

Media Advisory



FOR PLANNING PURPOSES
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BICYCLES TO BE WELCOMED ABOARD AMTRAK *PERE MARQUETTE* TRAINS Up to 16 bikes per train; reservations required

WHAT: A media event and open house as Amtrak and the Michigan Department of Transportation announce an enhancement to [Amtrak Pere Marquette trains](#), operating daily between Grand Rapids and Chicago. Amtrak passengers traveling can bring their bikes along for just \$10 each way.

WHEN: Wednesday, May 11 (all times Eastern)
10:00 a.m. Media availability opens
10:15 a.m. Presentations
10:30 a.m.-1:00 p.m. Open house

WHERE: [Vernon J. Ehlers Station, 440 Century Avenue SW, Grand Rapids, MI 49503](#)

WHO: Peter Varga - The Rapid
Derrick James - Amtrak
Tim Hoeffner - Michigan Department of Transportation
Kerry Irons - Adventure Cycling Association
Janet Korn - Experience Grand Rapids

VISUALS: Passengers loading or unloading their bicycles into the baggage car/control unit

MORE INFO: For the first time, passengers can travel with their bikes between Grand Rapids and Chicago, along with the stops in Holland and St. Joseph-Benton Harbor.

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