

# Transportation Timeline

1804: Lewis & Clark's expedition leaves from St. Louis



1807: Robert Fulton operates the first steamboat with regular passenger service

1830: Peter Cooper designs and builds the first American steam locomotive that operated on a common carrier railroad



1869: The Transcontinental Railroad is completed on May 10; in Promontory Point, Utah

1888: Frank Sprague designs a complete system of electric streetcars in Richmond, Virginia

1903: The Wright Brothers fly the first manned airplane



1913: Henry Ford installs the moving assembly line in Ford Manufacturing Plant

1927: Charles A. Lindbergh makes the first solo, non-stop, transatlantic flight in the "Spirit of St. Louis"

1932: Amelia Earhart flies across the Atlantic Ocean ( first woman making the trip solo)

1956: President Dwight D. Eisenhower signs the Federal-Aid Highway Act establishing the Interstate Highway System



1969: Apollo 11 lands on the moon—Neil Armstrong takes the first step.

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