



December 18, 2020

Ms. Tamara Noel
NRPC Operations Officer
BNSF Railway
2600 Lou Menk Drive
Fort Worth, TX 76161

Dear Ms. Noel,

As you know, the *Metrics and Minimum Standards for Intercity Passenger Rail Service* final rule published on November 16, 2020 (the "Final Rule") introduces a certified schedule metric that requires Amtrak to report to the Federal Railroad Administration ("FRA") the number of certified schedules, uncertified schedules, and disputed schedules, by train, by route, and by host railroad.

The Final Rule defines a "certified schedule" as a published train schedule that Amtrak and the host railroad jointly certify is aligned with the customer on-time performance ("OTP") metric and standard set forth in the Final Rule.

Appendix A provides the list of train schedules that Amtrak proposes to jointly certify with BNSF are aligned to the customer OTP metric and standard on BNSF. Each train listed has been reviewed and meets one or more of the following criteria:

- The schedule is already aligned or was modified to align with the customer OTP metric and standard.
- Customer OTP regularly exceeded 80% in FY 2020.
- The placement of the recovery time is correlated with the locations of detraining passengers.
- The recovery time is distributed to the benefit of detraining passengers.

Please confirm BNSF's agreement to certify the train schedules listed in Appendix A pursuant to the Final Rule. Please contact Chris Zappi, Director Host Railroads, at Christopher.Zappi@amtrak.com if you have any questions. Thank you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Jim Blair", with a stylized flourish at the end.

Jim Blair
Amtrak
Sr. Director, Host Railroads

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cc:	Dennis Newman	Amtrak
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Appendix A**Train Schedules Aligned to the Customer On-Time Performance Metric and Standard**

Service	Train
California Zephyr	5
California Zephyr	6
Carl Sandburg / Illinois Zephyr	380
Carl Sandburg / Illinois Zephyr	381
Carl Sandburg / Illinois Zephyr	382
Carl Sandburg / Illinois Zephyr	383
Cascades	500
Cascades	501
Cascades	502
Cascades	504
Cascades	505
Cascades	506
Cascades	507
Cascades	508
Cascades	516
Cascades	517
Cascades	518
Cascades	519
Coast Starlight	11
Coast Starlight	14
Empire Builder	7
Empire Builder	8
Empire Builder	27
Empire Builder	28
Heartland Flyer	821
Heartland Flyer	822
Pacific Surfliner	561
Pacific Surfliner	562
Pacific Surfliner	564
Pacific Surfliner	565
Pacific Surfliner	566
Pacific Surfliner	569
Pacific Surfliner	572
Pacific Surfliner	573
Pacific Surfliner	578
Pacific Surfliner	579
Pacific Surfliner	580
Pacific Surfliner	583
Pacific Surfliner	584
Pacific Surfliner	590
Pacific Surfliner	591
Pacific Surfliner	593
Pacific Surfliner	595

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Service	Train
Pacific Surfliner	763
Pacific Surfliner	767
Pacific Surfliner	768
Pacific Surfliner	774
Pacific Surfliner	777
Pacific Surfliner	782
Pacific Surfliner	785
Pacific Surfliner	792
Pacific Surfliner	796
Pacific Surfliner	1564
Pacific Surfliner	1565
Pacific Surfliner	1566
Pacific Surfliner	1569
Pacific Surfliner	1572
Pacific Surfliner	1573
Pacific Surfliner	1584
Pacific Surfliner	1590
Pacific Surfliner	1591
Pacific Surfliner	1761
Pacific Surfliner	1767
San Joaquins	701
San Joaquins	702
San Joaquins	703
San Joaquins	704
San Joaquins	710
San Joaquins	711
San Joaquins	712
San Joaquins	713
San Joaquins	714
San Joaquins	715
San Joaquins	716
San Joaquins	717
San Joaquins	718
San Joaquins	719
Southwest Chief	3
Southwest Chief	4
Sunset Limited	1
Sunset Limited	2
Texas Eagle	21
Texas Eagle	22