



## Amtrak Fact Sheet, Fiscal Year 2012

# 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
- Almost 69,000 Texas residents are members of the Amtrak Guest Rewards frequent user program

### 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 FY12 Amtrak served the following Texas locations:

<u>City</u>	<u>Boardings + Alightings</u>
<a href="#">Alpine</a>	4,416
<a href="#">Austin</a>	41,638
<a href="#">Beaumont</a>	2,724
<a href="#">Cleburne</a>	4,536
<a href="#">Dallas</a>	55,764
<a href="#">Del Rio</a>	2,175
<a href="#">El Paso</a>	12,329
<a href="#">Fort Worth</a>	141,696
<a href="#">Gainesville</a>	8,055
<a href="#">Houston</a>	20,327
<a href="#">Longview</a>	49,126
<a href="#">Marshall</a>	10,025
<a href="#">McGregor</a>	4,988
<a href="#">Mineola</a>	6,956
<a href="#">San Antonio</a>	70,161

<a href="#">San Marcos</a>	7,294
<a href="#">Sanderson</a>	255
<a href="#">Taylor</a>	4,979
<a href="#">Temple</a>	17,856
<b>Total Texas Station Usage:</b>	<b>465,300</b>
	(up 9.2% from FY11)

### Procurement/Contracts

Amtrak spent \$23,002,766 on goods and services in Texas in FY12. Much of this was in the following locations:

<u>City</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Austin	\$ 5,307,313
Dallas	\$ 6,213,913
Houston	\$ 2,127,284
Irving	\$ 1,495,675
Southlake	\$ 2,052,805

### Employment

At the end of FY12, Amtrak employed 201 Texas residents. Total wages of Amtrak employees living in Texas were \$14,872,422 during FY12.

### 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 in January 2012 opened a new shelter station and ADA-compliant platform on the former site of the Missouri Pacific station. Adjacent property has been acquired by the city and is slated to host a new police substation with public restrooms.

**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 December 2012 and be complete by fall 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

