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STATEMENT BY AMTRAK PRESIDENT DAVID L. GUNN ON THE TENTATIVE \$1.2 BILLION FEDERAL FUNDING LEVEL

WASHINGTON – Amtrak President David L. Gunn made the following statement today concerning the tentative agreement by the House and Senate conference committee on Amtrak’s federal funding of \$1.2 billion for FY ’04:

“I appreciate the efforts of the governors, mayors, state legislators and others who advocated for adequate funding for Amtrak. I especially want to thank Senators Murray Byrd, Hutchison, Specter and Hollings and Representatives Bill Young, Obey, Olver, Quinn and Sweeney for their support.

“This number will allow us to continue to operate the national system. However, we will have to assess the impact of this funding level on our current budget over the next month or so.”

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