



Amtrak Fact Sheet, Fiscal Year 2012

State of Florida

Florida and the *Auto Train*

- In Fiscal 2012, the *Auto Train* carried over 264,000 passengers, removing over 130,000 vehicles from highways connecting Florida with the Northeast
- A much larger and more comfortable *Auto Train* station opened in Sanford early in October 2010

Amtrak Service & Ridership

Amtrak operates four long-distance trains through Florida:

- The *Auto Train* (daily Lorton, Va.-Sanford, Fla.)
- The *Silver Meteor* (New York-Orlando-Miami)
- The *Silver Star* (daily New York-Orlando-Tampa-Miami)
- The *Sunset Limited* (tri-weekly Los Angeles-Orlando via New Orleans, Pensacola and Jacksonville)*

*Sunset Limited *service suspended east of New Orleans.*

During FY12 Amtrak served the following Florida locations*:

<u>City</u>	<u>Boardings + Alightings</u>
Deerfield Beach	32,180
Deland	28,553
Delray Beach	13,448
Fort Lauderdale	56,913
Hollywood	38,805
Jacksonville	77,512
Kissimmee	48,521
Lakeland	25,630
Miami	91,019
Okeechobee	3,933
Orlando	172,502
Palatka	12,803

Sanford (Auto-Train Station)	264,096
Sebring	18,202
Tampa	150,844
West Palm Beach	67,992
Winter Haven	24,565
Winter Park	33,455
Total Florida Station Usage:	1,160,973
	(up 0.3% from FY11)

*Rail service to Chipley, Crestview, Lake City, Madison, Pensacola, Tallahassee suspended 8/27/05.

Procurement/Contracts

Amtrak spent \$33,317,321 on goods and services in Florida in FY12. Much of this amount was in the following locations:

<u>City</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Doral	\$ 5,192,700
Jacksonville	\$ 16,206,820
Orlando	\$ 3,026,230
St. Augustine	\$ 1,070,099
St. Petersburg	\$ 1,190,001

Employment

At the end of FY12, Amtrak employed 774 Florida residents. Total wages of Amtrak employees living in Florida were \$50,094,007 during FY12.

Major Facilities

Amtrak operates the Hialeah maintenance facility in Miami, which services and performs light overhauls for Viewliner, Amfleet, and Heritage cars for *Silver Service* trains, as well as the Sanford maintenance facility which services the Superliner-equipped *Auto Train*. The new Hialeah facility opened on April 20, 2012.

Amtrak's Southern Division, which is responsible for Amtrak's operations in the Southeastern United States, is headquartered in Miami. Amtrak also has train and engine crew bases in Miami, Sanford and Jacksonville, an on-board service crew base in Hialeah, and contractor-operated commissaries in Hialeah and Sanford.

Auto Train

Amtrak's *Auto Train* service operates daily between Lorton, Virginia (outside of Washington, D.C.) and the *Auto Train* terminal off I-4 in Sanford, Florida. This unique service carries passengers and their vehicles on a 16½ hour overnight trip from Northern Virginia to Florida. Passengers ride in Superliner coaches and sleepers, while their vehicles are transported in auto carrier cars at the rear of the train and

are delivered to them upon arrival at the Sanford terminal. During FY 2012, Amtrak's *Auto Train* carried 264,096 passengers (1.6% increase over FY11) and 130,310 vehicles (3.2% increase over FY11).

Amtrak acquired new auto carrier cars in 2005 to replace the up to 50-year old auto carriers previously operated. The new auto carriers increase the maximum number of sedans that can be carried on each train from 187 to 250, and the maximum number of minivans and SUVs from 29 to 120. Amtrak's capital plan (which is subject to federal funding levels) includes additional capital investments to overhaul Superliner cars and P-42 diesel locomotives used on the *Auto Train*. During FY10, repairs were made to hurricane damaged equipment and the hydraulic loading ramps were replaced. Additionally, the new Sanford terminal waiting room and ticket office was opened in October 2010.

Station Improvements

- **Miami:** Florida DOT has begun construction on the \$1.5-billion Miami Intermodal Center, which is expected to open later in 2013. It is designed to bring Amtrak, Tri-Rail, Metro Rail, car rentals, and other transportation services together in one location, connected to Miami International Airport by people mover.
- **Sanford:** Amtrak conducted a ribbon cutting ceremony on October 18, 2010, celebrating the renovation of the Sanford *Auto Train* station. The new facility is quadruple in size thanks to the \$10 million project, which used ARRA stimulus funds.
- **Okeechobee:** Amtrak has constructed a new shelter station, complete with 550-foot, ADA-compliant platform. Okeechobee is served once a day in each direction by the *Silver Star*.



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