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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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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
R B	R B	R B	R B	R B	◂ On Board Service ▸					R B	R B	R B	R B	R B	R B
Read Down					Mile			Symbol		Read Up					
7 00A	12 50P	2 50P	4 00P	6 00P	0	Dp	**CHICAGO, IL** (CT) –Union Station		Ar	8 04A	10 12A	10 55A	4 08P	7 51P	11 07P
7 29A	1 19P	3 19P			16		Hammond-Whiting, IN						L3 20P	L7 03P	L10 18P
	1 58P	3 58P		7 01P	52		Michigan City, IN (CT)			6 35A					9 34P
9 17A	3 09P	5 09P	6 10P	8 12P	62		New Buffalo, MI (ET)			7 25A		10 24A	3 28P	7 11P	10 24P
9 47A	3 33P	5 33P	6 33P	8 35P	89		Niles, MI (South Bend)			6 58A		10 03A	2 58P	6 48P	10 03P
9 57A			6 43P		102		Dowagiac, MI			6 45A		9 50A			9 51P
10 45A	4 18P	6 18P	7 22P	9 20P	138		Kalamazoo, MI Traverse City, St. Ignace—see back		Dp Ar	6 20A	8 50A	9 25A	2 25P	6 15P	9 26P 8 20P
11 17A 12 15P	4 50P	6 50P	7 55P	9 57P 10 30P	160		**BATTLE CREEK, MI**		Dp Ar	5 49A	8 17A	8 52A	1 54P 11 25A	5 44P	8 55P
1 50P			9 04P	11 45P	208		East Lansing, MI					7 45A	9 45A		5 30P
			9 41P		238		Durand, MI					7 04A			
3 40P			10 12P	12 40A	256		Flint, MI					6 32A	8 40A		4 25P
			10 38P		274		Lapeer, MI					6 06A			
			11 48P		319	Ar	Port Huron, MI		Dp			5 20A			
	†5 18P	†7 18P			184	Dp	Albion, MI		Ar				†1 21P	†5 11P	
12 08P	5 43P	7 43P		10 47P	205		Jackson, MI			4 53A	7 23A		12 58P	4 41P	8 01P
12 55P	6 26P	8 26P		11 30P	243		**ANN ARBOR, MI**			4 12A	6 41A		12 17P	4 00P	7 21P
					271		Greenfield Village, MI								
L1 25P	L6 56P	L8 56P		L12 01A	273		Dearborn, MI			3 38A	6 06A		11 43A	3 26P	6 45P
L1 54P	L7 23P	L9 23P		L12 28A ^^12 32A	281	Ar Dp	Detroit, MI		Dp Ar		5 43A 5 40A		11 20A 11 17A	3 03P 3 00P	6 23P 6 20P
L2 18P	L7 47P	L9 47P		^^L12 52A	292		Royal Oak, MI				5 20A		10 57A	2 40P	6 00P
L2 26P	L7 54P	L9 54P		^^L12 59A	296		Birmingham, MI				5 13A		10 49A	2 32P	5 53P
2 53P	8 22P	10 22P		^^1 29A	304	Ar	**PONTIAC, MI** (ET)		Dp		5 00A		10 35A	2 18P	5 40P

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.

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