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More Downeaster Trains on Track To Serve Freeport and Brunswick

PORTLAND, Maine – The Northern New England Passenger Rail Authority (NNEPRA), managing agency of the Amtrak Downeaster passenger rail service, has announced more train service to Freeport and Brunswick beginning Monday, November 12, 2018.

Currently, the Downeaster operates five (5) round-trips each day between Portland and Boston, with three (3) of those round-trips extending to Freeport and Brunswick. Beginning November 12, two (2) additional round trips will serve Freeport and Brunswick on weekdays (5 round trips total), with one additional trip on weekends (4 round-trips total).

NNEPRA officials believe that these additional trains will open new travel markets for Mainers traveling to/from Boston for business and leisure and will help boost tourist travel to Maine as well.

The addition of early morning southbound departures from Brunswick, which arrives in Boston before 8:00am each weekday (Train 680) and by 9:10am on weekends (Train 690), are expected to be popular with business travelers and those making other travel connections. The addition of Train 686, a new 1:30pm weekday departure from Brunswick, is a favorite for sports fans and concert-goers, as is the late-night northbound train from Boston (Train 689/699) which will terminate in Brunswick every day instead of just on Friday and Saturday.

Train 681, the daily 9:05am departure from Boston which currently terminates in Portland at 11:35am, will now extend through Freeport and terminate in Brunswick at 12:30pm each day. The first train from Boston currently does not arrive until in Brunswick until 4:25pm, so this new arrival should be particularly appealing to Freeport-bound travelers during the holiday shopping season.

For information regarding the Downeaster schedule, fares or to make reservations, visit AmtrakDowneaster.com.

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