



## Amtrak Fact Sheet, Fiscal Year 2011

# State of Texas

### Amtrak-Texas partnership

- Grants from the State of Texas help support the daily *Heartland Flyer* service between Fort Worth and Oklahoma City

### 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 FY11 Amtrak served the following Texas locations:

<u>City</u>	<u>Boardings + Alightings</u>
<a href="#">Alpine</a>	4,322
<a href="#">Austin</a>	39,167
<a href="#">Beaumont</a>	2,401
<a href="#">Cleburne</a>	3,590
<a href="#">Dallas</a>	54,498
<a href="#">Del Rio</a>	2,242
<a href="#">El Paso</a>	11,470
<a href="#">Fort Worth</a>	128,894
<a href="#">Gainesville</a>	8,099
<a href="#">Houston</a>	19,637
<a href="#">Longview</a>	35,469
<a href="#">Marshall</a>	9,021
<a href="#">McGregor</a>	4,644
<a href="#">Mineola</a>	7,165
<a href="#">San Antonio</a>	67,168
<a href="#">San Marcos</a>	6,555

<a href="#">Sanderson</a>	344
<a href="#">Taylor</a>	4,752
<a href="#">Temple</a>	16,471
<b>Total Texas Station Usage:</b>	<b>425,909</b>
	(up 11.3% from FY10)

### Procurement/Contracts

Amtrak placed orders valued at \$16,100,044 for goods and services in Texas in FY11. Much of this was in the following locations:

<u>City</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Dallas	\$ 4,087,907
Georgetown	\$ 1,188,924
Irving	\$ 2,726,500
Plano	\$ 1,064,581
Southlake	\$ 2,463,366

### Employment

At the end of FY11, Amtrak employed 207 Texas residents. Total wages of Amtrak employees living in Texas were \$14,983,678 during FY11.

### 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

**Beaumont:** Amtrak is constructing a new shelter station and ADA-compliant platform on the former site of the Missouri Pacific station. The property recently was acquired by the city and is also slated to host a new police substation. The new station and platform are scheduled to be completed by early 2012.

**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. The \$2.8-million restoration project is scheduled to begin construction in summer 2012 and be complete by spring 2013.

## Infrastructure Improvements

- The U.S. Department of Transportation announced on September 1, 2011, a \$34 million TIGER II grant for improvements to rail lines in and around Tower 55 in Fort Worth. The project is expected to greatly improve rail and street traffic flow in the area, where two busy freight lines currently intersect at grade. The *Texas Eagle* backs in and out of the Fort Worth station through Tower 55. The project will begin construction in 2012 and has matching grants from Texas DOT (\$1 million), City of Fort Worth (\$1 million), BNSF Railway and Union Pacific Railroad (\$65 million).

# AMTRAK ROUTES IN TEXAS

**TRACK OWNERSHIP**

<span style="color: purple;">█</span> Amtrak	<span style="color: green;">█</span> NS
<span style="color: orange;">█</span> UP	<span style="color: lightgreen;">█</span> CP
<span style="color: blue;">█</span> BNSF	<span style="color: purple;">█</span> CN
<span style="color: red;">█</span> CSX	<span style="color: black;">█</span> Other

