

39th Annual Meeting

11:00am – 11:25am – Gary Prophet, ESPA President 11:25am – 11:45am – Bill Hollister – Government Affairs Senior Manager – Amtrak 11:45am - 12:15pm - Michael Wojnar - Deputy Secretary for Transportation -Office of Governor Andrew Cuomo 12:15pm – 1:15pm – Lunch 1:15pm – 1:35pm – Schenectady Mayor Gary McCarthy 1:35pm – 2:15pm – Congressman Paul Tonko (20th District – NY) 2:15pm - 2:45pm - Donald Corkery - Director of Training (retired) - Long Island Railroad 2:45pm – 3:15pm – Bruce Becker – Vice President of Operations for Rail Passengers **Association** 3:15pm - 3:25pm - Larry Roth - Solutionary Rail (Electrify Rail for Clean Energy **Future) and Ulster and Delaware Railroad** 3:25pm - 3:35pm - ESPA Elections 3:35pm – 3:45pm - Richard Kulla, ESPA Financial Secretary

3:45pm – 3:55pm – Gary Prophet, with concluding remarks



Rail Accomplishments 2018 and Early 2019

- LIRR 2nd Track Farmingdale to Ronkonkoma
- LIRR Speonk to East-end rail service (started March 4)
- New York State New Schenectady Station
- Amtrak 2nd Track Completed Albany to Schenectady and Signal cables were placed underground in the Hudson Valley
- Amtrak West-side Manhattan tracks/tunnel area rebuilt, along with Spuyten Duyvil Bridge over East River
- Amtrak NEC 2nd Daily Train from NY to Norfolk, VA (started March 4) and Amfleet I coaches refurbished for NEC and Empire service
- Base NYC Subway Fare remains at \$ 2.75
- Connecting Bus service from Albany train station to Bennington, VT and Manchester, VT (twice daily)
- CAF Order of 130 cars continues to slowly produce cars for Amtrak
- Amtrak issued an RFP for new locomotives to replace diesel fleet and and RFI for coaches to replace Amfleet I coaches used on the NEC and Empire Service trains.



2019 Priority Issues

- Re-open the Albany station food service commissary, to allow the expansion of café food service on Albany to/from NYP trains
- Add baggage car to the Maple Leaf, which allows families to check luggage, provides for bicycle transport, and supports the Harbor Center in downtown Buffalo by transporting hockey equipment for passengers
- Build Consensus among New York State lawmakers to increase capacity of trains on the Empire Corridor to meet demand and reduce the number of sold out trains
- Support efforts to Improve the on-time performance and safety of Metro-North and LIRR, including eliminating grade crossings where feasible
- Support Funding for the essential Hudson River tunnels
- Replace the current downtown Buffalo train station and extend the existing Metro Rail in Buffalo
- Provide more funding for upstate transit, including local bus service in cities across the State of New York
- Support improvements for the Metro-North and Long Island rail lines and the New York City Bus and Subway system and resist any fare increases





- Welcome
- Safety Briefing
- New & Renewal ESPA & Rail Passengers
 Association Memberships Today





RAILPASSENGERS

ASSOCIATION

ESPA/RPA 2018 Annual Meeting Saturday, March 10, 2018 Schenectady, NY 







NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF RAILROAD PASSENGERS



Richard Anderson HELPED The Rail Advocacy Community In 2018!



Amtrak's Four Strategic Planning Pillars...

- Develop Services & Products For The Next Generation
- Data & Analysis Will Guide Future Policy Development
- Greater Reliance On Technology To Provide The Needed Data
- Foster A Culture Of Innovation In Service & Product Delivery
 - Try New & Different Services & Products
 - Some Will Work & Some Will Fail
 - Greater Emphasis On Future Trends In Hospitality



- No Community Served Today Should See Their Service
 Degraded (i.e. buses replace trains)
- Rural America Must Not Be Shortchanged by any re-alignment in services or addition of new corridor services
- Amtrak Has A "Mission" beyond the balance sheet
- As a taxpayer-supported enterprise, Amtrak Must Serve The Maximum Number Of Americans Possible—regardless of the profitability of doing so



- Amtrak Must Lead, not follow, in helping to create a multi-mode surface-transportation policy for the U.S.
- Management must Look Beyond The Network And Riders Of Today to the kind of country we're likely to be in 2040 or 2050
- Amtrak Must:
 - Modernize Current & Acquire New Equipment
 - Embrace Modern Customer Services Initiatives
 - Build A Nationwide Passenger-Rail Backbone around which other services could emerge



- New emphasis on 400 to 500 Mile Corridors Is A Good Idea which positions Amtrak to fill a unique role in intercity transportation that other modes can't fill.
- **BUT Corridors Can't Supplant Amtrak's Congressional Mandate** to operate a national network, but that congressional mandate also can't stifle Amtrak from envisioning a robust future Which May Look Different Than Today's Map



- The upcoming FAST Act Re-Authorization debate is The Best
 Opportunity rail advocates have to frame the vision of what we
 want in the future.
- Rail advocates today are being heard in Congress in a way that they haven't ever been in the past; We Must Be Careful Not To Squander This Power, which has led to unprecedented levels of policy and financial support.
- Creditability Is Crucial!



Rail Passengers Calling For Change!

- Calling On The Trump Administration:
 - To commit to Developing A Comprehensive National
 Transportation Policy which includes all modes doing what they do best.
 - To examine novel ways to Break The Logiam On Funding vital major infrastructure projects
 - RPA will use its seat on the National Advisory Committee for Travel & Tourism Infrastructure (NACTTI) to advance these ideas with DOT Secretary Chao and all the DOT "modal" agencies (FRA, FAA, FHWA, etc.)



Rail Passengers Calling For Change!

- Calling On Congress:
 - To follow through on the promise of the FAST Act, setting out A
 National Vision for modern surface transportation and committing
 to Reimagining How Transportation Is Organized and Paid
 For In The U.S.
 - To commit to creating a Predictable, Dedicated Funding Source to pay for the five-year vision Congress has already outlined in the FAST Act, to include Industrial-Based Efforts to build long-term capacity for Developing and Building New Equipment in the U.S.
 - RPA stands ready to be a partner in this effort, with research and input on funding mechanisms, economic impact, etc.



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Calling On Amtrak:

- To move aggressively on a Growth Vision, with More Frequencies in dense corridors, New Fleet Equipment, Modern Safety measures and a Customer-Centric view of passenger service
- To eliminate, once and for all, the folly of services operating less than daily: We <u>DEMAND</u> A Daily Sunset And A Daily Cardinal!
- **To Engage Creatively** and transparently with local communities and partners to find ways **To Say "Yes" For New Service** and amenities, rather than "No"



Rail Passengers Calling For Change!

Calling On Amtrak:

- To continue to press for a **Action** so that Amtrak can hold host the railroads accountable for **Poor On-Time Performance** on behalf of paying passengers.
- To engage in an open conversation with host railroads and regulators to develop Better, Less Contentious Approaches to long-term coexistence on Shared-Use Corridors, that would promote investment in more fluidity for the host railroad and a better passenger experience.



Positive Train Control

 NO Amtrak Services Were Impacted On January 1, 2019

On Time Performance

- OTP Standards Case Now Going To Supreme Court
- Justice Brett Kavanaugh <u>CAN NOT</u> Cast A Vote On This Case!



•FY '19 Federal Appropriations

Passenger Rail Funding At Historic Levels!

• Amtrak \$1.941 B

• NEC \$ 650 M

National Network \$1.291 B

CRISI Grants \$255 M

State of Good Repair \$400 M

Service Restoration
 \$ 5 M

Maglev Development \$ 10 M

• TOTAL \$2.611 B



•FY '19 Federal Appropriations

Positive Language Contained In Funding Bill:

It Is The Sense Of Congress That:

- Long-distance passenger rail routes provide muchneeded transportation access for 4,700,000 riders in 325 communities in 40 States and are particularly important in rural areas
- Long-distance passenger rail routes and services should be sustained to ensure connectivity throughout the National Network



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The Conferees Direct Amtrak To:

- Provide discounted passenger fares to veterans (as defined in section 101 of title 38, United States Code) consistent with the discounted passenger fares currently provided to active duty military personnel
- Submit with its fiscal year 2020 congressional justification a report that addresses items enumerated in the House and Senate reports on charter, special, and private trains
- Evaluate options to address the weekday Northeast Regional Train between Washington and Boston and to submit a report within 90 days of enactment of this Act
- Provide a station agent in each Amtrak station that had a ticket agent position eliminated in fiscal year 2018. Station agents, which include Amtrak ticket agents or caretakers, assist passengers with their intercity rail travel, provide customer service during all hours that a station is open, and perform building maintenance duties
- Improve communication and collaboration with local partners and take into consideration the unique needs of each community, including impacts to local jobs, when making decisions related to the staffing of Amtrak stations, and to work with stakeholders to maximize the efficiency of these station agents.



Surface Transportation Re-Authorization Scheduled In 2020

- Next Opportunity To Shape Federal Passenger Rail Policy
- Amtrak Will Be Looking For Congressional Direction & The Funding To Carry-Out This Direction



Amtrak Equipment Orders:

- 28 Acela 2 Trainsets
 - Alstom Hornell, NY
 - First Set Due For Testing In 2019
 - Revenue Service Starting in 2021
- 130 Midwest/California Single Level Cars
 - Siemens Sacramento, CA
 - First Cars Due In Revenue Service Early In 2020
- 130 Viewliner II Single Level Cars
 - CAF Elimira Heights, NY
 - 70 Baggage Cars & 25 Diners Delivered
 - First of 25 Sleepers & 10 Baggage-Dorms Delivered
 - ORDER WILL BE COMPLETED!







Amtrak Equipment Orders:

- 75 Long-Distance Locomotives
 - Siemens Sacramento, CA
 - First Unit Due In Summer 2021
- RFP For Amfleet I Replacements
 - Up To 75 Trainsets
 - Dual-Mode Capability
 - Proposals Due By March 15
 - Order Expected To Be Placed In Mid-2019



Amtrak Equipment Orders:

- RFI For Other New Equipment may issued in 2019 to the manufacturer community to learn what may be available and possible
- Scoping is underway for a short-term Refurbishment Program for the Superliner IIs along the lines of what has been done for the Amfleet I's and Acelas.
 - The longer-term answer Amtrak is looking at may involve singlelevel equipment!



Amtrak Equipment Refresh Programs:

- Acela I Refresh
 - Complete
- Amfleet I Refresh
 - Complete
- Amfleet II Refresh
 - Expected Shortly in 2019
- Superliner II Refresh
 - Pending in 2019



Food Service Issues:

Amtrak Is Under A Federal Mandate To Eliminate F&B Loss!

This Is The Law!

- Contemporary Dining
 - Lake Shore Limited & Capitol Limited
 - Started June 2018
 - Significant Labor & Product Waste Savings
 - Will Be Made Available For Coach Passengers On A Pre-Order/Pre-Paid Basis Later In 2019



Food Service Issues:

- RFI for Reimagined Food Service was issued in late 2018 seeking food service industry information on new F&B concepts for the national network trains.
- A new F&B supply chain vendor will be selected in 2019

MENU

BEVERAGES

Complimentary beverages are available throughout your journey.

Coffee, Regular & Decaf

Tea

Starbucks Cold Brew, Unsweetened

Tropicana Pure Premium Orange Juice

Lipton Pure Leaf Unsweetened Iced Tea

Crystal Geyser Spring Water

La Croix Lime Sparkling Water

Schweppes Ginger Ale

Pepsi, Diet Pepsi

......... **BAR SELECTION** WINE BEER & SPIRITS First drink is on us. 6.50 **Bud Light** 7.50 Corona Stella Artois 7.50 Stone IPA 8.50 New Belgium Fat Tire 8.50 Woodbridge Chardonnay 8.50 Woodbridge Cabernet Sauvignon 8.50 Truly Spiked & Sparkling Mixed Berry 8.50 Tito's Handmade Vodka 9.00 Maker's Mark Bourbon Whiskey 9.00 Cutwater Old Grove Gin & Tonic 10.00 Cutwater Three Sheets Rum & Ginger 10.00

Prices are in U.S. currency and include all taxes. Amtrak accepts major payment cards if you paid by cash or payment card and old not receive a receipt, your purchase is complimentary.



Please retain your receipt for all returns, refunds and exchanges

ENTRÉE

CHICKEN PENNE ALFREDO

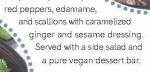
Grilled chicken breast with spinach, roasted peppers and caramelized onions, penne pasta and Alfredo sauce. Served with a side salad and a specialty dessert.

BEEF PROVENCAL

Red wine braised beef with sundried tomatoes and garlic with creamy mashed potatoes and mixed vegetables. Served with a side salad and a specialty dessert.

ASIAN NOODLE BOWL®

Marinated rice noodles, carrots, broccoli,



ANTIPASTO PLATE

Prosciutto, chorizo, carved turkey, cillengini, aged asiago cheese, sundried tomatoes, marinated mushrooms, black and

green olives. Served with

a side salad and a specialty dessert.

CHILDREN'S MEAL

Turkey and cheese sandwich Go-Gurt stick, goldfish crackers, fruit cup and a juice box.





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MENU

CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST SELECTIONS

OATMEAL

Maple Brown Sugar Apple Walnut

COLD CEREALS

Honey Nut Cheerios • Fruit Loops

Rice Krispies Raisin Bran

Blueberry Banana Nut

MUFFINS

BREAKFAST BAR

Honey Almond Kashi Bar

PLEASE ASK YOUR SERVER FOR:

BREAKFAST SANDWICH

Ham, egg and cheddar cheese on a Ciabatta roll

HARD BOILED EGGS®

Chobani

YOGURT

Strawberry o Blueberry @

FRUIT

Bananas 👓

Seasonal Fruit Cup 💿

BEVERAGES

Complimentary beverages are available throughout your journey.

Coffee, Regular & Decaf

Starbucks Cold Brew, Unsweetened Tropicana Pure Premium Orange Juice Lipton Pure Leaf Unsweetened Iced Tea

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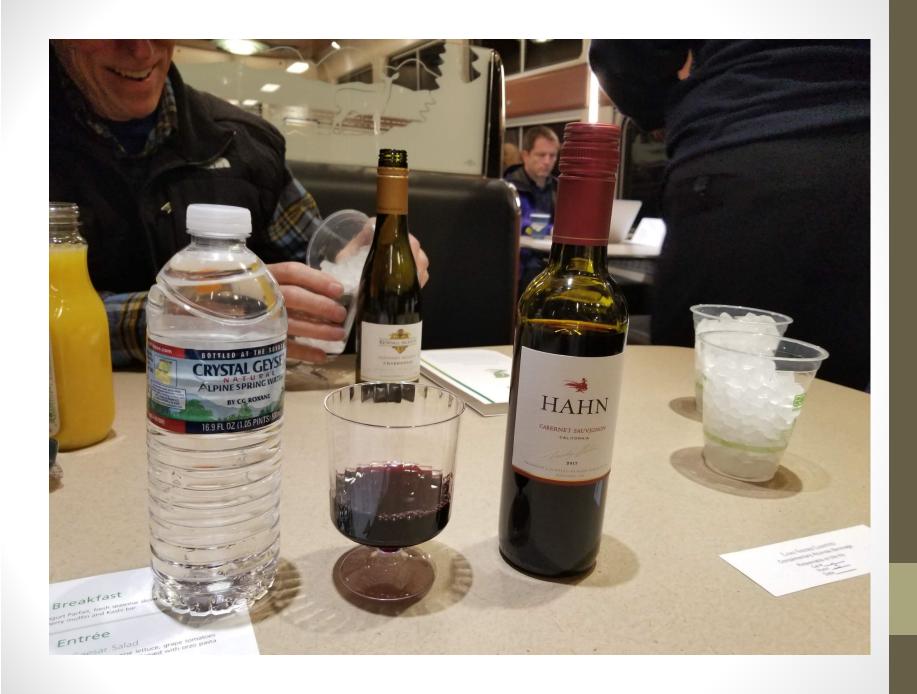














DESSERTS

VANILLA PUDDING 2.75

Sugar-free, gluten-free, lower calorie dessert. (90 cal.)

SPECIALTIES 6.50

Flourless Chocolate Tart (370 cal.) or New York-Style Cheesecake (460 cal.)

AMTRAK SEASONAL DESSERT 7.25

Please ask your server about today's selection.

Egg substitute, sugar free jelly, sugar free breakfast syrup and soy milk available upon request.

All fresh eggs are pasteurized and sourced from cage-free suppliers.

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* FDA Consumer Advisory: Consuming raw or under cooked meats, poultry, seafood, shellfish or eggs may increase your risk of food borne illness, especially if you have certain medical conditions.

Additional items may be available but subject to change, ask your server. Occasional substitutions may be required for menu selections listed based on availability and supply. Your server will advise you of any changes to the menu.

Due to the special nature of our menu profile, variety of cooking procedures, seasonal and regional variations and our retiance on supplier's information, there may be variations in the ingredients and nutritional content of these menu items.

This list is compiled based on information provided by Amtrak approved food suppliers as of 11/07/18. Ingredient changes may occur before this list is updated. Amtrak makes no guarantees regarding the accuracy of these ilems.



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Scan to enter the Amtrak Food & Beverage website for access to Food Facts, menus, etc.





BAR SELECTIONS

LIQUOR**

Jack Daniel's Black Label, Dewar's Scotch, Finlandia Vodka, Tanqueray Gin, Bacardi Rum **7.50**

Mixers – Club Soda, Tonic Water, Ginger Ale, Bloody Mary Mix, Orange Juice

BEER**

Ask your server about today's selections.

Domestic 6.50

Import 7.50

Regional Craft 8.00

WINE**

Ask your server about today's selections.

Single Serving 7.50

Half Bottle 16.50

"Alcoholic beverages are available as an extra purchase, not included in first class meal packages.



MENU



BREAKFAST

SCRAMBLED EGGS* 8.50

Two fresh scrambled cage-free eggs with roasted potatoes or grits. Served with a croissant. (490 ave. cal.)

CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST 8.75

Choice of Kellogg's brand cereal or hot steel-cut oatmeal with raisins and honey, fresh seasonal fruit, Greek yogurt and a croissant. (790 ave. cal.)

AMTRAK SIGNATURE BUTTERMILK PANCAKE TRIO 10.50

Griddled buttermilk pancakes (410 cal.), with breakfast syrup (158 cal.)

CHEESE QUESADILLAS, EGGS & TOMATILLO SAUCE* 13.50

Griddled tortillas filled with Monterey Jack cheese, topped with scrambled eggs and tomatillo sauce. Served with salsa and a croissant. (985 cal.)

THREE EGG OMELET* 13.75

Made to order omelet with green bell pepper and red onion. Choice of Monterey Jack or Cheddar cheese (325 cal.) Served with a side of tomato salsa (15 cal.), roasted potatoes or grits and a croissant. (290 cal.) Available with below sides & toppings.

SIDES & TOPPINGS

Cheddar or Monterey Jack Cheese (75 ave. cal.) 1.00 Guacamole (100 cal.) 1.50 Pork Sausage – 2 Patties (360 cal.) 3.50 Apple Maple Chicken Sausage – 2 Links (100 cal.) 3.50 Applewood Smoked Bacon – 3 Strips (80 cal.) 3.75

CHILDREN'S MENU

Available for children 12 and under

SCRAMBLED EGG 4.25

One freshly scrambled egg with roasted potatoes or grits. Served with a croissant. (390 ave. cal.)

TWO BUTTERMILK PANCAKES 7.00

Griddled pancake duo (273 cal.) with breakfast syrup. (158 cal.)

SIDES & TOPPINGS

Cheddar or Monterey Jack Cheese (75 ave. cal.) 1.00
Pork Sausage – 1 Patty (180 cal.) 1.75
Apple Maple Chicken Sausage – 1 Link (50 cal.) 1.75
Applewood Smoked Bacon – 2 Strips (54 cal.) 2.50

LUNCH

ENTRÉE SALAD 12.50

Lettuce blend with dried cranberries, grapes, red onions, almonds, walnuts and pecans. With your choice of dressing and a warm roll. (240 ave. cal.) Add chicken breast for an additional \$3.50. (110 cal.)

BLACK BEAN & CORN VEGGIE BURGER 12.50

Spiced, full-flavored veggie burger on a toasted bun with lettuce, tomato, red onion and kettle chips. (828 cal) Both the burger and the bun are vegan compliant.

NATURAL ANGUS BURGER 12.50

Grilled antibiotic and hormone–free Angus beef burger on a brioche roll with lettuce, tomato, red onion and kettle chips. (1088 cal.)

BAKED CHILAQUILES 13.50

Layered corn tortillas with chicken, chorizo, egg and cheese with chunky salsa, tomatillo-cilantro sauce and Parmesan cheese. (775 cal.)

STEAMED MUSSELS 14.50

Prince Edward Island mussels in a white wine and garlic broth (270 cal.), served with a warm roll.

GARDEN SALAD 3.50

With choice of dressing (182 ave. cal.)
Complimentary for Sleeping Car passengers.

TOPPINGS

Cheddar or Monterey Jack Cheese (75 ave. cal.) 1.00 Guacamole (100 cal.) 1.50 Applewood Smoked Bacon – 2 Strips (54 cal.) 2.50

CHILDREN'S LUNCH/DINNER

wailable for children 12 and under

HEBREW NATIONAL ALL-BEEF HOT DOG 7.50

Lunch – With kettle chips. (710 cal.)

Dinner – With green beans. (680 cal.)

MACARONI AND CHEESE 7.50

Lunch – With a roll *(610 cal.)* Dinner – With green beans and a roll *(710 cal.*)

DINNER

All dinner entrées are served with a dinner roll (100 Cal.)

LAND & SEA COMBO* 39.00

Cooked to order signature Black Angus flat iron steak with a premium lump crab cake and optional Bérnaise sauce. Served with vegetables and your choice of baked or mashed potato, or wild rice pilaf. (835 ave. cal.)

THE AMTRAK SIGNATURE STEAK* 25.00

Grilled to order, USDA Choice Black Angus flat iron steak with optional Béarnaise sauce. Served with baked potato, sour cream and baby green beans. (750 cal.) Enjoy this dish with a glass of Cabernet Sauvignon or Merlot.

NORWEGIAN SALMON 23.00

Seared Norwegian salmon fillet with sauce of the day, rice pilaf and baby green beans. (565 cal.) Enjoy this dish with a glass of chilled white wine or a regional craft-brewed beer.

THYME ROASTED CHICKEN BREAST 18.50

Thyme seasoned chicken breast with mashed potatoes and baby green beans. Served with a complimentary sauce. (588 cal.) Enjoy this dish with a glass of crisp Chardonnau.

RIGATONI PASTA** 16.50

All dente rigatoni pasta with oven roasted tomatoes, mushrooms, peas and vegan soy sausage. (500 cal.) This selection is vegan compliant and a healthy option for those seeking bold flavors with reduced calories, fat and sodium.

GARDEN SALAD 3.50

With choice of dressing (182 ave. cal.)

Complimentary for Sleeping Car passengers.

"Healthy & Flavor Forward Specialties: Light Entrée Guidelines are based on 700 total calories per serving, Specifics: less than 30% (23 grams) total falt; less than 10% (8 grams) saturated falt, 0% (0 grams) trans-fal and less than 750 milligrams of sodium per serving.







Rail Passengers Experience Travel Review

- Available To All Amtrak Riders
- Link from <u>www.railpassengers.org</u>



Upcoming Rail Passengers Meetings

- 2019 DC Advocacy Summit & Day on The Hill
 - Sunday, March 31 Wednesday, April 3
 - Monday, April 1 Advocacy Summit
 - Tuesday, April 2 Day on The Hill & Congressional Reception
 - Golden Spike Awards To The 6 US Senators from Kansas, Colorado & New Mexico Who Supported The Southwest Chief
 - Wednesday, April 3 Business Meeting
- Fall 2018 Rail Nation California Sacramento
 - Friday, October 19 Monday, October 21



At The New Rochester Station

In Honor Of
Congresswomen
Louise Slaughter
March 25





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