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I use Amtrak service approximately 15 to 20 times a year. I find that all too often that my train is delayed because of host railroad indifference to prompt and expedited dispatching. Even Amtrak's records posted on the internet show that 60-65% of all delays are caused by the host railroad.

Making connections is important to me. Since I reside in Alton IL, I need to make connections mostly at Chicago to other trains. When there is a promised 2-3 hr layover in Chicago and your train is running 2-3 hours late, you can easily see how this can cause the passenger to be stressed about making the connection. Because of late arrivals I have had to miss meetings and social events which have been previously arranged.

I applaud the STB for tackling this issue and allowing for public comment. I believe that the STB has established reasonable standards, but instead of applying the standard only at the end point of the train, it should apply to all stations enroute.

Therefore I urge the STB to enact the proposed rule so that rail passengers can be better assured of better arrival times.