



Amtrak Fact Sheet, Fiscal Year 2007

State of Iowa

Amtrak Service & Ridership

Amtrak operates two long-distance 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 FY07 Amtrak served the following Iowa locations:

<u>City</u>	<u>Boardings + Alightings</u>
Burlington	6,654
Creston	5,011
Fort Madison	10,797
Mount Pleasant	13,239
Osceola	15,976
Ottumwa	10,679
Total Iowa Station Usage:	62,356

Procurement/Contracts

Amtrak expended \$542,070 for goods and services in Iowa in FY07.

Employment

At the end of FY07, Amtrak employed 8* Iowa residents. Total wages of Amtrak employees living in Iowa were \$463,234* during FY07.

**Due to a change in methodology, FY07 employment and wage figures are not directly comparable to those reported in prior years.*

Expansion Planning

Amtrak Corridor Planning has delivered the results of a route feasibility study requested by the Illinois Department of Transportation. Capital construction costs were estimated at between \$32 million and \$55 million, depending on the route, to resume passenger rail service between Chicago, Rockford, Freeport, Galena and Dubuque. Ridership was estimated at 74,500 annually for the best route option, providing \$1.5 million in revenue at a \$4.4 million annual cost. Iowa officials have been briefed on the advantages of passenger rail service. Negotiations are ongoing between Iowa and Illinois on cost-sharing for the proposed service.

Iowa DOT also has requested Amtrak study the feasibility of establishing rail service between the Quad Cities and Des Moines. The route feasibility study will be delivered in 2008 as an extension of a study of service between Chicago and the Quad Cities requested by the State of Illinois.

Station Improvements

Amtrak is working with the City of Fort Madison to relocate its station stop from the edge of town back to the historic downtown station that also is home to the North Lee County Historical Museum. The City received a \$1-million grant to finance the relocation and necessary construction to accommodate the move.

The City of Osceola constructed new railroad offices for the BNSF Railway, in exchange for the former CB&Q depot, used by Amtrak. The City obtained \$500,000 in transportation grants to use for exterior, parking, platform, fencing, and lighting enhancements to the historic structure. Amtrak is working with City officials to bring these plans, including future interior improvements, to fruition.