



Amtrak Fact Sheet, Fiscal Year 2010

State of Texas

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 FY10 Amtrak served the following Texas locations:

<u>City</u>	<u>Boardings + Alightings</u>
Alpine	3,862
Austin	31,968
Beaumont	2,135
Cleburne	3,130
Dallas	47,053
Del Rio	1,881
El Paso	10,415
Fort Worth	118,199
Gainesville	8,603
Houston	18,351
Longview	34,033
Marshall	8,709
McGregor	4,240
Mineola	6,568
San Antonio	58,131
San Marcos	5,283
Sanderson	216
Taylor	4,551
Temple	15,426
Total Texas Station Usage:	382,754

Procurement/Contracts

Amtrak placed orders valued at \$18,047,188 for goods and services in Texas in FY10. Much of this was in the following locations:

<u>City</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Dallas	\$ 1,342,641
Georgetown	\$ 1,828,905
Houston	\$ 2,186,301
Irving	\$ 5,829,927
Plano	\$ 1,147,338
Southlake	\$ 2,463,366

Employment

At the end of FY10, Amtrak employed 211 Texas residents. Total wages of Amtrak employees living in Texas were \$13,300,256 during FY10.

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

Longview: The city has recently acquired the former Texas & Pacific Railroad station from the previous owner, the Union Pacific Railroad, for restoration. When complete, Amtrak will be moved back into the original waiting room and ticket office, while the rest of the building will be used for city offices and meeting space.

FRA High-Speed Intercity Passenger Rail Program

- **TXDOT:** On October 28, 2010, the FRA announced that the Texas Department of Transportation would be awarded \$5.6 million dollars for the Oklahoma City-South Texas Corridor Plan. These funds will allow for the completion of feasibility studies, a service development plan, and environmental work for the corridor between Oklahoma City and Dallas/Fort Worth.