



Amtrak Fact Sheet, Fiscal Year 2011

State of Oregon

Amtrak-Oregon partnership

- *Amtrak Cascades* – two daily round trips, Eugene-Portland
- With extended service to Seattle and Vancouver, Amtrak Cascades is the 7th most heavily traveled Amtrak corridor in the U.S.

Amtrak Service & Ridership

Amtrak operates one short-distance corridor service, the *Amtrak Cascades*, (Eugene-Portland-Seattle-Vancouver, B.C.), with two roundtrips Eugene-Portland; four roundtrips Portland-Seattle; and two roundtrips Seattle-Vancouver, B.C.). Also, there are two long-distance trains serving Oregon:

- The *Coast Starlight* (daily Los Angeles-Klamath Falls-Portland-Seattle)
- The *Empire Builder* (daily Portland/Seattle-Spokane-Chicago)

During FY11 Amtrak served the following Oregon locations:

<u>City</u>	<u>Boardings + Alightings</u>
Albany	38,693
Chemult	9,766
Eugene	112,528
Klamath Falls	31,921
Oregon City	9,165
Portland *	665,677
Salem	66,761
Total Oregon Station Usage:	934,511 (up 0.1% from FY10)

* *Portland is the 15th busiest station in the national Amtrak System.*

Procurement/Contracts

Amtrak placed orders valued at \$2,334,560 for goods and services in Oregon in FY11. Most half of this was in Eugene and Lake Oswego.

Employment

At the end of FY11, Amtrak employed 83 Oregon residents. Total wages of Amtrak employees living in Oregon were \$6,010,695 during FY11.

State-Assisted Services

The State of Oregon provides funds for the operation of two daily *Amtrak Cascades* roundtrips between Portland and Eugene. The state also funds a network of connecting motor coach service. Amtrak operates also four daily round trips between Seattle and Portland, with support from the State of Washington.

The State of Oregon also funds the operation of several connecting buses that enhance the reach of the train service.

With over 850,000 riders in FY11, the *Amtrak Cascades* is the seventh most heavily traveled corridor in the country and often viewed as a model partnership among two states, a Canadian province, Amtrak, freight railroads, a commuter railroad, and local communities.

Service Expansion

The Pacific Northwest Corridor extends 466 miles from Eugene to Vancouver, B.C. Both Washington and Oregon have established 20-year plans for the service that will accommodate the growth expected in the region. Oregon's plans call for six roundtrips between Eugene and Portland. Washington State's plans call for 13 roundtrips between Portland and Seattle, and four roundtrips between Seattle and Vancouver, B.C.

In March 2011, the Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT) announced that the State had invested \$36.6 million in federal stimulus funds to buy two new train sets from Talgo America. The 13-car sets will be used for *Amtrak Cascades* service, and are scheduled to be delivered during 2012.

Stations

In September 2011, the US Department of Transportation awarded a federal grant to ODOT to modernize Portland Union Station. The \$1.3-million grant will support final design and construction of additional work on the building's roof and other structure upgrades, in conjunction with a previous, \$5.9-million federal grant for roof replacement. In addition to roof replacement and seismic upgrades, the work at Union Station also will include replacement of gutters and downspouts, skylight and window repair, and attic insulation.