



Amtrak Fact Sheet, Fiscal Year 2015

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 FY15 Amtrak served the following Iowa locations:

<u>City</u>	<u>Boardings + Alightings</u>
Burlington	9,329
Creston	5,017
Fort Madison	6,788
Mount Pleasant	11,644
Osceola	13,775
Ottumwa	11,058
Total Iowa Station Usage:	57,611
	(up 0.7% from FY14)

Procurement/Contracts

Amtrak spent \$1,093,999 on goods and services in Iowa in FY15, most of it in Council Bluffs.

Employment

At the end of FY15, Amtrak employed 6 Iowa residents. Total wages of Amtrak employees living in Iowa were \$620,288 during FY15.

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.

Station Improvements

Burlington: The City secured an Iowa DOT Public Transportation Infrastructure grant for \$480,000 to rehabilitate the Great Room in the Amtrak depot. This building is located just south of downtown and was built by the Burlington Route in 1944. 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 building, to include a restaurant and intermodal transportation center. Amtrak plans future investments to bring the platform into compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 (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.

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

AMTRAK ROUTES IN IOWA

