



## Historic locomotive at Harrisburg Transportation Center will be temporarily relocated

By Deb Kiner | [dkiner@pennlive.com](mailto:dkiner@pennlive.com)

On March 28, 2014 at 2:02 PM, updated March 28, 2014 at 2:13 PM

The Pennsylvania Department of Transportation announced that the historic GG1 Pennsylvania railroad locomotive No. 4859 and caboose will be temporarily moved from its spot at the Harrisburg



The historic GG1 Pennsylvania railroad locomotive No. 4859 will be temporarily moved on April 5.

Transportation Center to a siding 1,000 feet west of the station as part of ongoing improvements in the Keystone Corridor.

PennDOT officials said Amtrak will move the locomotive at 7 a.m. April 5. An Amtrak locomotive will push the GG1 and caboose a quarter-mile away to a siding near the Seventh Street Garage. The locomotive will then be "shrink-wrapped" to protect it until it can be moved back.

PennDOT officials said the relocation is necessary so a \$36 million project to improve power, signals, track and switches into the Harrisburg

Transportation Center can be completed. The upgrades will further improve the train times from Harrisburg to Philadelphia and New York City. Work started in late 2013 and will conclude by 2017.

During the move, spectators will only be able to watch from an overlook area at the transportation center or from other designated, public areas away from the station. Parking is available at nearby parking garages or metered spots on nearby city streets.

According to PennDOT, the GG1, one of the world's most distinctive locomotives and a mainstay of the Pennsylvania Railroad, served the Harrisburg station on service to Philadelphia and New York City between 1938 and 1981. No. 4859 pulled the first electrically powered train from the Harrisburg station on Jan. 15, 1938. It was located at the station as a memorial to that service in 1986 and designated as the official state locomotive.

The Harrisburg Chapter of the National Railway Historical Society maintains No. 4859.

source: [www.pennlive.com](http://www.pennlive.com)