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BOGO vouchers available for Amtrak Cascades line

CORVALLIS, Ore. – Amtrak is offering a two-for-one Companion Fare promotion between Oct. 3, 2016 and Apr. 27, 2017. The promotion is a “buy one, get one” for adult fares anywhere on the Amtrak Cascades line between Eugene, Oregon to Vancouver, British Columbia.

Passengers will need a special discount code to order tickets online, and certain blackout dates apply. The promotion requires advance reservations, and passengers traveling through to Canada must have a U.S. passport. Children 2-12 may travel at half the regular adult fare but the “buy one, get one” promotion does not apply.

All required information is summarized on a voucher that is available through Benton County Rural/Special Transportation. Email Lee.Lazaro@corvallisoregon.gov or call 541-754-1748 to claim the discount code voucher as well as an Amtrak travel planning brochure.

Vouchers will be sent via postal mail or can be reserved by picked up in-person at Benton County Rural/Special Transportation, by calling ahead. Limited quantities are available and will be provided on a first-come, first-serve basis.

In other Amtrak-related news, the Coast to Valley Express, co-operated by Benton and Lincoln County Transportation, makes two trips a day, seven days a week, to the Albany Amtrak station.

The Express recently modified afternoon schedules to depart Newport and arrive at the Amtrak station a half-hour earlier than the previous schedule. This new schedule fits more closely with updated scheduled arrivals of certain Amtrak Cascades trains and Thruway buses, and better accommodates Amtrak passengers. The schedule is available at <https://www.co.benton.or.us/publicworks/page/coast-valley-schedule>.

Additionally, planning work continues on a new Corvallis-Amtrak Connector express bus route which will further improve service to Corvallis residents travelling to the Albany Amtrak station. Over the next few months, a series of public meetings will be held to gather community input on pick-up locations, schedules, and fares. These will be

announced through local media and a press release. Amtrak passengers and interested members of the public are encouraged to attend one of these meetings.

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