



RAIL PASSENGERS
ASSOCIATION

SPRING PASSENGER RAIL CONFERENCE

THE IMPORTANCE OF AMTRAK'S LONG-DISTANCE TRAINS
EMPIRE BUILDER – 90 YEARS OF OPERATION
FUTURE OF THE FAST ACT SURFACE TRANSPORTATION BILL THAT EXPIRES IN 2020

Rail Passengers Association (RPA) NW Division (AK – ID – MT – OR – WA)
All Aboard Washington and Association of Oregon Rail and Transit Advocates

Saturday May 18, 2019 – 11:30am to 5pm (MT)
Elks Lodge – 18 S. Central Ave. – Cut Bank, MT
(406)-873-4571

FEATURED SPEAKERS & OTHERS INVITED

U. S. Congressman, Greg Gianforte (R-MT-At Large)
Ms. Alison Vergeront, MT Field Rep. for U. S. Senator Steve Daines (R-MT)
MT State Representative, Mr. Jacob Bachmeier (D) – HD 28 – Havre, MT
Mr. Jim Mathews, RPA President & CEO – Washington, DC
Mr. Ric Beals, President – Cut Bank Chamber of Commerce
Mr. James Pino, Supt. Operations – BNSF Railway/Montana Div. – Whitefish, MT
Amtrak Representatives – Invited
U. S. Senator Jon Tester – Invited
MT Governor Steve Bullock - Invited

PROGRAM INCLUDED

Importance of Amtrak's Intercity Network Trains to Rural America
Empire Builder 90th Anniversary (June 2019)
2020 Reauthorization of the FAST Act Surface Transportation Bill which includes the American passenger rail system
Speakers' presentations along with audience discussion
State rail advocacy activities report from NW Division, if time permits
Stretch breaks to allow time for informal interaction

Meeting Time – Registration and social time begins at 11:30am. Buffet luncheon starts at 12 noon. Program to follow to conclude by 5pm. The meeting is planned between the arrival of the eastbound Empire Builder at Cut Bank (10:40am) and the departure of the westbound Empire Builder from Cut Bank (5:51pm).

Early Registration Fee - \$50 person (postmarked by April 27). The registration fee includes luncheon buffet to cover everyone's tastes, afternoon snacks, beverages and most other meeting related expenses. All registrations postmarked after April 27, along with paying at the door, please add a \$10 surcharge to the above fee for a total amount of \$60.

Transportation – Transportation will be provided the day of the meeting between the Cut Bank Amtrak station, lodging, the meeting site and throughout Cut Bank as demand warrants.

Lodging – Lodging is available at the Super 8 Cut Bank [609 W. Main St., (406)-873-8325] or at (<https://www.wyndhamhotels.com/super-8>). Additional lodging is available in Shelby, 24 miles east of Cut Bank. If you are arriving by train and spending the night in the area, please call (817)-480-5385 to arrange for local transportation.

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_____ Number attending Conference w/Buffer at early registration rate of \$50.
(\$60 postmarked after April 27 & at door.)

Additional donation of \$ _____ to help defray meeting expenses. Please consider a monetary donation even if you are unable to attend.

Total Enclosed \$ _____ Email _____

Name(s) _____

Address _____

City/State/Zip _____

Phone (Include Area Code) _____

Please mail the registration form with your check or money order to: All Aboard Washington (AAWA) – P. O. Box 70381 – Seattle, WA 98127. The registration fee of \$50 is for all registrations postmarked by April 27. After this date, please add the \$10 surcharge for a total of \$60. Donations above the registration fee are tax deductible as allowed by law.

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More Information –

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For questions pertaining to program.

Mark Meyer: (817)-480-5385 (Cell) or vermontanan@aol.com

For questions pertaining to Cut Bank along with lodging in Cut Bank or Shelby.
(Sun. Feb. 17, 2019)