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## **AMTRAK *EMPIRE BUILDER* TO MAKE NEW STOP AT ICICLE STATION IN LEAVENWORTH, WASHINGTON**

First train providing daily passenger rail service set to arrive September 25

OAKLAND, Calif. – Amtrak and the City of Leavenworth, Wash., announced today that Amtrak’s *Empire Builder* service will provide daily passenger rail service to the community’s new Icicle Station beginning September 25, 2009.

“Amtrak is delighted to have a new station stop in Leavenworth that provides area residents rail transportation and *Empire Builder* passengers a unique travel destination,” said Kurt Laird, Amtrak District Superintendent, adding the first train to arrive will be traveling eastbound from Seattle to Chicago with the first westbound train stopping the following day.

“We have been working for some time with our partners at Amtrak and BNSF Railway to make Icicle Station and the return of rail passenger service to our community a reality,” said Rob Eaton, Leavenworth’s Mayor. “Our community has a long history with railroads and train service and we are truly thrilled to welcome Amtrak to Leavenworth and have the ability to offer passenger service to both our residents and visitors.”

Passengers can now make reservations and purchase tickets to travel to and from Leavenworth at the Icicle Station, at [Amtrak.com](http://Amtrak.com) or by calling 800-USA-RAIL.

**About Leavenworth**

Leavenworth, Washington State's Bavarian Village, is located in the eastern foothills of the Cascade Mountains. A four season destination, we welcome over 2 million visitors each year with our world famous festivals, wonderful hospitality, and outdoor recreational opportunities.

**About Amtrak**

Amtrak has posted six consecutive years of growth in ridership and revenue, carrying more than 28.7 million passengers in the last fiscal year. Amtrak provides intercity passenger rail service to more than 500 destinations in 46 states on a 21,000-mile route system. For schedules, fares and information, passengers may call 800-USA-RAIL or visit [Amtrak.com](http://Amtrak.com).

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