



Amtrak Fact Sheet, Fiscal Year 2016

State of Iowa

Amtrak Service & Ridership

Amtrak operates two National Network trains through Iowa:

- The *California Zephyr* (daily Chicago-Burlington-Osceola-Denver-San Francisco Bay Area)
- The *Southwest Chief* (daily Chicago-Fort Madison-Kansas City-Los Angeles)

During FY16 Amtrak served the following Iowa locations:

<u>City</u>	<u>Boardings + Alightings</u>
Burlington	9,242
Creston	3,843
Fort Madison	6,611
Mount Pleasant	13,504
Osceola	16,019
Ottumwa	12,155
Total Iowa Station Usage:	61,374

(up 6.5% from FY15)

Procurement/Contracts

Amtrak spent \$359,171 on goods and services in Iowa in FY16, most of it in Council Bluffs.

Employment

At the end of FY16, Amtrak employed 8 Iowa residents. Total wages of Amtrak employees living in Iowa were \$711,315 during FY16.

Expansion Planning

Amtrak is a member of both the Iowa Rail Advisory Committee and the Iowa Passenger Rail Advisory Committee. The Passenger Rail Advisory Committee provides feedback on Iowa passenger rail issues and a forum for discussions about future service throughout the state.

Iowa DOT has completed a Service Development Plan calling for the phased development of passenger rail service connecting Omaha/Council Bluffs with Chicago via Des Moines, Iowa City, and the Quad Cities. No funding has been identified and any service is contingent upon Illinois developing the Chicago to Quad Cities portion of the route. Implementation of all phases would result in four roundtrips between Chicago and Council Bluffs/Omaha.

Station Improvements

Burlington: The City of Burlington has begun restoration of the Great Room of the historic Burlington Railroad depot used by Amtrak. The City secured an Iowa DOT Public Transportation Infrastructure grant for \$480,000 to rehabilitate the public portions of the depot. With the support of the local Friends of the Burlington Depot group, the community is moving forward with a vision for a reactivated civic space in the imposing Mid-Century Modern structure, to include a restaurant and intermodal transportation center. Amtrak plans future investments to bring the platform into compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), including restoration of portions of the historic, concrete canopy.

Fort Madison: Amtrak is working with the City to relocate its *Southwest Chief* stop from an industrial area in the western part of the city back to the historic downtown station. The City has secured \$3.2 million in grants and commitments from several sources, including Iowa DOT, BNSF Railway, Amtrak, and the regional riverboat commission, to finance the relocation and necessary construction to accommodate the move. The historic Santa Fe depot, in use until 1968, and adjacent freight house have been elevated above the 500-year flood stage, the depot interior was renovated, and a new ADA-compliant passenger platform has been designed. The complex, recently designated as the Steve Ireland Transportation Center, is very close to the Mississippi River, separated by a park and the railroad. It also will remain the home of the North Lee County Historical Society. The City and Amtrak intend to sign a lease in early 2017 with the project beginning shortly thereafter.

Osceola: Amtrak joined Osceola residents and civic leaders at the August 1, 2016, dedication of the Ann and Fred Diehl Depot Plaza. The Depot Plaza celebration represented the culmination of 20 years of effort by the citizens of Osceola, led by the then-mayor and his wife, to restore the depot to its as new in 1907 appearance. The City of Osceola partnered with the Clarke County Development Commission and the Osceola Chamber of Commerce to raise funds for replacement offices for BNSF Railway and to pay for the depot restoration which includes new architecturally sensitive windows, restored benches, new HVAC, an enlarged paved parking lot and brings the building into ADA compliance.

Ottumwa: Amtrak plans future investments to bring the platform into ADA-compliance, including restoration of portions of the historic iron and wood canopy.

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