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## **All Aboard! City of Fort Pierce Welcomes Amtrak Florida East Coast Miami – Jacksonville Inspection Trip**

On Saturday, May 1, 2010, 12:15 p.m., a northbound Amtrak passenger train will stop in Downtown Fort Pierce on the Florida East Coast Rail System. The 5-minute stop will allow for boarding and detraining on the east side of the Avenue A rail crossing. Local public officials, Amtrak representatives, Rail America staff and interested parties will travel the 326 mile route on the inspection trip of the 8 proposed stations.

The one-way passenger service event to St. Augustine is being coordinated by the Treasure Coast Regional Planning Council in conjunction with Amtrak officials. The joint rail trip is to explore opportunities for partnerships with the State of Florida and the Florida East Coast Railway for the development of intercity passenger rail corridor service between Jacksonville and Miami Florida.

The public is invited to come to the 5-minute 'whistle stop' and show their support to Amtrak and State officials for a station in Fort Pierce. A special 'surprise' appearance from Fort Pierce's past will accompany the train's arrival in Downtown Fort Pierce.

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