



## Amtrak Fact Sheet, Fiscal Year 2014 State of Florida

### Florida and the *Auto Train*

- In Fiscal 2014, the *Auto Train* carried over 274,000 passengers, removing over 143,000 vehicles from highways connecting Florida with the Northeast
- This was the highest passenger count since Amtrak took over the service in 1983.

### 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 FY14 Amtrak served the following Florida locations\*:

<u>City</u>	<u>Boardings + Alightings</u>
<a href="#">Deerfield Beach</a>	28,404
<a href="#">DeLand</a>	26,063
<a href="#">Delray Beach</a>	13,703
<a href="#">Fort Lauderdale</a>	52,384
<a href="#">Hollywood</a>	32,980
<a href="#">Jacksonville</a>	78,031
<a href="#">Kissimmee</a>	43,543
<a href="#">Lakeland</a>	21,816
<a href="#">Miami</a>	78,695
<a href="#">Okeechobee</a>	4,091
<a href="#">Orlando</a>	155,532
<a href="#">Palatka</a>	12,145
<a href="#">Sanford (Auto Train Station)</a>	274,445

<a href="#">Sebring</a>	17,076
<a href="#">Tampa</a>	131,322
<a href="#">West Palm Beach</a>	62,990
<a href="#">Winter Haven</a>	22,273
<a href="#">Winter Park</a>	29,013
<b>Total Florida Station Usage:</b>	<b>1,084,508</b>
	(down 3.3% from FY13)

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

## Procurement/Contracts

Amtrak spent \$38,325,818 on goods and services in Florida in FY14. Most of this amount was in the following locations:

<u>City</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Chipley	\$ 1,947,265
Doral	\$ 4,770,203
Jacksonville	\$ 17,561,103
Maitland	\$ 1,665,568
Orlando	\$ 3,220,919
St. Augustine	\$ 2,230,895
St. Petersburg	\$ 1,748,131

## Employment

At the end of FY14, Amtrak employed 794 Florida residents. Total wages of Amtrak employees living in Florida were \$55,768,755 during FY14.

## Major Facilities

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

Amtrak's Southeast Business Line, 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 2014, Amtrak's *Auto Train* carried 274,445 passengers (3.5% increase over FY13) and 143,446 vehicles (3.1% increase over FY13).

On April 29, 2013, a program was initiated for priority vehicle offloading, for an additional fee, resulting in additional revenue without additional operating costs. On-board smoking was prohibited as of June 1, 2013, on the *Auto Train*, which was the last in the Amtrak system where it was permitted. In recent times, less than 3 percent of passengers used the amenity, and discontinuing it has resulted in reduced equipment maintenance expenses and a healthier and safer environment for passengers and on-board crews.

### **Station Improvements**

- **Miami:** Florida DOT has begun construction on the \$1.5-billion Miami Intermodal Center, which is expected to open in 2015. 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.
- **Orlando:** A new, 1,200-foot, island platform was constructed in conjunction with the new SunRail commuter operation. The platforms now serve three tracks, as opposed to the previous configuration serving two. Also, the station currently is undergoing a multi-phased renovation that is expected to be complete by summer 2015.
- **Winter Park:** A new station and dual platforms were dedicated in March 2014, replacing the aging and undersized former Atlantic Coast Line station, built in 1962. This new facility was constructed with federal and local funding in conjunction with the SunRail commuter operation.
- **Fort Lauderdale:** The renovation project to update the 1926 station was completed during 2014 and included weatherproofing, lobby and ticket counter renovations, and ADA-related improvements.

### **SunRail**

Amtrak and Florida DOT entered into an agreement for periodic and heavy maintenance and for heavy repair of SunRail equipment at the Sanford maintenance facility. This allows Amtrak to fill some excess capacity at the facility, which also services Auto Train equipment. SunRail began commuter service through Orlando on May 1, 2014.



NOTE-Sunset Limited service suspended 8/27/05

Auto Train TO SAVANNAH Silver Service

Sunset Limited

Silver Service