



Union Pacific's Big Boy to Celebrate America's 250th Birthday with Historic Coast-to-Coast Tour

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Tour will be split into two legs – West and East – with first half starting in March

OMAHA, Neb.--(BUSINESS WIRE)--Jan. 26, 2026-- Union Pacific Railroad will join the nation in celebrating 250 years of American independence and innovation this year with its first-ever coast-to-coast steam tour led by the legendary [Big Boy No. 4014](#). The world's largest operating steam locomotive will be joined by two commemorative locomotives, including the railroad's newest locomotive: No. 1776 – America250.

This new commemorative locomotive pays tribute to the signing of the Declaration of Independence and the founding of this nation. The locomotive will feature the emblem of the America250 Semiquincentennial Commission, the national nonpartisan organization established by Congress to lead the nation's 250th anniversary.

"We are proud to honor our nation's great history and legacy of innovation with our heritage locomotives. For the first time, we will share the Big Boy with communities on the East Coast, operating it from ocean to ocean," said CEO Jim Vena. "America has never been afraid to dream about what's possible – and neither is Union Pacific as we carry the grain that feeds families, the steel that builds cities and the household goods that stock store shelves."

The first leg of the tour starts March 29, with the Big Boy and several historical passenger cars from Union Pacific's Heritage Fleet traveling west to California from Cheyenne, Wyoming, the steam locomotive's homebase. The tour ends April 24 in Cheyenne.

Two major public display days are set:

- April 10-11: Roseville, California
- April 18-19: Ogden, Utah

The tour will be a tribute to the vital role railroads have played in helping build and unify America while showcasing the innovative history of the rail industry. Since 1862, when President Abraham Lincoln signed the Pacific Railway Act and created Union Pacific, railroads have connected the nation, supporting its industrial and manufacturing sector and spurring the growth of new industries.

The eastern leg of the tour, anticipated to start in late spring, is still being finalized and will be announced soon. Anyone interested in learning more is invited to join Union Pacific's Steam Club at upsteam.com.

Union Pacific's Big Boy No. 4014 is one of the most iconic steam engines ever built and was designed to haul heavy freight over steep grades during World War II. It represents the pinnacle of steam technology and is a powerful symbol of America's industrial might.

ABOUT UNION PACIFIC

Union Pacific (NYSE: UNP) delivers the goods families and businesses use every day with safe, reliable and efficient service. Operating in 23 western states, the company connects its customers and communities to the global economy. Trains are the most environmentally responsible way to move freight, helping Union Pacific protect future generations. More information about Union Pacific is available at www.up.com.

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