



## Amtrak Fact Sheet, Fiscal Year 2009

# State of Texas

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### Amtrak Service & Ridership

Amtrak operates one shorter-distance train, the *Heartland Flyer* (daily Fort Worth-Gainesville-Oklahoma City) and two long-distance trains through Texas:

- The *Sunset Limited* (tri-weekly Orlando-New Orleans-Los Angeles via Houston, San Antonio, and El Paso)\*
- The *Texas Eagle* (daily Chicago-Dallas-San Antonio with tri-weekly through car service via the *Sunset Limited* to Los Angeles)

\* Sunset Limited service suspended east of New Orleans.

During FY09 Amtrak served the following Texas locations:

<u>City</u>	<u>Boardings + Alightings</u>
Alpine	3,497
Austin	25,404
Beaumont	1,769
Cleburne	2,455
Dallas	39,592
Del Rio	1,849
El Paso	9,397
Fort Worth	104,107
Gainesville	8,018
Houston	16,191
Longview	28,828
Marshall	6,988
McGregor	4,238
Mineola	4,952
San Antonio	48,804
San Marcos	4,339
Sanderson	205
Taylor	3,908
Temple	15,163
<b>Total Texas Station Usage:</b>	<b>329,704</b>

## Procurement/Contracts

Amtrak expended \$27,017,725 for goods and services in Texas in FY09. Much of this money was spent in the following locations:

<u>City</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Austin	\$ 16,561,631
Dallas	\$ 1,463,151
Georgetown	\$ 1,376,674
Irving	\$ 2,302,191
Southlake	\$ 2,463,366

## Employment

At the end of FY09, Amtrak employed 207 Texas residents. Total wages of Amtrak employees living in Texas were \$14,447,102 during FY09.

## State-Assisted Services

The Texas Transportation Commission voted in September 2006 to begin contributing a part of the operating grant for the Fort Worth-Oklahoma City *Heartland Flyer*. The State of Oklahoma also contributes to this service.

## Station Improvements

**Texarkana:** The ticket office is now staffed and is open daily, effective November 10, 2008, with full ticketing and checked baggage.

## Stimulus Funding, Fiscal 2009

The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (ARRA) provided Amtrak with \$1.3 billion for capital investments, including \$446 million for security and life safety improvements and \$842 million for rebuilding and modernizing infrastructure and equipment. Included in the latter category is a Mobility First program, designed as an immediate-action program to reduce as many accessibility barriers as possible prior to Amtrak's deadline of July 26, 2010, to bring stations into compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act. Mobility First investments can include wheelchair lifts, connecting walkways, and designated parking spaces. Investments planned for Texas include:

Alpine	Information kiosk	\$ 11,000
Alpine	Mobility First	\$ 9,000
Alpine	new 550-foot platform	\$ 500,000
Austin	Information kiosk and signs	\$ 25,000
Austin	Mobility First	\$ 33,000
Beaumont	Information kiosk	\$ 11,000
Beaumont	Mobility First	\$ 14,000
Beaumont	New station shelter/platform	\$ 1,250,000

Cleburne	Mobility First	\$ 33,000
Del Rio	Information kiosk	\$ 11,000
Del Rio	Mobility First	\$ 30,000
El Paso	Mobility First	\$ 30,000
El Paso, Fort Worth	station security and life safety	\$ 105,000
Fort Worth	Mobility First	\$ 48,000
Gainesville	Mobility First	\$ 30,000
Houston	Mobility First	\$ 33,000
Longview	Information kiosk and signs	\$ 25,000
Longview	Mobility First	\$ 57,000
Longview	platform tactile edge	\$ 100,000
Marshall	Mobility First	\$ 14,000
McGregor	Mobility First	\$ 93,000
Mineola	Mobility First	\$ 30,000
San Antonio	Mobility First	\$ 30,000
San Marcos	Mobility First	\$ 30,000
Sanderson	Information kiosk	\$ 11,000
Taylor	Mobility First	\$ 65,000
Temple	Mobility First	\$ 37,000
<b>Total Texas ARRA funds:</b>		<b>\$ 2,665,000</b>