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## Amtrak Adds More Service for Customers at New Brunswick and Princeton Junction

Highlights continued high demand for more trains from customers

NEW JERSEY – Amtrak has added new stops at New Brunswick and Princeton Junction throughout the day, following a comprehensive review of its schedules to provide New Jersey travelers and residents additional travel options between Boston, New York, Philadelphia, Baltimore, Washington, D.C. and more. Tickets are now available via <u>Amtrak.com</u>, the Amtrak app, Amtrak ticket desks and kiosks, and through 1-800-USA-RAIL.

"Due to increased demand for more service to New Brunswick and Princeton Junction, Amtrak is pleased to offer more trains to more people in this growing market," said Amtrak Vice President, Northeast Corridor Service Line Jina Sanone. "Amtrak deeply values our New Jersey customers and communities, and we look forward to meeting the needs of our customers as part of the new era of rail."

New Jersey travelers can save on the stress from driving, lower their carbon footprint and expect the same amenities onboard as they do on most Amtrak trains. This includes free Wi-Fi, a café car, the freedom to use phones and electronic devices at all times (no "airplane mode"), the ability to travel with small pets within the US, large spacious seats with plenty of leg room and no middle seat.

"Investing in and expanding mass transit has always been one of my core policy missions which is why I have advocated to provide increased funding for Amtrak and regional train services," said U.S. Senator Bob Menendez. "As a frequent rider of Amtrak, I know firsthand how this increase in service will benefit New Jersey residents throughout the state and along the Northeast corridor, but especially in the communities of Princeton and New Brunswick. I applaud Amtrak for its commitment to New Jersey and for recognizing the impact that reliable, affordable mass-transit has on boosting our local economies and especially supporting health care and academia and the workforce that supports them."

"Amtrak's decision to add more service at New Brunswick and Princeton Junction will help to better meet the needs of New Jerseyans," said U.S. Senator Cory Booker. "Expanding service along the Northeast Corridor and investing in our transportation infrastructure provides reliable, safe service for commuters while creating jobs and boosting our regional economy."

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Located in the heart of downtown, New Brunswick Station is within easy walking distance of major institutions, employers and Rutgers University. The Station accommodates Amtrak intercity passenger and commuter rail, local and regional buses, campus shuttles and has more than a dozen bike racks for cyclists.

"This is a huge benefit for both commuters and for the City," said New Brunswick Mayor Jim Cahill. "Access and mobility are key in the ever-changing and fast-moving worlds of commerce, healthcare, academia and industry. Amtrak realizes that importance and has taken steps to meet that growing demand here in New Brunswick."

Princeton Junction sits at the juncture of the Northeast Corridor and a short line maintained by NJ TRANSIT that whisks visitors directly to the southern end of the Princeton University campus. Princeton Junction is also served by local and regional buses and has ample parking available nearby for those taking their car to the station.

"I'm so pleased that Amtrak is increasing service at the Princeton Junction station," said Representative Bonnie Watson Coleman (D-NJ-12). "Offering residents in Central Jersey commuting options that are reliable, safe, and more environmentally sustainable is a huge boost to the region."

"I want to thank Amtrak for recognizing the importance of West Windsor's commuter train station," said West Windsor Mayor Hemant Marathe. "The Princeton Junction station has been valuable to West Windsor and surrounding communities. Expanding Amtrak service gives residents an easy option to travel between Boston and Washington DC."

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