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'TRACKS ARE BACK' CHICAGO-ST. LOUIS CELEBRATION Save 15 percent on Amtrak *Lincoln Service* travel through Oct. 3

CHICAGO – Amtrak is announcing the completion of recent track improvement work and would like to thank passengers for patience while we enhance our services between Chicago and St. Louis. The completion of this season's upgrades to Union Pacific's tracks means all five round-trips on the corridor will be by train – without scheduled detours or chartered motorcoaches. A "Tracks are Back" discount ticket promotion is our way of saying thanks.

With a purchase by the end of this month and travel by Oct. 3, 15 percent savings are available by visiting Amtrak.com and choosing this promotion under the Deals tab to take advantage of discounted fares on the eight *Lincoln Service* trains. Restrictions apply, which include a three-day advance purchase requirement disclosed with the promotion.

Adult fares each way from Chicago are as low as \$11.05 to Bloomington-Normal, \$15.30 to Springfield and \$24 to St. Louis. From St. Louis, adult fares each way are as low as \$11.05 to Springfield, \$13.60 to Bloomington-Normal and \$20.40 to Chicago.

The Federal Railroad Administration (FRA) selected Illinois to receive \$1.1 billion for corridor improvements to bring 110 mph (177 kph) passenger rail service to Illinois by 2014. The State of Illinois showed its financial commitment by providing more than \$42 million in capital funding. Earlier this year, Illinois was selected by to receive \$186.3 million in additional FRA funds to further upgrade the route and provide high speed service between Dwight and Joliet.

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