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NEW AMTRAK *PERE MARQUETTE* TRAIN SCHEDULE More time in Chicago, more jobs for Michigan, starting next month

CHICAGO – A new schedule for the Amtrak [*Pere Marquette*](#) will make it more convenient for passengers to attend sports, music and theatre events in Chicago and result in eight to 10 jobs being based in Grand Rapids, Mich., effective May 4. The new schedule (attached) also improves connections with other Amtrak trains.

The current schedule allows a six-hour day in Chicago and was crafted for Chicago-based crew cycles. Last year's opening of the [Vernon J. Ehlers Station](#) allowed for the creation of a crew base in downtown Grand Rapids and a nine-hour day for passengers to work or play in Chicago.

Amtrak employed 237 Michigan residents last year, with total wages of \$19.5 million. Goods and services purchased in Michigan by Amtrak totaled \$17.3 million in 2014.

All Amtrak service in Michigan is operated under a contract with the Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT).

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.

(Schedule Attached)

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PERE MARQUETTE

370	< Train Number >				371
Daily	< Normal Days of Operation >				Daily
 	< On Board Service >				
Read Down	Mile			Symbol	Read Up
6:30P	0	Dp	CHICAGO, IL -Union Station (CT)	●&QT	Ar 9:11A
9:15P	89		St. Joseph-Benton Harbor, MI (ET)	○QT	8:16A
9:51P	116		Benton, MI (South Haven)	○	7:38A
10:34P	151		Holland, MI	○&QT	6:54A
11:39P	176	Ar	GRAND RAPIDS, MI (ET)	○&QT	Dp 6:00A

Service on Pere Marquette®

- Coaches: Reservations required.
- Cafe: Sandwiches, snacks and beverages.
- Wi-Fi available.

Golf Bags: A limited number of spaces are available to transport golf bags to/from all stations served by the *Pere Marquette*. Reservations are required; nominal charges apply; passenger assists with loading, stowing and unloading.

All Amtrak services and stations are non-smoking.

The *Pere Marquette* is financed primarily through funds made available by the Michigan State Department of Transportation.

Thruway Connections

Battle Creek/Kalamazoo • Flint • Saginaw • Bay City • Cheboygan • St. Ignace *(Indian Trails)*

8150	8354	Thruway Number				8353	8555
Daily	Daily	Mile	Days of Operation	Symbol	Daily	Daily	
		0	Dp Kalamazoo, MI (ET) -Amtrak Station	●&	Ar	8:20P	
		29	Grand Rapids, MI	○&		7:23P	
12:15P	10:30P	51	Battle Creek, MI	●&	11:15A		
1:35P	11:45P	79	East Lansing, MI	●&QT	9:25A	5:35P	
2:35P		111	Owosso, MI	○&			
3:40P	12:40A	132	Flint, MI	●&	8:20A	4:25P	
5:05P		163	Saginaw, MI	○&		3:20P	
5:35P		176	Bay City, MI	○&		2:45P	
7:10P		218	Tawas City, MI	○		1:05P	
9:13P		268	Alpena, MI	○		11:10A	
10:48P		345	Cheboygan, MI	○		9:35A	
11:18P		350	Mackinaw City, MI	○		9:05A	
11:33P		357	Ar St. Ignace, MI (ET)	○	Dp	8:50A	

NOTE-Through passengers change buses at Flint, MI on buses 8150 and 8555.

Kalamazoo • Grand Rapids *(Indian Trails)*

8351	8364	Thruway Number				8465	8365	8555
Daily	Daily	Mile	Days of Operation	Symbol	Daily	Daily	Daily	
10:45A	3:30P	0	Dp Kalamazoo, MI (ET) -Amtrak Station	●	Ar 9:45A	5:40P	8:20P	
11:35A	4:20P	50	Ar Grand Rapids, MI (ET) -Amtrak Station	○	Dp 8:48A	4:33P	7:23P	