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Elected Officials Commend Construction of New Amtrak Rail Passing

JEFFERSON CITY—Senator David Pearce (R-Warrensburg) today announced his support of Amtrak’s new construction project that will add a 9,000-foot railroad siding along the route used by Amtrak *Missouri River Runner* trains between Kansas City and St. Louis.

Construction began yesterday (4/27) on the new track, which will be located just west of California, Mo. The siding will help relieve congestion caused by a 25-mile stretch of single track by allowing slower freight trains to move aside for faster Amtrak trains to pass.

“Expanding the track is a very important step as the new rail pass will help better serve the transportation needs of our 31st Senatorial District,” Sen. Pearce said. “As traveling across the state by rail becomes more popular, it is critical that we take measures to ensure prompt, reliable service.”

The additional track is expected to reduce delays by 17 percent annually after its projected completion this December.

“This project will improve on-time performance for Warrensburg passengers and increase safety for all Amtrak riders,” Rep. Denny Hoskins (R-121) said.

The construction project is a collaboration among the State of Missouri, Union Pacific Railroad and Amtrak.



Pictured at the ground-breaking ceremony for the new stretch of rail line are, left to right, Ben Jones (Union Pacific), John Bueschel (Amtrak), Sen. David Pearce, Rep. Denny Hoskins and Brian Weiler (MoDOT).

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