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AMTRAK PRESIDENT AND CEO JOE BOARDMAN ON SENATE APPROPRIATIONS SUBCOMMITTEE PROPOSED FY 2014 FUNDING

WASHINGTON – Amtrak President and CEO Joe Boardman made the following statement on today’s action by the Senate Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation, Housing and Urban Development regarding proposed federal funding for Amtrak in FY 2014:

“The Senate Appropriations Subcommittee proposed FY 2014 funding level for Amtrak of \$1.45 billion is a realistic and workable number. It recognizes the need for federal investment to operate and maintain the Amtrak national network, and to keep the Northeast Corridor the safe and reliable economic engine that it is today.

“Even at this funding level, however, there is a significant amount of critical backlog infrastructure work that will not get done. In order for the nation’s intercity passenger rail system to reach its full potential, Amtrak will need higher and sustained levels of federal capital funding.”

About Amtrak®

Amtrak is America’s Railroad®, the nation’s intercity passenger rail service and its high-speed rail operator. A record 31.2 million passengers traveled on Amtrak in FY 2012 on more than 300 daily trains – at speeds up to 150 mph (241 kph) – that connect 46 states, the District of Columbia and three Canadian Provinces. Amtrak operates intercity trains in partnership with 15 states and contracts with 13 commuter rail agencies to provide a variety of services. Enjoy the journey® at Amtrak.com or call 800-USA-RAIL for schedules, fares and more information. Join us on [facebook.com/Amtrak](https://www.facebook.com/Amtrak) and follow us at twitter.com/Amtrak.

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