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## NEW SERVICE PROVIDES AMTRAK PASSENGERS ACCESS TO EASTERN NORTH CAROLINA

Tickets now available for Thruway service that will start on October 3

WASHINGTON – Starting Oct. 3, Amtrak is establishing two new Thruway bus service routes to Eastern North Carolina, one serving the communities of Greenville, New Bern, Havelock and Morehead City, and a second serving Goldsboro, Kinston, Jacksonville and Wilmington. Both routes will connect with the Amtrak *Palmetto* train service at the Amtrak Station in Wilson, N.C.

“The new Thruway bus services are an important connection that will bring Amtrak passengers to Eastern North Carolina communities and provide expanded transportation options for the people in the region,” said Amtrak President & CEO Joe Boardman.

6189	Connections	6190
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2:45 p.m.	Wilson Train Station 401 E. Nash St.	1:38 p.m.
3:35 p.m.	Goldsboro 1615 E. Beech St.	12:57 p.m.
4:14 p.m.	Kinston 101 E. New Bern Rd.	12:13 p.m.
5:22 p.m.	Jacksonville 850 New Bridge St.	11:08 a.m.
6:37 p.m.	Wilmington 505 Cando St.	9:48 a.m.

6089	Connections	6090
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2:45 p.m.	Wilson Train Station 401 E. Nash St.	1:27 p.m.
3:47 p.m.	Greenville SE Corner of 2 <sup>nd</sup> & Reade St.	12:32 p.m.
4:56 p.m.	New Bern 203 S. Front St.	11:24 a.m.
5:26 p.m.	Havelock 201 Tourist Center Drive	10:49 a.m.
5:57 p.m.	Morehead City 1001 Arendell St.	10:10 a.m.

The *Palmetto* operates twice daily serving 20 stations between New York and Savannah, Ga. and also provides access to the Amtrak national network serving more than 500 stations in 46 states, the District of Columbia and three Canadian provinces. *Palmetto* Train 89 (NYP – SAV) departs the Wilson Station at 2:22 p.m. and *Palmetto* Train 90 (SAV – NYP) departs the Wilson Station at 2:23 p.m.

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Passengers may book travel now by calling 1-800-USA-RAIL. Tickets will also be available on [Amtrak.com](http://Amtrak.com) and the [mobile app](#) starting Tuesday, Sept. 4. The Thruway bus service will utilize the new eTicketing system that allows passengers to print their tickets whenever, wherever or by using a smartphone to present the eTicket to the conductor. It also allows passengers increased flexibility to make or change reservations.

Using safe, modern, clean and comfortable intercity motorcoach equipment, Amtrak Thruway service will provide easy, convenient coordinated train/bus connections. Based on successful models in many other states, the Eastern North Carolina expansion will work well to serve these diverse communities and destinations.

The new Thruway service routes will provide service to colleges and universities, major military installations, and a number of cities and communities that have limited intercity public transportation options.

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