

# Amtrak Fact Sheet, Fiscal Year 2017 State of Indiana

## Indiana FY17 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
- Over \$23 million in Amtrak procurement
- 771 residents employed by Amtrak
- Total resident employee wages, over \$49 million
- Over 51,000 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* (see below). Also, in partnership with Michigan, Amtrak runs the Chicago-Detroit *Wolverine* service through Hammond-Whiting and Michigan City.

During FY17 Amtrak served the following Indiana locations:

<u>City</u>	<u>Boardings + Alightings</u>	
Connersville	583	
Crawfordsville	5,932	
<u>Dyer</u>	3,142	
Elkhart	22,599	
Hammond-Whiting	11,321	
<u>Indianapolis</u>	32,725	
<u>Lafayette</u>	17,667	
Michigan City	3,699	

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 Rensselaer
 2,188

 South Bend
 21,818

 Waterloo
 23,137

 Total Indiana Station Usage:
 144,811

 (up 8.1% from FY16)

#### **Procurement**

Amtrak spent \$23,390,017 on goods and services in Indiana in FY17. Most of this amount was in the following locations:

<u>City</u>	<b>Amount</b>
Beech Grove	\$ 1,163,691
Elkhart	\$ 5,385,588
Indianapolis	\$ 12,483,714

## **Employment**

At the end of FY17, Amtrak employed 771 Indiana residents. Total wages of Amtrak employees living in Indiana were \$49,136,110 during FY17.

#### **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.

# Amtrak Midwest<sup>SM</sup> services

Amtrak operates the state-supported *Hoosier State*, under contract with the State of Indiana. It runs four days a week (the days the Cardinal does not run), Indianapolis-Lafayette-Chicago. This train is part of the five-state Amtrak Midwest Mathematical network of services. Other amenities provide additional revenue sources, and these Chicago hub and St. Louis hub services carried 4,704 bicycles and 2,143 pets in FY17.



#### **Beech Grove Shops**

Amtrak's principal heavy maintenance facility is located in Beech Grove, southeast of Indianapolis. Here, 529 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 180 pieces of equipment in FY17.

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**

<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.

# **Chicago-Detroit Improvements and Capital Projects**

<u>Indiana Gateway</u>: As part of the High-Speed Intercity Passenger Rail Program (HSIPR), the State of 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. This is one of the most congested stretches of railroad in the world. In 2016, final construction was completed on eight separate improvements from Porter west to the Illinois state line. Seven of the improvements are on track owned by Norfolk Southern and the eighth on Amtrak's Michigan Line east of Porter. The work on the Amtrak line includes installation of high-speed crossover tracks and related signal improvements.

South of the Lake Route Alternatives Analysis Report: Amtrak and the states of Illinois, Indiana, and Michigan are participating in an alternatives analysis to determine the best route for passenger trains running east from Chicago toward Michigan and the East Coast. This FRA-managed analysis will choose from one of four routes to establish a passenger-centered corridor. The FRA is expected to publish the Final Environmental Impact Statement and Record of Decision for the preferred route in spring 2018.

