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WSDOT launches new and improved Amtrak*Cascades.com* Web site

OLYMPIA - Today, the Washington State Department of Transportation (WSDOT) Graphic Communications team launched the new Amtrak*Cascades.com* Web site.

The new and improved Web site has been under construction since December 2008. The re-design was developed and built exclusively by WSDOT staff.

The new site has been designed to be more user-friendly and easier to navigate. It features the beautiful scenery and unique trains of the Amtrak *Cascades* service on the home page with a rotating flash photo gallery. More photos have been added to the site under the Photo Gallery and the 10th anniversary page and will be updated frequently with new photos. Many photos on the site were taken by WSDOT employees.

Other new features include an Interactive Route Map with more information about the stations and their cities; a pre-boarding checklist; Train Status box; and a new "Photo of the Week" contest. The Photo of the Week contest gives amateur photographers the opportunity to submit photos they have taken of Amtrak *Cascades* to be possibly featured on the new Web site.

Washington State is one of 13 states that provide operating funds to Amtrak for intercity passenger rail service. Amtrak *Cascades* is operated by Amtrak in partnership with the Washington and Oregon Departments of Transportation. For Amtrak *Cascades* fares and schedules, visit AmtrakCascades.com.

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