+14.4	2,021,007	1,888,291	+7.0
<i>Amtrak Cascades Service</i>	78,847	71,830	+9.8	600,898	599,334	+0.3
<i>Capitol Corridor Service</i>	145,495	140,941	+3.2	1,267,872	1,168,602	+8.5
<i>San Joaquin Service</i>	100,947	88,638	+13.9	779,295	724,550	+7.6
<i>Adirondack</i>	11,672	11,253	+3.7	84,824	77,317	+9.7
<i>Blue Water</i>	15,998	13,917	+15.0	135,046	108,467	+24.5
<i>Washington-Lynchburg</i>	15,851	11,594	+36.7	117,869	89,276	+32.0
<i>Washington-Newport News</i>	53,678	42,585	+26.0	404,459	334,589	+20.9
<i>Hoosier State</i>	3,212	3,163	+1.5	27,595	24,616	+12.1
<i>Missouri River Runner (Kansas City-St. Louis)</i>	17,626	17,170	+2.7	139,080	121,006	+14.9
<i>Pennsylvanian</i>	18,934	17,470	+8.4	155,485	151,963	+2.3
<i>Pere Marquette</i>	9,543	9,053	+5.4	76,951	72,663	+5.9
<i>Carolinian</i>	27,608	27,575	+0.1	237,254	226,974	+4.5
<i>Piedmont Service</i>	11,511	15,426	-25.4	105,666	65,956	+60.2
<i>Special Trains</i>	2,570	950	+170.5	35,360	34,056	+3.8
Subtotal	1,284,862	1,223,992	+5.0	10,867,326	10,077,299	+7.8

Long Distance

<i>Silver Star</i>	37,269	34,435	+8.2	320,656	293,463	+9.3
<i>Cardinal</i>	10,292	10,990	-6.4	83,970	76,185	+10.2
<i>Silver Meteor</i>	33,762	30,824	+9.5	278,903	261,768	+6.5
<i>Empire Builder</i>	23,721	50,795	-53.3	344,517	381,919	-9.8
<i>Capitol Ltd.</i>	21,101	21,592	-2.3	166,609	156,696	+6.3
<i>California Zephyr</i>	30,450	37,725	-19.3	276,347	266,226	+3.8
<i>Southwest Chief</i>	34,565	35,726	-3.2	258,289	241,035	+7.2
<i>City of New Orleans</i>	21,933	22,613	-3.0	170,169	166,283	+2.3
<i>Texas Eagle</i>	30,859	29,385	+5.0	219,500	208,587	+5.2
<i>Sunset Limited</i>	9,853	9,917	-0.6	74,711	67,394	+10.9
<i>Coast Starlight</i>	42,578	40,887	+4.1	303,840	316,144	-3.9
<i>Lake Shore Limited</i>	34,810	35,481	-1.9	288,327	261,643	+10.2
<i>Palmetto</i>	18,996	18,506	+2.6	150,957	136,903	+10.3
<i>Crescent</i>	28,090	29,379	-4.4	228,409	218,488	+4.5
<i>Auto Train</i>	23,992	21,574	+11.2	196,801	182,984	+7.6
Subtotal	402,271	429,829	-6.4	3,362,005	3,235,718	+3.9
Amtrak Total	2,672,163	2,566,481	+4.1	22,475,004	21,122,671	+6.4

NOTE: Ridership to some locations south and west of Chicago is on both state-supported and national system Amtrak trains, as reported above.
 Combined ridership of all Amtrak trains on these corridors is as follows for Oct. 10 - June 11: Chicago-St. Louis, 455,428 (down 1% from Oct. 09 - June 10);
 Chicago-Carbondale, 261,317 (up 17% from Oct. 09 - June 10) and Chicago-Quincy 189,275 (up 8% from Oct. 09 - June 10).

**Amtrak Monthly Ridership
20 Straight Months of Ridership Growth
Year-Over-Year Comparison**

Month	Ridership	%chg. vs same month prior year
Jun-11	2,672,163	+4.1%
May-11	2,691,371	+8.1%
Apr-11	2,688,955	+9.9%
Mar-11	2,610,567	+5.5%
Feb-11	2,099,010	+7.6%
Jan-11	2,126,429	+4.6%
Dec-10	2,504,249	+4.6%
Nov-10	2,541,090	+6.3%
Oct-10	2,541,170	+6.9%
Sep-10	2,286,215	+5.7%
Aug-10	2,541,159	+2.3%
Jul-10	2,766,812	+9.8%
Jun-10	2,566,481	+9.3%
May-10	2,490,655	+7.1%
Apr-10	2,445,765	+7.9%
Mar-10	2,473,551	+13.5%
Feb-10	1,951,411	+5.5%
Jan-10	2,032,586	+2.7%
Dec-09	2,394,671	+4.8%
Nov-09	2,389,841	+2.8%

**Annual Amtrak Ridership
FY 00 to FY 10**

FY00	20,992,485
FY01	21,812,224
FY02	21,669,207
FY03	22,333,180
FY04	23,362,729
FY05	24,031,170
FY06	24,306,965
FY07	25,847,531
FY08	28,716,407
FY09	27,167,014
FY10	28,716,857