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## **Statement Regarding Restoration of Gulf Coast Rail Service**

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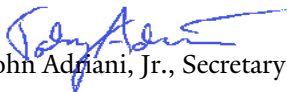
The Louisiana Association of Railroad Passengers (LARP) congratulates the Southern Rail Commission (SRC), Amtrak, and the Rail Passengers Association (RPA) on this most successful first day of Mardi Gras Service.

Every group, from the grassroots campaigners to the Surface Transportation Board (STB) and Federal Railroad Administration (FRA), must be commended for their steadfast commitment to restoring service between New Orleans, Louisiana and Mobile, Alabama.

LARP believes that passenger rail, both long-distance and intercity, is vital to the economic well-being of all those whom it serves and their communities. Passenger rail service should always be about the riders, and we hope that all involved with today's success remain mindful that rider must be guaranteed on-time arrival at every stop along the way, every trip, every day.

To help ensure the best possible chance for the for the Mardi Gras Service's long-term success, corridor improvements, which remain to be completed, must not be forgotten or abandoned.

LARP maintains it call for the SRC, Amtrak, and all other interested parties along the corridor, to upgrade the corridor to a standard which guarantees not only reliable on-time performance, but also fosters corridor demand, growth, and increased frequency of service.

  
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