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## **ARC Moves Amtrak Next-Generation Acela Rail Car Shells to Baltimore**

BALTIMORE, MARYLAND – American Roll-on Roll-off Carrier completed its first discharge of rail car body shells from the Ro-Ro vessel *Patriot* for the much-anticipated Amtrak Next-Generation Acela project today at the port of Baltimore.

Amtrak is investing \$2.4 billion to replace its popular Acela trains and has contracted with Alstom SA (a French multinational company operating worldwide in rail transport markets) to produce 28 next-generation high-speed trainsets that will replace Amtrak’s aging first-generation high-speed rail effort.

These next generation Acela car body shells will continue to arrive on ARC vessels at the Port of Baltimore over the course of the next several years where they will then be transported to Alstom’s historic 150-year-old manufacturing facility in Hornell, NY to be fitted out and built into finished train sets.

ARC worked closely on the shipment with forwarder Deugro (USA), Inc. on behalf of the manufacturer Alstom. The “Avelia Liberty” trainsets are based on Alstom’s AGV technology, also in use in Italy.

The updated Acela trains will hold about 380 people, which is about 25% more passengers than the current Acela trains, travel faster, have modern amenities, and will be safer – with enhanced Federal Rail Administration Tier III passenger equipment safety standards and Crash Energy Management (CEM) technology.

The first prototype of the new trainsets will be ready in 2019, with the first trainsets entering full service on the Northeast Corridor between Boston and Washington, DC in 2021. All of the trainsets are expected to be in service, and the legacy fleet retired, by the end of 2022.

### About ARC

ARC is the largest U.S.-flag roll-on roll-off (Ro-Ro) carrier, and the third largest U.S.-flag carrier operating in international trade. The company provides American-owned, managed, and crewed Ro-Ro shipping and intermodal services committed to the requirements of the Department of Defense, other U.S. government departments and agencies, and commercial customers.

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