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FULL MICHIGAN AMTRAK SERVICE RESTORED

Three daily *Wolverines* in time for the holidays & extra trains on select days

CHICAGO and LANSING, Mich. – Amtrak and the Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) have completed this year's construction season for *Wolverine Service* trains. Customers can again book travel with [three complete round-trips daily](#), plus [additional service on select days](#) around the Thanksgiving holiday.

This continues the improvement of state-owned railroad infrastructure as part of [Michigan's Accelerated Rail Program](#) and will result in improved reliability and a smoother ride for customers, along with an expansion of the Midwest's first 110 mph Amtrak service.

MDOT contractors, including Amtrak, completed a busy construction season in Calhoun and Jackson counties on 41 miles of track. This included replacing 26,000 railroad ties, repairing or installing 15 track switches, realigning or modifying 29 railroad curves, repairing 23 railroad grade crossings and improving road profiles at crossings. Amtrak also continued to improve the signal system controlling rail traffic on MDOT's rail segment east of Kalamazoo.

About Amtrak®

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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.
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