



Amtrak and Southern Rail Commission Host Gulf Coast Inspection Train

CSX Statement
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CSX is participating in an inspection train tour hosted by Amtrak and the Southern Rail Commission February 18 and 19 to explore potential passenger rail service options on CSX's Gulf Coast rail line. Freight and Amtrak services along this route were suspended in 2005 following the devastation of Hurricane Katrina. Freight service was restored after an extraordinary 5-month rebuild of the line and bridges from New Orleans, La. to Mobile, Ala., opening up an economic lifeline for Gulf Coast recovery.

Re-introducing passenger rail along this line would involve extensive computer-based modeling to assess capacity on this route, identification of infrastructure improvements needed to support the proposed service, potential additional safety requirements and funding considerations for operating and capital costs.

With all proposed passenger operations on its lines, CSX's participation is based on four principles – safety of the public and CSX employees, capacity to serve CSX's current and future freight customers, adequate funding requiring no subsidy by CSX shareholders, and reasonable liability protection against new risks. Every new passenger proposal must fully address these principles.

CSX has a solid record of supporting passenger transportation across its network. In partnership with Amtrak and other stakeholders, CSX is committed to working through each step of this process.

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