



ASSEMBLY STANDING COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

SUBJECT: Intercity Passenger Rail Transportation

PURPOSE: To assess intercity passenger rail service across New York State

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Roosevelt Hearing Room C
Legislative Office Building
Wednesday, September 22, 2021, 10:00 a.m.
Albany, New York

ORAL TESTIMONY WILL BE BY INVITATION ONLY

Intercity passenger rail service, which is furnished by the National Railroad Passenger Corporation (Amtrak), provides intrastate, interstate, and international mobility for people travelling along rail corridors across New York State. Rail passenger service that is frequent, reliable, is in a state of good repair, and whose on-time performance reduces travel time is key to increasing its attractiveness and, thus, its use. Strengthening the attractiveness and competitiveness of intercity passenger rail service could help the State in meeting its environmental and economic goals, by consuming less energy, reducing congestion and vehicle emissions, supporting smart land use policies, and providing workers, tourists, and other travelers with a reliable mode of transportation.

This hearing will provide the Assembly Standing Committee on Transportation an opportunity to review and assess various aspects of intercity passenger rail service within New York State relating to rail infrastructure and operating issues that impact its reliability, frequency, on-time performance, and state of good repair. The Committee also is interested in obtaining testimony on the need for future rail investments to meet these goals, and the availability of federal funding for such investments.

Persons invited to present pertinent testimony to the Committee at the above hearing should complete and return the enclosed reply form as soon as possible. It is important that the reply form be fully completed and returned so that persons may be notified in the event of emergency postponement or cancellation.

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Committee on Transportation

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I plan to attend the public hearing on Intercity Passenger Rail Transportation to be conducted by the Assembly Committee on Transportation on Wednesday, September 22, 2021.

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