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AMTRAK *ETHAN ALLEN EXPRESS* TO PROVIDE SERVICE AT RENOVATED CASTLETON, VERMONT DEPOT New service begins January 2, 2010, replaces Fair Haven stop

CASTLETON, Vt. – As the result of growing and anticipated demand for passenger rail service to Castleton State College and Lake Bomoseen, Amtrak and the Vermont Agency of Transportation announced today that state-supported *Ethan Allen Express* trains will make twice daily stops at the recently renovated Castleton, Vt. station beginning January 2, 2010.

The southbound *Ethan Allen Express*, train #292 scheduled to arrive Saturday at 11:02 a.m., will be the first train to officially stop at the station. The historically refurbished Castleton Depot, originally built in 1850, is replacing the small outdoor Fair Haven stop which will continue to accept passengers through January 9, 2010.

“The new station is beautifully remodeled and will offer Amtrak passengers first-class accommodations,” said Vermont Agency of Transportation Secretary David Dill. “Castleton is a perfect location for a train stop as the college is right down the street and picturesque Lake Bomoseen is just a stone’s throw from the village.”



The Castleton Depot is privately owned by Mary Ann and Val Jakubowski whose family purchased the property from the Delaware and Hudson Railroad in 1966 and began renovations in 2005. The rehabilitated station offers passengers an indoor waiting room, complimentary parking and meets accessibility requirements of the Americans with Disabilities Act.

In addition, it provides convenient access to the downtown area and will be open one hour prior to scheduled arrivals and departures of *Ethan Allen Express* trains that operate between Rutland, Vt. and New York, N.Y. via Albany, N.Y. The Green Mountain Country Depot deli, bakery, and coffee shop also is located in the building. Amtrak and the Vermont

Agency of Transportation will be working to enhance station parking capacity and upgrade the existing platforms at the renovated facility.

“Amtrak is delighted to have a new station stop in Castleton that provides area residents direct access to rail transportation and visitors a connection to area attractions,” said Michael DeCataldo, Amtrak General Superintendent Northeast Division.

New *Ethan Allen Express* schedule (As of 01/02/2010):

290	292	296		Train Number		291	293
Mo-Fr	Sa	Su		Days of Operation		Ex Fr	Fr
7 40A	1035A	445P		Rutland, VT		905P	1130P
8 07A	1102A	512P		Castleton, VT		828P	1053P
9 22A	1222P	636P		Ft Edward-Glen Falls, NY		713P	9 38P
9 43A	1243P	657P		Saratoga Springs, NY		652P	9 17P
1023A	1 15P	728P		Schenectady, NY		624P	8 49P
1050A	1 45P	750P		Albany-Rensselaer, NY		600P	8 15P
1130A	2 30P	830P		Hudson, NY		515P	7 48P
1151A	2 51P	851P		Rhinecliff-Kingston, NY		452P	7 25P
1205P	3 05P	905P		Poughkeepsie, NY		438P	7 10P
1245P	3 45P	945P		Croton-Harmon, NY		358P	6 24P
1 04P	4 04P	1004P		Yonkers, NY		339P	
1 35P	4 35P	1035P		New York, NY		315P	5 40P

Castleton Depot Ticketing:

The Depot will be unstaffed; however passengers have several different options for making reservations and purchasing tickets:

- Tickets can be purchased at staffed stations or at a station with a Quik-Trak Self-Servicing kiosk. For a list of staffed stations or stations with Quik-Trak capabilities, visit Amtrak.com.
- Reservations may be made and paid in advance by visiting Amtrak.com online or by calling (800) USA-RAIL.
- Reservations made and purchased online or by phone can be mailed to passengers if purchased at least ten days in advance of travel or may be picked up at a staffed station or a station with a Quik-Trak machine.

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