



# Amtrak Fact Sheet, Fiscal Year 2015

## 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 FY15 Amtrak served the following Colorado locations:

<u>City</u>	<u>Boardings + Alightings</u>
<a href="#">Denver</a>	126,403
<a href="#">Fort Morgan</a>	3,705
<a href="#">Glenwood Springs</a>	39,713
<a href="#">Granby</a>	3,945
<a href="#">Grand Junction</a>	29,811
<a href="#">La Junta</a>	7,256
<a href="#">Lamar</a>	1,928
<a href="#">Trinidad</a>	5,158
<a href="#">Winter Park-Fraser</a>	8,445
<b>Total Colorado Station Usage:</b>	<b>226,364</b>

(up 11.7% from FY14)

### Procurement/Contracts

Amtrak spent \$12,915,773 on goods and services in Colorado in FY15. Most of this was in the following locations:

<u>City</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Denver	\$ 9,152,483
Grand Junction	\$ 2,921,438

## **Employment**

At the end of FY15, Amtrak employed 69 Colorado residents. Total wages of Amtrak employees living in Colorado were \$6,246,233 during FY15.

## **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.

**La Junta and Trinidad:** City governments are working with Amtrak and the BNSF Railway to acquire BNSF property and to construct multimodal facilities in both communities.

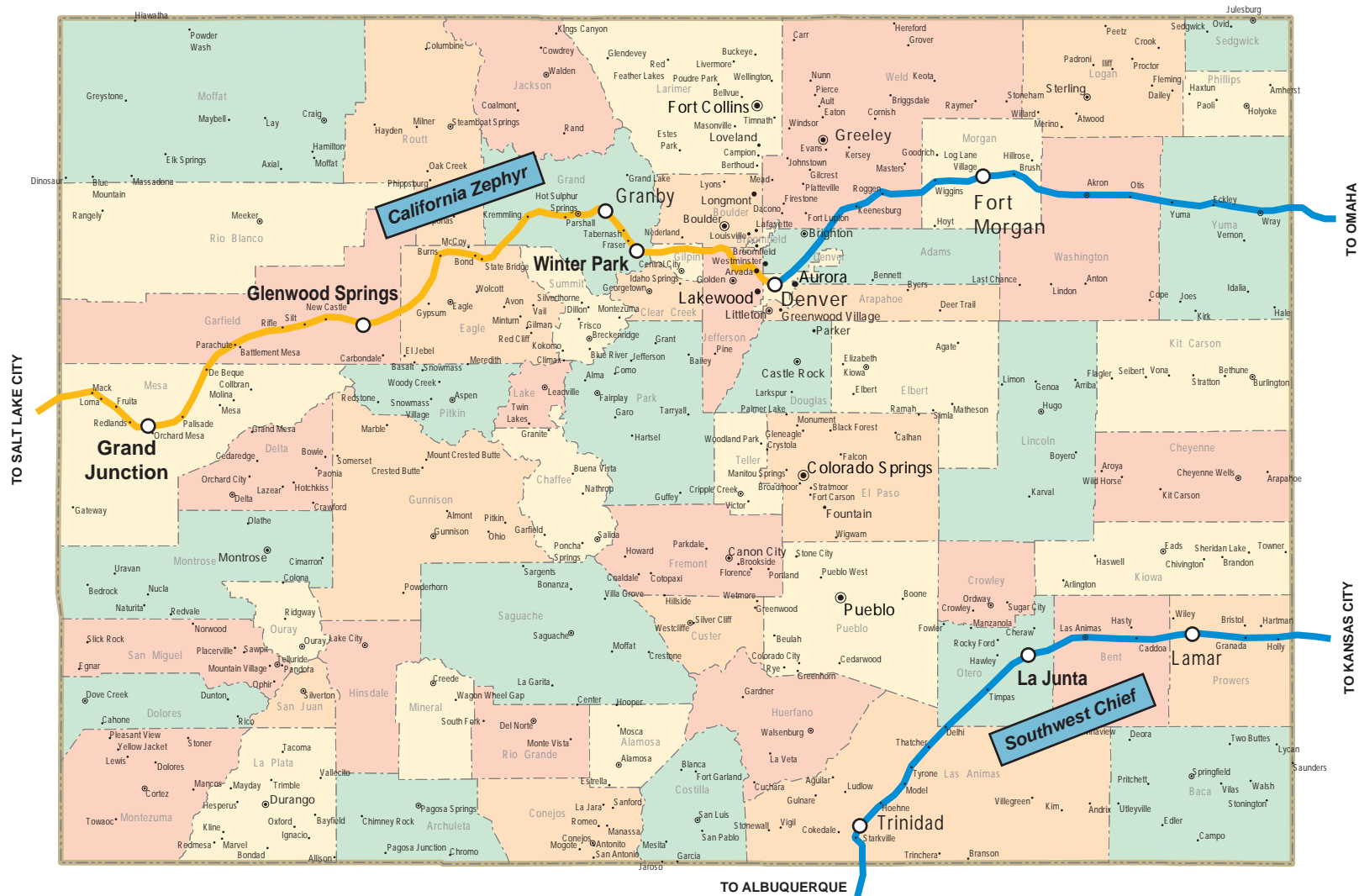
## **Southwest Chief route**

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.

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	
Amtrak	NS
UP	CP
BNSF	CN
CSX	Other