



Amtrak Fact Sheet, Fiscal Year 2013

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
- Over 81,000 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 FY13 Amtrak served the following Texas locations:

<u>City</u>	<u>Boardings + Alightings</u>
Alpine	4,921
Austin	38,929
Beaumont	3,458
Cleburne	4,143
Dallas	56,564
Del Rio	2,443
El Paso	13,093
Fort Worth	129,389
Gainesville	6,476
Houston	21,617
Longview	41,305
Marshall	10,555
McGregor	5,209
Mineola	7,213
San Antonio	68,268

San Marcos	7,995
Sanderson	261
Taylor	5,425
Temple	17,690
Total Texas Station Usage:	444,954
	(down 4.4% from FY12)

Procurement/Contracts

Amtrak spent \$24,363,783 on goods and services in Texas in FY13. Much of this was in the following locations:

<u>City</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Alvarado	\$ 2,157,499
Austin	\$ 6,191,952
Dallas	\$ 2,002,961
Denton	\$ 2,224,603
Fort Worth	\$ 2,244,420
Grand Prairie	\$ 1,197,559
Houston	\$ 1,351,822
Irving	\$ 1,193,610
Plano	\$ 1,593,028
Southlake	\$ 2,907,409

Employment

At the end of FY13, Amtrak employed 195 Texas residents. Total wages of Amtrak employees living in Texas were \$14,860,485 during FY13.

PRIIA Section 209 and State-Assisted Services

The Passenger Rail Investment and Improvement Act of 2008 (P.L. 110-432) required, by October 2013, an equitable arrangement of cost sharing between Amtrak and state or public agency partners that provide funding for short-distance, intercity train services. Agreements were reached with all parties, including Texas, by the deadline, and the services continued to run without interruption.

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 also was acquired by the city, where a new police substation, with public restrooms, was built. Also, the access road, sidewalks, and parking area were replaced.

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 under construction and is scheduled to be complete by May 2014.

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 early 2014 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	
█ Amtrak	█ NS
█ UP	█ CP
█ BNSF	█ CN
█ CSX	█ Other

