

Amtrak Fact Sheet, Fiscal Year 2016 State of Indiana

Indiana FY16 at a Glance

- The Beech Grove facility outside of Indianapolis employs over 500 and is used to maintain and overhaul many types of equipment for Amtrak and other agencies
- Nearly \$24 million in Amtrak procurement
- 731 residents employed by Amtrak
- Total resident employee wages, over \$52 million
- Nearly 44,000 Indiana residents are members of the Amtrak Guest Rewards frequent user program
- Amtrak-State partnership: Chicago-Indianapolis Hoosier State

Amtrak Service & Ridership

Amtrak operates three National Network trains through Indiana:

- The *Capitol Limited* (daily Chicago-South Bend-Cleveland-Pittsburgh-Washington, D.C.)
- The *Cardinal* (tri-weekly Chicago-Indianapolis-Cincinnati-New York)
- The *Lake Shore Limited* (daily Chicago-South Bend-Cleveland-Buffalo-Boston/New York)

Amtrak also operates, in partnership with the State of Indiana, one State Supported corridor train, the *Hoosier State* (four days per week Indianapolis-Lafayette-Chicago), which operates on the days that the *Cardinal* does not. Amtrak provides operating crews, certain station facilities, and ticketing services for this train; with equipment, food service, marketing, and other staff provided by a third-party vendor. Additionally, the Chicago-Detroit *Wolverine* serves Hammond-Whiting and Michigan City with three daily round trips.

During FY16 Amtrak served the following Indiana locations:

| <u>City</u> | <u>Boardings + Alightings</u> |
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| <u>Connersville</u> | 586 |
| <u>Crawfordsville</u> | 5,774 |
| Dyer | 3,082 |
| <u>Elkhart</u> | 21,317 |
| Hammond-Whiting | 5,952 |
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| Indianapolis | 31,470 | |
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| Lafayette | 18,391 | |
| Michigan City | 3,573 | |
| Rensselaer | 1,963 | |
| South Bend | 21,389 | |
| Waterloo | 20,515 | |
| Total Indiana Station Usage: | 134,012 | |
| | (down 1.1% from FY15) | |

Procurement/Contracts

Amtrak spent \$23,840,948 on goods and services in Indiana in FY16. Most of this amount was in the following locations:

| City | Amount |
|--------------|------------------|
| Beech Grove | \$ 1,245,101 |
| East Chicago | \$ 2,387,089 |
| Elkhart | \$ 5,984,025 |
| Indianapolis | \$ 11,107,518 |

Employment

At the end of FY16, Amtrak employed 757 Indiana residents. Total wages of Amtrak employees living in Indiana were \$52,760,020 during FY16.

PRIIA Section 209

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 Indiana, by the deadline, and the services continued to run without interruption.

Beech Grove Shops

Amtrak's principal heavy maintenance facility is located in Beech Grove, southeast of Indianapolis. Here, 522 employees rebuild and overhaul Amtrak's Superliner, Viewliner, Surfliner, Heritage, and Horizon car fleets. P32, P42, and F59 locomotives also are overhauled and rebuilt here for use across the Amtrak system, as is other equipment for Amtrak's state partners and other passenger railroads. Amtrak performed heavy overhaul, periodic maintenance, repainting, and other upkeep on 275 pieces of equipment in FY16.

The Beech Grove Shops supply components to other Amtrak facilities, including couplers, overhauled air conditioners, overhauled air brake valves, and about 300 other types of components unavailable elsewhere.

Indianapolis Distribution Center

The Indianapolis Distribution Center (IDC) is Amtrak's largest material and supply facility. Clean and modern, the IDC boasts 180,000 square feet of inside storage space. Using state-of-the-art technology, 16,000 stock-keeping-units (SKUs) are inventoried electronically to prevent issues innate to manual cataloging and to keep the stock instantaneously updated. The IDC is conveniently located less than a mile from the Beech Grove shops. It employs approximately 30 full- and part-time personnel. Material for all purposes, from coach seats to toilet paper and locomotive parts, are distributed from the IDC to 31 Amtrak terminals nationwide.

Station Improvements

Improving ADA Accessibility: Amtrak will undertake work at multiple stations in Indiana to assess, design, and construct improvements at and around stations as part of Amtrak's nationwide Americans with Disabilities Act compliance plan. The projected FY17 ADA-related work includes:

- **Design:** Crawfordsville
- Construction: Connersville

<u>Waterloo</u>: In June 2016, the historic Waterloo train station (1884) reopened for Amtrak services. The station was relocated and refurbished by the Town of Waterloo using a TIGER grant. The station has been modernized to meet contemporary code and replaces a bus-shelter type station.

Indiana Gateway

As part of the High-Speed Intercity Passenger Rail Program (HSIPR), Indiana was the recipient of a \$71.4-million grant to alleviate congestion at the major rail junction at Porter. Multiple railroads meet here, including three Amtrak routes to Michigan and two Amtrak National Network routes from Chicago to the east coast. Construction is now underway to make eight separate improvements along the congested railroad segment from Porter west to the Illinois state line. Seven of the improvements will be on track owned by Norfolk Southern and the eighth on Amtrak's Michigan Line east of Porter. The work will include crossover tracks and related signal improvements, and additional sidings.

Cardinal Conference

At the request of business and local interests on the Chicago-Indianapolis-Cincinnati-West Virginia-Washington portion of Amtrak's *Cardinal* route, Amtrak held an event called the *Cardinal* Conference on September 23, 2016, in Cincinnati. The intent of the conference was to build a coalition of communities, universities, and other public and private interests similar to grassroots coalitions like the Gulf Coast Working Group or on the *Southwest Chief* route. The purpose of such a coalition would be to seek improvements for the *Cardinal*, namely a push for daily service on that route, which currently operates only three times per week.

