



## Amtrak Fact Sheet, Fiscal Year 2009

# State of Kansas

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### Amtrak Service & Ridership

Amtrak operates one long-distance train through Kansas, the *Southwest Chief* (daily Chicago-Kansas City-Los Angeles via Topeka and Newton).

During FY08 Amtrak served the following Kansas locations:

<u>City</u>	<u>Boardings + Alightings</u>
Dodge City	4,248
Garden City	6,930
Hutchinson	4,045
Lawrence	4,500
Newton	12,751
Topeka	7,513
<b>Total Kansas Station Usage:</b>	<b>39,987</b>

### Procurement/Contracts

Amtrak expended \$24,502,021 for goods and services in Kansas in FY09, \$23,529,633 of which was spent in Wichita.

### Employment

At the end of FY09, Amtrak employed 12 Kansas residents. Total wages of Amtrak employees living in Kansas were \$779,229 during FY09.

### Expansion Planning

Kansas Department of Transportation requested a study of options for the return of passenger rail service along a route between Kansas City, Missouri, and Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, running via Lawrence, Topeka, Newton, and Wichita. Amtrak is analyzing potential service scenarios, schedules, ridership and revenue estimates, required state operating contribution, and capital requirements to establish new service. The results of a route study should be complete in late 2009 and delivered to the State at that time.

## Station Development

Amtrak has worked with the City of Lawrence and a local citizens group in developing plans for acquiring the former Santa Fe Railway depot from the BNSF Railway for a thoughtful rehabilitation, returning it to its as-built, 1955 “moderne” styling. Local citizens have sponsored heritage exhibits and art fairs to enliven the depot at all hours. Late night musical performances have been held to entertain passengers waiting to board the nightly *Southwest Chief*. Amtrak has contributed to the project by installing a new display kiosk that provides train schedules, and ticketing, safety, and security information while enhancing the Amtrak brand visibility.

## Stimulus Funding, Fiscal 2009

The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (ARRA) provided Amtrak with \$1.3 billion for capital investments, including \$446 million for security and life safety improvements and \$842 million for rebuilding and modernizing infrastructure and equipment. Included in the latter category is a Mobility First program, designed as an immediate-action program to reduce as many accessibility barriers as possible prior to Amtrak’s deadline of July 26, 2010, to bring stations into compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act. Mobility First investments can include wheelchair lifts, connecting walkways, and designated parking spaces. Investments planned for Kansas include:

Dodge City	Information kiosk	\$ 11,000
Dodge City	Mobility First	\$ 79,200
Garden City	Mobility First	\$ 27,000
Hutchinson	Information kiosk	\$ 11,000
Hutchinson	Mobility First	\$ 14,000
Hutchinson	platform tactile edge	\$ 75,000
Lawrence	Information kiosk	\$ 10,000
Lawrence	Mobility First	\$ 9,000
Lawrence	new 550-foot platform	\$ 600,000
Newton	Information kiosk	\$ 11,000
Newton	Mobility First	\$ 70,000
Topeka	Information kiosk	\$ 11,000
Topeka	Mobility First	\$ 14,000
Topeka	platform tactile edge	\$ 100,000
<b>Total Kansas ARRA funds:</b>		<b>\$ 1,042,200</b>