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AMTRAK *CASCADES* TO MAKE NEW STOP AT STANWOOD, WASHINGTON STATION Twice daily service begins November 21

SEATTLE – For the first time in 38 years, passenger rail service is returning to the community of Stanwood/Camano Island with daily Amtrak *Cascades* train service making two morning and two evening stops at a new rail station beginning the morning of Saturday, November 21.

“Amtrak is delighted to stop in Stanwood and provide residents with direct access to train travel and connections to our national network,” said Kurt Laird, Amtrak District Superintendent.

“The opening of this new station could not come at a better time with the 2010 Olympics right around the corner,” said Paula Hammond, Washington Transportation Secretary. “Not only does the new stop give the community of Stanwood/Camano Island access to Amtrak *Cascades* intercity passenger rail service—which means more travel options to Portland, Seattle, and Vancouver, B.C.—but it provides Olympics-bound travelers an alternative way of getting to the games in Vancouver, B.C.,” she added.

The \$5 million station project was funded by the state of Washington, is located on the corner of 271st Street NW and the BNSF main line tracks in downtown Stanwood, and is expected to boost the Stanwood-area tourism industry and spur local economic development near the station. Great Northern Railroad operated passenger rail service to Stanwood until 1971.

The new station is an unstaffed platform and will not have any ticketing capabilities. However, passengers have several different options for making reservations and purchasing tickets:

- Tickets can be purchased at staffed stations or at a station with a Quik Trak Self-Servicing kiosk. For a list of staffed stations or stations with Quik Trak capabilities, visit Amtrak.com.
- Reservations may be made and paid in advance by visiting Amtrak.com online or by calling (800) USA-RAIL.
- Reservations made and purchased online or by phone can be mailed to passengers if purchased at least ten days in advance of travel or may be picked up at a staffed station or a station with a Quik Trak machine.
- Passengers with a reservation confirmation number can also get their tickets onboard from the train conductor.
- Cross border travel information can be obtained by logging onto Amtrak.com, www.cbsa.gc.ca or www.cbp.gov.

Stanwood Station Schedule -

<p>Morning Departures:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Northbound Train #510 departs Stanwood 9:03 a.m. • Southbound Train #513 departs Stanwood at 9:18 a.m. <p>Evening Departures:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Northbound Train #516 departs Stanwood 8:14 p.m. • Southbound Train #517 departs Stanwood 8:25 p.m.* <p><i>* February 10 through March 31, 2010, Train #517 departs Stanwood Station at 10:25 p.m. This change is to allow passengers attending the Vancouver 2010 Olympic and Paralympics Winter Game more time at the venues during the day.</i></p>

Amtrak *Cascades* consists of four daily round-trips between Portland and Seattle, with service between Bellingham and Portland, via Seattle; between Eugene and Seattle, via Portland; and between Portland/Seattle and Vancouver, B.C. Amtrak *Cascades* is operated by Amtrak in partnership with the Washington and Oregon Departments of Transportation. For Amtrak *Cascades* fares and schedules, visit www.amtrakcascades.com.

About Amtrak

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