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## AMTRAK PREPARING TO CELEBRATE 40<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY Locomotives with historic paint schemes among first activities

WASHINGTON – On May 1, 2011, Amtrak will celebrate 40 years as America’s Railroad<sup>sm</sup> providing vital intercity and high-speed passenger rail service to the nation and offering a critical transportation choice for both urban and rural communities. Preparations are now underway for several activities to commemorate the occasion.

The first sign of celebration occurred on January 30 in Chicago when the first of four P-42 diesel-electric locomotives with one of four historic paint schemes entered regular revenue service. (See attachment for details.) All four locomotives will be in service by the end of April and operate on trains across the Amtrak national network. As each becomes available for service, Amtrak will issue a Twitter message at [twitter.com/Amtrak](https://twitter.com/Amtrak) and post a photo in the Photos tab on its Facebook page at [facebook.com/Amtrak](https://facebook.com/Amtrak). A photo of the first locomotive is now posted.

Among other commemorative activities is a book entitled *Amtrak: An American Story*. Written with the help of former presidents of Amtrak and current employees among others, the book discusses the railroad’s history and its plans for the future, and contains an employee-generated photo essay of 24-hours in the life of the railroad. In addition, a documentary DVD illustrating the history of Amtrak and its importance to the country is being produced.

Also, a special 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary “exhibit train” will make its debut at the National Train Day event in Washington, D.C. on May 7, 2011, and then travel across the country for a one-year period. It will have two locomotives with historic paint schemes and use renovated baggage cars to display educational exhibits focusing on each decade of the railroad’s existence with vintage advertising, past menus and dinnerware, period uniforms, photographs, and other items of memorabilia. There will be no charge for the public to tour the exhibit train. Dates and locations of when and where it will travel will be announced soon.

In addition, a special anniversary web site will be launched this spring with historical information about Amtrak, a schedule of celebration activities, a photo archive and video

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library, and a virtual tour of the exhibit train with a map that will track its journey across the country.

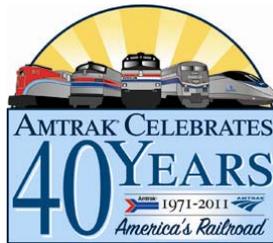
Furthermore, the book and documentary DVD will be available for purchase this spring along with other anniversary merchandise in the retail center aboard the exhibit train and at the [Amtrak online store](#), among other locations.

Additional information about celebration activities will be provided as the May 1 anniversary date approaches.

**About Amtrak®:**

Amtrak is America's Railroad<sup>sm</sup>, the nation's intercity passenger rail provider and its only high-speed rail operator. A record 28.7 million passengers traveled on Amtrak in FY 2010 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 trains in partnership with 15 states and four commuter rail agencies. Amtrak also is a strong financial performer achieving an 85 percent cost-recovery ratio in FY 2010. Enjoy the journey<sup>sm</sup> at [Amtrak.com](#) or call 800-USA-RAIL for schedules, fares and more information. Join us on Facebook at [facebook.com/Amtrak](#) and follow us on Twitter at [twitter.com/Amtrak](#).

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All four P-42 diesel-electric locomotives will be in service by the end of April and operate on trains across the Amtrak national network. Each locomotive had been previously scheduled to receive a new paint job and is being painted at the Amtrak maintenance facility in Beech Grove, Indiana.

The photos below are representative of the different paint schemes, also known as phases. As each locomotive becomes available for service, Amtrak will issue a Twitter message at [twitter.com/Amtrak](https://twitter.com/Amtrak) and post a photo in the Photos tab on its Facebook page at [facebook.com/Amtrak](https://facebook.com/Amtrak).



Paint scheme: Phase I – introduced 1972  
 In photo: SDP40F #503  
 To be adapted to: P-42 #156



Paint scheme: Phase II – introduced 1975  
 In photo: F40PH #210  
 To be adapted to: P-42 #66



Paint scheme: Phase III – introduced 1979  
 In photo: F40PH #359  
 To be adapted to: P-42 #145



Paint scheme: Phase IV – introduced 1993  
 In photo: P42 #117  
 To be applied to: P-42 #184



Paint scheme: Phase V – introduced 2001  
 In photo: P-42 #163  
 Current paint scheme