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# Media Advisory



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## **Track Work to Interrupt Amtrak *Downeaster* Passenger Rail Service For Several Weeks**

PORTLAND, Maine – A series of track improvement projects between Brunswick, ME and Dover, NH will cause changes and interruptions to Amtrak *Downeaster* passenger rail service beginning on September 8, 2018 and continue into mid-October.

As a result of these projects, which include the rehabilitation of several grade crossings and the replacement of 15,000 ties, the number of Amtrak *Downeaster* trains operating on weekdays will be limited, and Downeaster passengers traveling to or from stations between Brunswick, ME and Dover, NH can expect a portion of their journey to be operated by bus.

All trains are expected to operate on weekends, however passengers should anticipate construction-related delays. Most *Downeaster* fares have been reduced for impacted passengers during the construction period.

Because numerous projects will be conducted at various locations along the corridor, operating scenarios will vary throughout the construction period. Specific information related to planned service interruptions has been programmed into the Amtrak reservation system. *Downeaster* passengers traveling during the construction period should make reservations in advance of their travel date and pay close attention to travel alerts and information provided regarding their travel plans. Detailed station-specific information regarding *Downeaster* service interruptions can be found at [www.AmtrakDowneaster.com/construction](http://www.AmtrakDowneaster.com/construction).

### **About the Amtrak Downeaster**

The Amtrak Downeaster makes five round-trips daily between Portland, ME and Boston, MA with three trips each day extending to Freeport and Brunswick, ME. The service is operated by Amtrak under contract to the Northern New England Passenger Rail Authority.