

Lincoln Service and Texas Eagle



Illinois High Speed Rail Work Resumes April 16 - 25, May 1 - 10 and May 16 - 25

Starting April 16, The Illinois Department of Transportation (Illinois DOT) and Union Pacific Railroad will again be upgrading Illinois' signature high-speed route, Chicago-St. Louis, for future high-speed trains. This phase of the project will be performed during the three periods shown above and will affect the *Lincoln Service* and *Texas Eagle*. Details on the next phase will be provided as soon as they become available.

The temporary service changes described below will allow Union Pacific crews to improve infrastructure to enable the *Lincoln Service* trains to travel at speeds up to 110 mph (177 kph), an increase from the current maximum of 79 mph (127 kph). Illinois DOT and Amtrak are planning to preview higher speed trains in September 2012 from Dwight to Pontiac.

Lincoln Service

On **April 16 - 24, May 1 - 9 and May 16 - 24**, *Lincoln Service* trains will operate between Chicago and Springfield **only**. Alternate transportation will be provided between Springfield and St. Louis, as described below. Note: Due to limited availability, advance reservations are required.

Southbound Trains 301, 303, 305 and 307

- On April 16 - 24, May 1 - 9 and May 16 - 24, all passengers destined for, or making connections in, St. Louis will be provided express motorcoach service upon the train's arrival in Springfield.
- Passengers destined for Carlinville or Alton will be provided separate motorcoach service upon the train's arrival in Springfield.
- Note: Carlinville and Alton passengers will **not** be able to make connections to Train 313 in St. Louis. Alton passengers can make reservations aboard Train 301 to make connections with Train 313, destined to Kansas City and intermediate stations.

Northbound Trains 300, 302, 304 and 306

- On April 16 - 24, May 1 - 9 and May 16 - 24, all passengers boarding at St. Louis who are destined for Springfield and points north will be provided express motorcoach service directly to Springfield, where they can board the train. Motorcoach service will depart **20 minutes earlier** than the train's normal departure time.
- All passengers boarding at Alton and Carlinville will be provided alternate transportation to Springfield, where they can board the train. Alternate transportation will **depart Alton one hour and 15 minutes earlier** than the times shown in Amtrak printed timetables and **50 minutes earlier from Carlinville**.
- All passengers scheduled to board the train at St. Louis who are traveling to Alton or Carlinville will be provided alternate transportation, which will operate according to the scheduled of Train 304 and 322.

April 16, May 1 and May 16 Exceptions: Train 300 will operate according to the normal schedule on April 16, May 1 and May 16.

April 25, May 10 and May 25 Exceptions: Passengers scheduled to board Trains 300 and 302 will be provided motorcoach service from St. Louis to Springfield on April 25, May 10 and May 25.

Texas Eagle Trains 21/321/421 and 22/322/422

On **April 16 - 24, May 1 - 9 and May 16 - 24**, the *Texas Eagle* will operate **non-stop** between Chicago and St. Louis and will **not** serve any intermediate stations. Alternate transportation will be provided, as described below:

Westbound Texas Eagle Trains 21/321/421

- Motorcoaches will serve all Illinois stations with the exception of Chicago. Motorcoach service will start at Joliet with a departure time of 1:30 p.m. and will make all stops on a modified schedule.
- Train 21/321/421 will operate on a **later** schedule from St. Louis to Little Rock.

Eastbound Texas Eagle Train 22/322/422

- Passengers will be provided alternate transportation between St. Louis and Joliet using a modified schedule.
- Train 22/322/422 will operate **earlier** from Little Rock to St. Louis.

Thank you for traveling with Amtrak. We appreciate your patronage and apologize for any inconvenience you may experience. Reservations and train status information is available on Amtrak.com, our free iPhone app and at 1-800-USA-RAIL (1-800-872-7245).