

## **Amtrak ridership growing faster than airlines, report says**

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**WASHINGTON** - In September 2007, Amtrak boardings increased 8.4 percent for the month and 7.1 percent for the year-to-date, according to the Travel Industry Association of America's latest Industry Performance Indicators report. The IPI are a set of monthly measurements that provide a quick snapshot of recent trends in travel-related industry segments. Data are obtained from both the private sector and government sources. The same report indicated domestic air passenger boardings rose 1.8 percent over the previous year and year-to-date, while the demand for motor gas rose just 0.2 percent and 0.9 percent respectively. Public demand for the rail travel option is now growing faster than that of the travel industry as a whole, even while the supply of seats on Amtrak is constrained in many markets by limited frequencies and shortened train consists.