



# Amtrak Fact Sheet, Fiscal Year 2016

## State of Colorado

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### Amtrak Service & Ridership

Amtrak operates two National Network trains through Colorado:

- The *California Zephyr* (daily Chicago-Denver- Emeryville/Bay Area)
- The *Southwest Chief* (daily Chicago-Kansas City-La Junta-Trinidad-Albuquerque-Los Angeles)

During FY16 Amtrak served the following Colorado locations:

<u>City</u>	<u>Boardings + Alightings</u>
<a href="#">Denver</a>	139,652
<a href="#">Fort Morgan</a>	3,539
<a href="#">Glenwood Springs</a>	46,818
<a href="#">Granby</a>	4,677
<a href="#">Grand Junction</a>	32,302
<a href="#">La Junta</a>	7,080
<a href="#">Lamar</a>	1,879
<a href="#">Trinidad</a>	5,747
<a href="#">Winter Park-Fraser</a>	9,017
<b>Total Colorado Station Usage:</b>	<b>250,711</b>
	(up 10.8% from FY15)

### Procurement/Contracts

Amtrak spent \$14,401,342 on goods and services in Colorado in FY16. Most of this was in the following locations:

<u>City</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Denver	\$ 9,720,534
Grand Junction	\$ 2,995,659

## Employment

At the end of FY16, Amtrak employed 71 Colorado residents. Total wages of Amtrak employees living in Colorado were \$6,198,168 during FY16.

## New Service

Amtrak will begin new, seasonal service between Denver and Winter Park Resort in January 2017. The partnership with the Winter Park Resort has resulted in the Winter Park Express. This seasonal, weekend service marks the return of the “Ski Train” to Colorado and provides a car-free transportation alternative to this world-class ski resort. For the first year (2017), weekend and holiday train service will run from January through March, for a total of 26 round trips

## Station Improvements

**Denver:** Union Station underwent a \$500-million redevelopment into a regional, intermodal transportation center. Amtrak moved into the redeveloped terminal on February 28, 2014, as the overall station remodeling and hotel construction drew to a close. Union Station was built in 1894, significantly rebuilt in 1914, and purchased by the Regional Transportation District in 2002.

**Winter Park Resort:** With a funding partnership between Winter Park Resort/Interwest, Inc., the City of Denver, the City of Winter Park, and with a \$1.5-million grant from the Colorado Department of Transportation, the Winter Park Resort completed a 940-foot, heated, ADA-compliant platform at the resort location just beyond the west portal of the Moffatt Tunnel. The \$4-million station project includes the heated platform, walkways to/from the resort, lighting and signage. The Winter Park Ski resort is the only ski destination with its own direct train service and platform in North America. This facility will be used for the seasonal Winter Park Express service between Denver and the Winter Park Resort

## Southwest Chief route

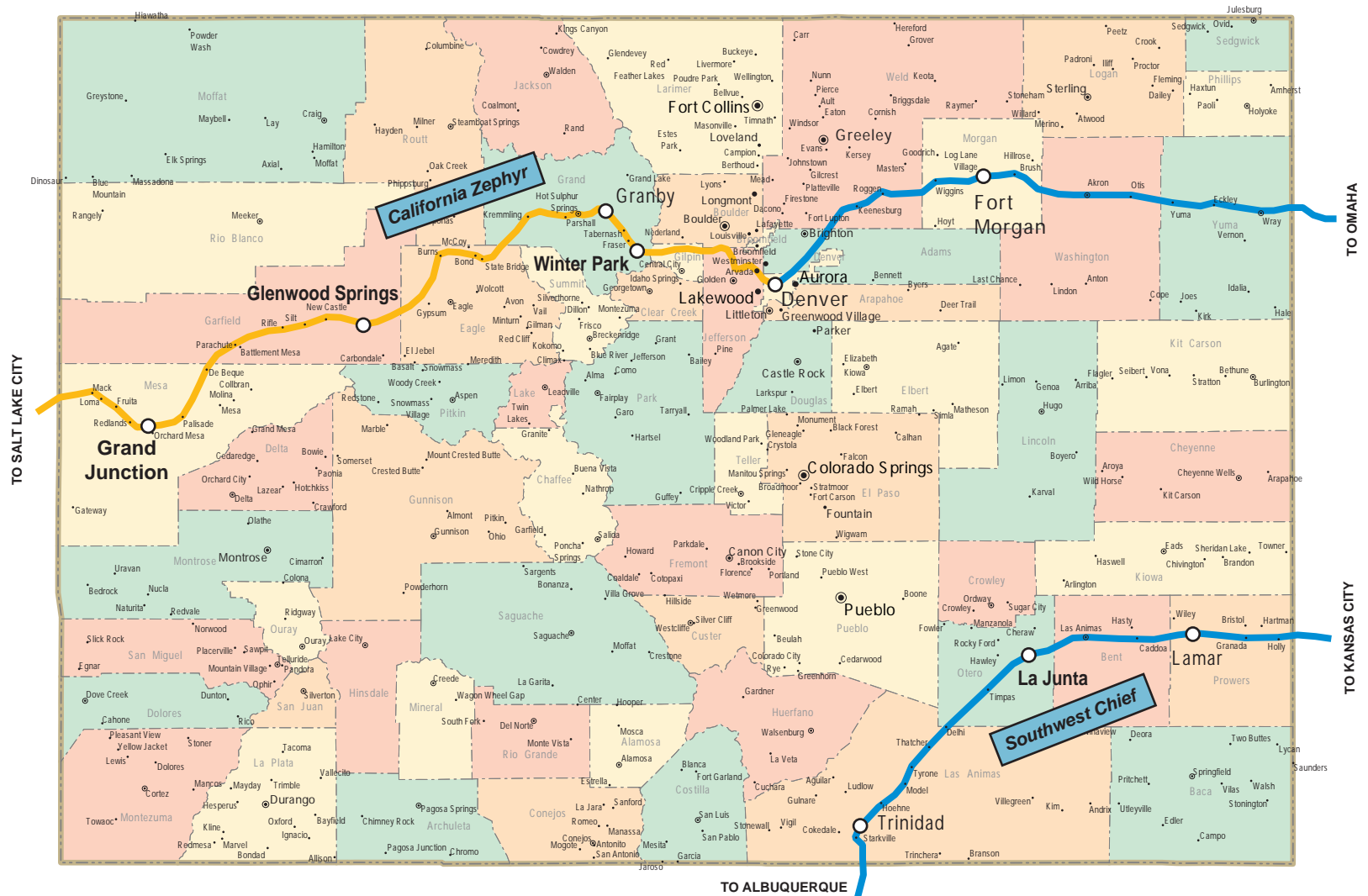
The present route of the *Southwest Chief*, via Trinidad, La Junta, and Lamar, could be altered if sufficient capital funding is not found to modernize the line. Amtrak has been working with the states and communities that would be affected and has informed them of the situation, which results from changing freight traffic patterns, and that effort has produced significant results so far.

The U.S. Department of Transportation awarded a \$12.5-million TIGER grant to the Kansas Department of Transportation in September 2014. Combined with matching funds from Amtrak (\$4 million), BNSF Railway (\$3 million), Kansas DOT (\$2 million), and the cities and counties of southeastern Colorado (\$250,000), almost \$22 million will be allocated towards the requisite rail infrastructure upgrades in Kansas. The sum represents a significant down payment on this project and will be part of a sustained effort by all stakeholders to keep the *Southwest Chief* on its current route.

In 2015, the U.S. Department of Transportation awarded an additional \$15.2-million TIGER grant to the City of La Junta, Colorado, to continue the rehabilitation of the *Southwest Chief* line. The funding will be used to add approximately 39 miles of new rail and repair over 20 miles of roadbed on segments between Waldo, New Mexico, and Garden City, Kansas. Combined with matching funds from Amtrak

(\$4 million), BNSF (\$2 million), and the states of Kansas, Colorado, and New Mexico (\$1 million, each), over \$24 million will be allocated to upgrades and repairs in this round of funding.

The Colorado Legislature passed a bill in 2014 to create a commission to oversee the state's efforts to preserve and expand service on the *Southwest Chief* through Colorado. That commission is spearheading the effort to secure future state and federal funds to make additional track improvements in Colorado.



### AMTRAK ROUTES IN COLORADO

TRACK OWNERSHIP	
<span style="color: purple;">—</span> Amtrak	<span style="color: green;">—</span> NS
<span style="color: yellow;">—</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