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## **GOVERNOR CULVER'S IOWA UNLIMITED MOVES THROUGH SOUTHERN IOWA NEXT WEEK**

### *Train to promote investment in Iowa's rail network*

DES MOINES – Governor Chet Culver's *Iowa Unlimited* is ready to roll once more, this time with stops throughout Southern Iowa on Wednesday, Sept. 23. Governor Culver will highlight the importance of investment in passenger and freight rail during stops in Creston, Osceola, Albia, Ottumwa, Fairfield, and Mount Pleasant before concluding with an event in Burlington.

Traveling with the Governor on next Wednesday will be state transportation officials, advocates for rail investment, and community leaders.

"Infrastructure is more than just roads and bridges, it is airways, waterways, trails, and -- of course -- rail," said Governor Culver. "The *Iowa Unlimited* has traveled from one side of the state to the other promoting the need for rail investment, which helps grow our economy and brings jobs to communities large and small. I am looking forward to traveling through Southern Iowa, and talking about the importance of maintaining and improving Iowa's freight and passenger rail systems and meeting with Iowans about the future of our state."

Governor Culver's *Iowa Unlimited* took its inaugural trip in June with stops between Des Moines and Council Bluffs. In July, the special train went between Iowa City and the Quad Cities before going on to Chicago, where the Governor met with Governors from other states to talk about the expansion of passenger routes throughout the Midwest. The southern Iowa trip will focus primarily on investment in Iowa's rail system, and how investment today will pay dividends in the future.

To help spur these efforts, Governor Culver's signature legislative accomplishment -- the I-JOBS Initiative -- includes \$10 million for multi-modal transportation projects in Iowa, including \$3 million for expanded passenger rail service in the state. In addition, the Iowa Department of Transportation is competing for federal rail funds under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009.

Governor Culver's *Iowa Unlimited* is being provided thanks to the generous efforts of the Burlington Northern Santa Fe Railroad.

Below is the timetable for the *Iowa Unlimited*.

**WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 23**

- 7:30 a.m.                      Sendoff event for Governor Culver's *Iowa Unlimited* in Creston  
Old Depot – City Hall  
116. W. Adams  
Creston, IA
- 9:00 a.m.                      Governor Culver's *Iowa Unlimited* stops in Osceola  
Amtrak Station  
Main Street and East Clay  
Osceola, IA
- 10:30 a.m.                     Governor Culver's *Iowa Unlimited* stops in Albia  
North 3<sup>rd</sup> Street Rail Crossing  
Albia, IA
- 11:30 a.m.  
lunch in Ottumwa             Governor Culver's *Iowa Unlimited* stops for a community potluck  
  
Amtrak Station  
210 W. Main Street  
Ottumwa, IA
- 1:15 p.m.                      Governor Culver's *Iowa Unlimited* stops in Fairfield  
Howard Park  
North Main and Grimes  
Fairfield, IA
- 2:15 p.m.                      Governor Culver's *Iowa Unlimited* stops in Mt. Pleasant  
Amtrak Depot  
418 N. Adams  
Mt. Pleasant, IA
- 3:45 p.m.                      Governor Culver's *Iowa Unlimited* stops in Burlington  
Amtrak Station  
300 South Main Street  
Burlington, IA

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