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CELEBRATE PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION AND TRAINS IN YUMA ON SATURDAY, MAY 10, 2014 WITH NATIONAL TRAIN DAY

*Great opportunity to learn about Amtrak, Yuma County Area Transit and other
transportation options*

YUMA, AZ (May 1, 2014) - On Saturday, May 10, 2014, Yuma County Intergovernmental Public Transportation Authority (YCIPTA) in conjunction with Amtrak invites America to celebrate the many benefits trains bring to the nation at the seventh annual [National Train Day](#) on May 10, 2014. Trains are an integral part of daily American life and connect communities, provide jobs and economic development, support local businesses and attract funds for infrastructure improvement. From big cities to small towns, coast to coast and border to border, trains matter.

The event will be held at the Quartermaster Depot State Historical Park, 201 N. 4th Avenue, Yuma, On Saturday, May 10th,, 20143 from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. This event is sponsored by YCIPTA, City of Yuma, Yuma Visitors Bureau, Yuma Crossing National Heritage Area Corporation, Yuma Live Steamers and Yuma Model Railroaders Club.

“Trains have long been important to the growth and prosperity of our nation and today Amtrak supports our national economy and connectivity by moving America where it wants to go,” said Amtrak President and CEO Joe Boardman.

“Amtrak is America’s Railroad. Trains came first, long before the interstate and the airport,” said John Andoh, Transit Director, YCIPTA. “From a presidential candidate campaigning across the country to a young scholar leaving home for school, trains take us where we need to go. They are important and should be celebrated.”

Boardman added that rail travel is a vital transportation alternative that is cost-efficient, environmentally friendly and in high public demand. In addition, intercity passenger trains matter because they connect rural communities with major

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metropolitan areas and afford passengers more than 500 destinations – an option that has become increasingly important as airline and bus companies reduce service to significant regions of America.

Event offerings will include train equipment displays, jump houses, informational booths, interactive booths, model train displays, historic train displays throughout the grounds and family-friendly activities. People will be able to tour the Historic Quartermaster Depot and, Pivot Point where trains first crossed into Yuma and come see the actual event inside the Supply Warehouse.

There will be door prizes and a special raffle where attendees can win a round trip train ride from Yuma to Los Angeles, provided by Amtrak with shuttle services to and from the Amtrak station, provided by First Class Shuttle.

Additional details on National Train Day events are available at NationalTrainDay.com. In addition, rail passengers and enthusiasts are invited to share why trains matter to them via [Facebook](#) or [@natltrainday](#).

Take YCAT to the event – visit www.ycat.az.gov for more information and to use the Google Trip Planner. For YCAT transit information and YCAT OnCall reservations call 928-783-2235. You can also visit the YCAT online at www.ycat.az.gov.

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About Yuma County Intergovernmental Public Transportation Authority

YCIPTA is the public transportation provider for Yuma County, formed as an intergovernmental public transportation authority as defined in the Arizona Revised Statutes by the Yuma County Board of Supervisors, YCIPTA is governed by a nine member Board of Directors consisting of all of the municipalities, the County government, Indian tribes and higher educational institution in Yuma County. 381,000 passengers' trips were made on YCAT buses in FY 2013. YCIPTA operates, maintains and administers Yuma County Area Transit (YCAT) fixed route, deviated fixed route, vanpool and paratransit services and contracts services to Transportation

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