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BURKE CENTRE NOW AN AMTRAK STOP Tickets may be booked on Amtrak.com

RICHMOND & WASHINGTON, D.C. – Beginning January 18, Amtrak Virginia passengers have one more option when traveling on Amtrak’s *Northeast Regional* service from Lynchburg as the Burke Centre station becomes an Amtrak stop. Previously the station only provided connecting service for Virginia Railway Express passengers. With this new designation, passengers may now book travel to and from Burke Centre on Amtrak.com.

“By adding Burke Centre to the Amtrak system, the rail travel possibilities from central Virginia are significantly enhanced,” said Jay McArthur of Amtrak’s Policy and Development Department, noting that passengers may now book travel to and from Burke Centre to any of the more than 500 stations Amtrak serves.

“With this new stop in Fairfax County, we’re providing better access to Amtrak service in one of the most densely populated counties in Virginia,” said Charles M. Badger, Director of the Virginia Department of Rail and Public Transportation.

The *Northeast Regional* service between Lynchburg and the Northeast Corridor now has Virginia stops in Charlottesville, Culpeper, Manassas, Burke Centre and Alexandria. The stop at L’Enfant Plaza will continue to provide connecting service for Virginia Railway Express passengers. With the new rail service, which began October, 1, 2009, a passenger can now travel directly from Lynchburg to destinations as far north as Boston and never have to change trains.

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In addition, passengers who book now through March 17, 2010 may take advantage of a fare promotion which offers **up to 25 percent off** the lowest published coach fare on *Northeast Regional* service. Sample one-way fares include \$66 between Lynchburg and New York and \$71 between Lynchburg and Boston. See amtrakvirginia.com/hotdeals.aspx for details.

Reservations are required for travel and must be made at least 14 days in advance of travel.

Some restrictions apply. Tickets may be purchased at Amtrak.com or by calling 1-800-USA-RAIL.

Go to AmtrakVirginia.com for the latest information on all Virginia routes, special deals and tourist destinations.

About Amtrak Virginia

Amtrak Virginia is a program developed by the Virginia Department of Rail and Public Transportation (DRPT) and Amtrak to provide more rail travel choices in Virginia. With the addition of this new service, the train originates in Lynchburg for the first time ever. The new service promotes economic, tourism and environmental benefits. For reservations, visit Amtrak.com or call 1-800-USA-RAIL.

About Amtrak

As the nation's intercity passenger rail operator, Amtrak connects America in safer, greener and healthier ways. Last fiscal year (FY 2009), the railroad carried 27.2 million passengers, making it the second-best year in the company's history. With 21,000 route miles in 46 states, the District of Columbia and three Canadian provinces, Amtrak operates more than 300 trains each day—at speeds up to 150 mph—to more than 500 destinations. Amtrak also is the operator of choice for state-supported corridor services in 15 states and for four commuter rail agencies. Visit Amtrak.com or call 800-USA-RAIL for schedules, fares and more information.

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