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AMTRAK OFFERING WALK-UP BIKE SERVICE FOR TRAVEL TO RICHMOND Reserve early; limited space available

WASHINGTON – Amtrak and the Virginia Department of Rail and Public Transportation (DRPT) will offer [walk-up bike service](#) at select stations for passengers traveling on the [Northeast Regional](#) from Philadelphia to Richmond, Va. Tickets for this special service are now available for travel from Sept. 15 to 30; the walk-up bike feature is being offered in conjunction with the [2015 UCI Road World Championships](#).

The enhanced service provides passengers with a way to travel to Virginia’s capital city with their bikes and without the hassles of driving and parking for the championships by allowing bikes to be handed to an Amtrak crew member and hung on a rack in the baggage cars. The service is being offered on travel from Philadelphia, Baltimore/Penn Station, Wilmington, Del., Washington, D.C., and Alexandria, Va., to Richmond’s Staples Mill Road and Main Street Stations. There is a \$25 bike handling fee.

Staffed stations that currently have boxed bike service will continue to offer this service. Standard bike policy and charges apply on trains where applicable.

Passengers must reserve their bikes by selecting “add bike” when they book their train travel. Reservations for the walk-up bike service can be made by visiting <http://www.amtrak.com/UCIBikes>. Reserve early as space is limited.

“We have facilitated this special walk-up bike service specifically for passengers who wish to attend the UCI Road World Championships in Richmond,” said Jennifer Mitchell, Director of DRPT. “Passengers and their bikes can disembark at both Amtrak stations in Richmond and have convenient access to all the events related to races.”

“Amtrak is excited to work with the Commonwealth to offer this new bike service, providing easy and convenient transportation to the UCI World Championship,” said Jay McArthur, Amtrak Senior manager state corridor services.

America’s Railroad® is a convenient way for families and leisure travelers to visit Richmond and other areas of Virginia to take advantage of cultural activities and events without worrying about vehicle traffic or hassles.

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