

**May 22, 1989**

**New Atlantic City  
Rail Terminal  
Dedication**

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**Amtrak Inaugural  
Celebration**



Host:  
Atlantic County  
Improvement Authority (ACIA)





# Welcome!

When the first "Camden and Atlantic City Railroad Company" train steamed out of the Camden, New Jersey terminal on July 4, 1854 it touched-off a building and land boom in Atlantic City and throughout Southern New Jersey from Delaware Bay to the Atlantic Ocean.

Towns were born along the rail line. The glass industries of Winslow, Hammonton, Batsto and Weymouth flourished. And Atlantic City's beaches were suddenly within easy reach of the heavily populated Philadelphia area. Later, this seaside resort became the "playground" of the industrial revolution as America's working masses and industrial giants alike took a liking to Atlantic City as a choice for spending their vacations and free time.

As an ideal site for conventions with its seaside location, developing hotel amenities and attractions, Atlantic City - from the early 1900's on - set the pace for development of the national convention and trade exposition industry, now rated in excess of \$32 Billion annually. Our uniquely beautiful Boardwalk Convention Hall, dedicated in 1929 (Restored through our Authority's "Renaissance II" project in 1986) was the nation's first full-service convention/exposition facility and an engineering marvel with a rich, colorful history of achievement.

All of that - and so much more - was made possible by the advent of the railroad service to Atlantic City.

Today - following a long absence - the railroad system again begins service to Atlantic City and Southern New Jersey.

You and everyone present are part of history in-the-making as we celebrate the re-birth of rail transportation with Amtrak's inaugural service from Philadelphia, Washington, DC and New York City. At the same time, we dedicate this magnificent rail terminal, designed by TAT/SSVK, Architects, with construction management services provided by Gilbane/URS Engineers.

Today's ceremony also marks the merging of two elements vital to the future of Atlantic City: Quality, mass transportation and major Convention facilities. For what you now see is but the tip of the iceberg. This rail terminal physically represents but a very small portion of the giant, 25-acre rail terminal/convention center complex to be completed on this site, along with an 800-1,000-room non-casino hotel.

The convention center will offer over 500,000 square feet of exhibit space, plus 42 meeting rooms, registration areas and parking for 1,600 cars. This expansive facility, along with continuing development in convention hotels, casino entertainment and air service should restore Atlantic City's ability to again compete in the national convention marketplace.

We certainly thank you for joining us and want you to enjoy this very special day.

On behalf of the Atlantic County Improvement Authority, the many Federal, State and local officials who helped make this all possible, and the entire Greater Atlantic City Hospitality Industry, we wish to extend our most sincere "Thanks" and a warm "Welcome" to the people of Amtrak and New Jersey Transit/Rail Services who will be the principal occupants of this new rail terminal. We also extend our deep appreciation to the army of workers and professionals who did such an outstanding job of building an entire new track system, a brand-new station . . . and a phenomenal, new outlook for Atlantic City and Southern New Jersey.

"All aboard!"

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**ATLANTIC COUNTY IMPROVEMENT AUTHORITY**  
**Michael A. Donio, Chairman**  
**Robert P. Gross, Executive Director**



# Program

Master of Ceremonies  
Michael A. Donio, Chairman  
Atlantic County Improvement Authority

## **1:30 PM - 2:30 PM Amtrak Inaugural Ceremony**

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Arrival of trains  
from New York City  
and Washington, D.C.  
via Philadelphia

### **Speakers:**

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James L. Usry  
Mayor of Atlantic City

Walter Collette  
President - Atlantic City Council

Richard E. Squires  
Atlantic County Executive

Frank R. Lautenberg  
U.S. Senator

William J. Hughes  
U.S. Congressman

Hazel Gluck  
Commissioner - N.J. Department of  
Transportation

Thomas D. Carver  
President - Casino Association of  
New Jersey

W. Graham Claytor, Jr.  
President - AMTRAK

William L. Gormley  
N.J. State Senator

### **Ribbon Cutting:**

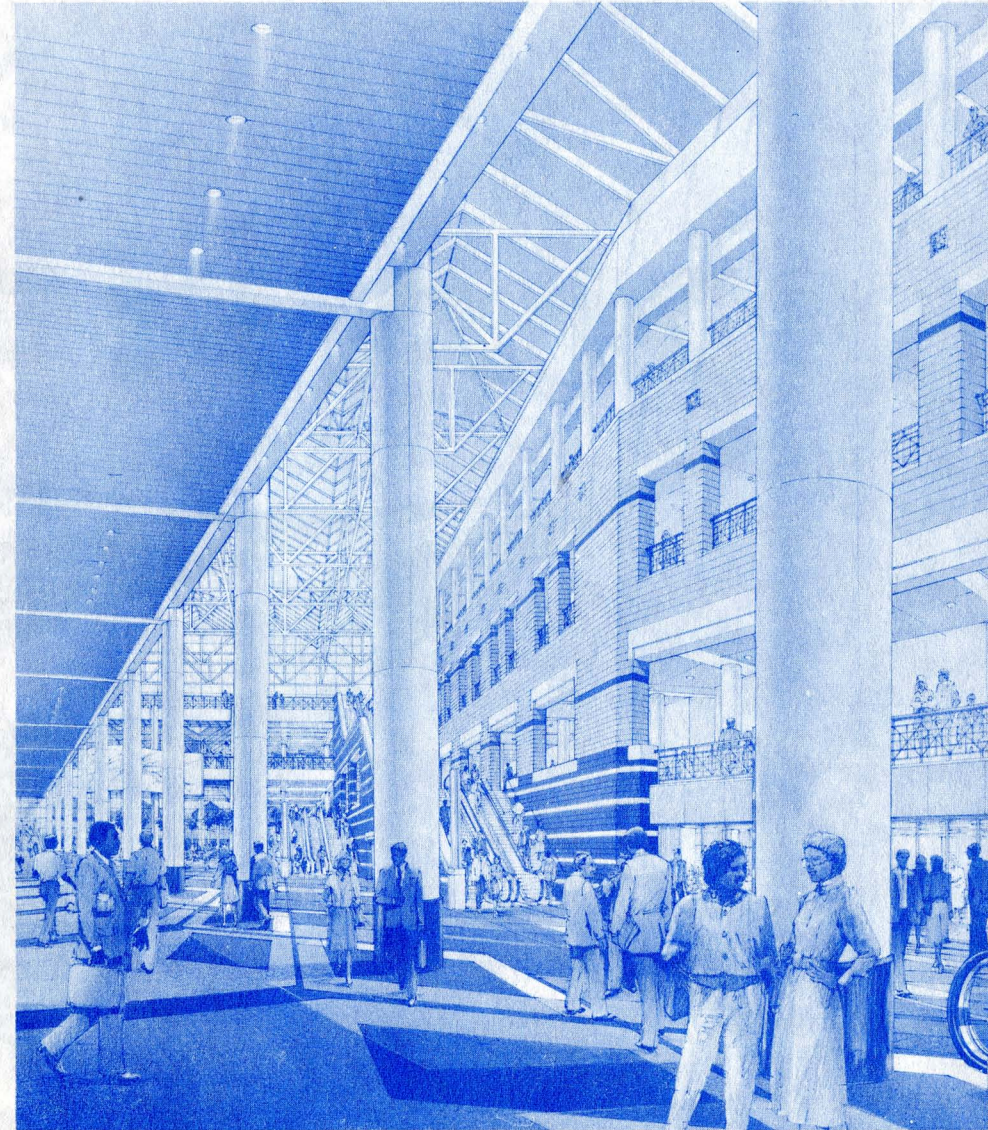
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Dedication of new  
Atlantic City Rail Terminal

### **Buses Depart For Boardwalk & Marina:**

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Please see back of program  
for important Transportation notes.





# Acknowledgements

The following dignitaries, seated on the dais, are listed in alphabetical order.

Charles O. Berlinghof  
*Vice President Gilbane Building Company*

Carl E. Briscoe  
*Atlantic City Business Administrator*

Lillian E. Bryant  
*Atlantic County Freeholder*

Thomas Carver  
*President/Casino Association of N.J.*

W. Graham Claytor, Jr.  
*President of Amtrak*

Walter Collette  
*President/Atlantic City Council*

Kirk W. Conover  
*Atlantic County Freeholder*

Dolores Cooper  
*Second District, N.J. Assembly*

Michael Donio  
*Chairman/ACIA*

Gene Dorn  
*Atlantic City Councilman*

Ralph J. Fichetola  
*Atlantic County Freeholder*

John F. Gaffney, Chairman  
*Atlantic County Freeholder-at-Large*

Frank Glaser  
*Chairman/ACTA*

Hazel Gluck  
*Commissioner/N.J. Dept. of Transportation*

William L. Gormley  
*N.J. State Senator*

Robert Gross  
*Executive Director/ACIA*

Seth Grossman  
*Atlantic County Freeholder*

Dr. Juanita High  
*Commissioner ACIA*

John J. Holzmermer  
*ACIA Assistant Secretary*

William Hughes  
*U.S. Congressman*

John C. Kelley  
*Atlantic City Councilman*

J. Edward Kline  
*Second District, N.J. Assembly*

Frank Lautenberg  
*U.S. Senator*

Wade Lawson  
*Executive Director/ACTA*

Dennis Levinson  
*Atlantic County Freeholder-at-Large*

John J. Mahoney  
*Atlantic County Freeholder-at-Large*

Edward P. McGettigan  
*ACIA Commissioner*

Frederick P. Nickles  
*Atlantic County Freeholder*

Sister Grace Nolan, RSM  
*Secretary ACIA*

Arnold Orsatti  
*Atlantic City Councilman*

Louise Palmentieri  
*Atlantic City Councilwoman*

Howard Persina  
*Executive Director ACCCA*

Walter Rand  
*N.J. State Senator*

Robert D. Reynolds  
*ACIA Treasurer*

Gilbert Rosenthal  
*TAT/SSVK Architects/Engineers*

Dominick Servedio  
*TAT/SSVK Architects/Engineers*

Andrew A. Solari  
*Atlantic County Vice Chairman  
Freeholder-at-Large*

Richard E. Squires  
*Atlantic County Executive*

James Sykes  
*Atlantic City Councilman*

Thomas Sykes  
*Chairman ACCCA Board of Directors*

Martin Tanzer  
*Executive VP/URS Consultants*

Thomas Todd  
*TAT/SSVK Architects/Engineers*

Charles Tomlinson  
*TAT/SSVK Architects/Engineers*

Harold R. Tyson  
*Vice Chairman ACIA*

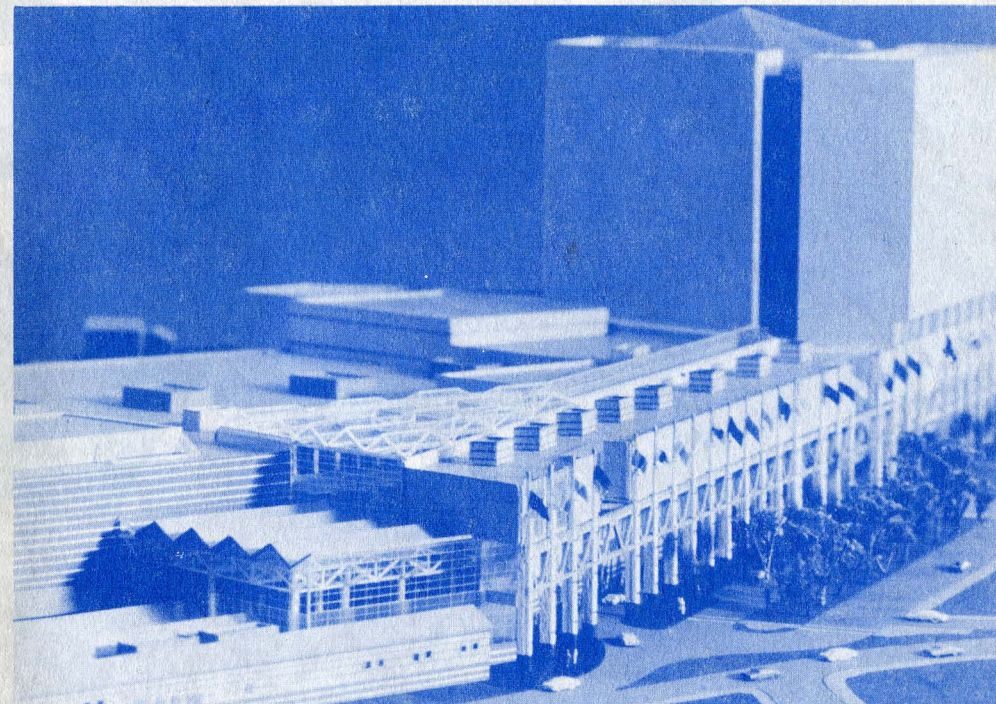
James Usry  
*Mayor/Atlantic City*

Helen Walsh  
*Atlantic County Administrator*

James Whelan  
*Atlantic City Councilman*

Richard Young  
*Atlantic City Planning Director*

Artist's rendering of New Convention Center/Rail Terminal Complex with non-casino hotel as it should appear upon completion.



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# Transportation

Motorcoaches are provided to transport you from the rail terminal to your Marina or Boardwalk destination and return. Please be sure to board the proper Motorcoach. Signs are posted at each Bus with a representative to assist you.

## # Of Coaches Available

## Destination

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RED ROUTE (NORTH)  
Showboat, Resorts, Claridge,  
Bally's Park Place, Sands

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BLUE ROUTE (SOUTH)  
Bally's Grand, TropWorld,  
Atlantis, Trump Plaza, Caesars

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PRESS/MEDIA

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RADIO PRIZE WINNERS

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MARINA AREA  
Harrah's Marina, Trump Castle

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DIGNITARIES

## Return To Terminal . . . . . 6:45 PM

4 Coaches

From Caesars  
Shinn Terrace (Pacific Avenue)

4 Coaches

TropWorld (Parking Garage)

