



Amtrak Fact Sheet, Fiscal Year 2017

State of Wisconsin

Amtrak-Wisconsin partnership

- *Hiawatha Service* – seven daily round trips, Milwaukee-Chicago
- Additional service is being studied
- Over 85,000 Wisconsin residents are members of the Amtrak Guest Rewards frequent user program

Amtrak Service & Ridership

Amtrak operates one National Network train through Wisconsin, the *Empire Builder* (daily Chicago-Milwaukee-St. Paul-Seattle/Portland via Columbus, Portage, Wisconsin Dells, Tomah, and La Crosse); and the State Supported *Hiawatha Service*, seven daily round-trips, Milwaukee-Chicago.

During FY17 Amtrak served the following Wisconsin locations:

<u>City</u>	<u>Boardings + Alightings</u>
Columbus	13,545
La Crosse	27,368
Milwaukee	605,351
Milwaukee Airport	164,054
Portage	9,077
Sturtevant	83,902
Tomah	13,792
Wisconsin Dells	14,606
Total Wisconsin Station Usage:	931,695

(up 2.4% from FY16)

Procurement

Amtrak spent \$12,735,157 on goods and services in Wisconsin in FY17, most of which in:

<u>City</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Glendale	\$ 2,216,053
Milwaukee	\$ 3,797,818
Oak Creek	\$ 4,191,205

Employment

At the end of FY17, Amtrak employed 62 Wisconsin residents. Total wages of Amtrak employees living in Wisconsin were \$4,676,005 during FY17.

PRIIA Section 209 and State Supported Services

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 Wisconsin, by the deadline, and the services continued to run without interruption.

Amtrak MidwestSM services

Amtrak operates the state-supported *Hiawatha Service*, under contract with the states of Illinois and Wisconsin. With seven daily trains in each direction, the service is the most heavily used route in the Midwest. These trains are part of the five-state Amtrak MidwestSM 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.



Charger Locomotives

Illinois, Michigan, Missouri, and Wisconsin partnered with California to procure a new fleet of locomotives for short-distance state-supported services. The Charger locomotive fleet was constructed by Siemens, sourcing parts from businesses large and small from all across the United States. After deliveries are completed, these 33 locomotives will be deployed from Chicago on trains that served more than 2.6 million Amtrak customers in the last year.

Expansion Planning and Service Improvements

Additional Chicago-Twin Cities Service: Amtrak conducted an analysis for the Minnesota and Wisconsin Departments of Transportation of potential ridership, revenue, and operating costs for a second, daily, state-supported round-trip between St. Paul-Minneapolis and Chicago, supplementing the existing *Empire Builder* service. The report also provided a “high-level” examination of capital start-up costs, such as equipment acquisition and infrastructure improvements needed to accommodate the new service.

This report, from May 2015, is available in its entirety at <http://www.dot.state.mn.us/passengerrail/mn-chicago-study.html>. Amtrak will continue to work with both state DOTs to coordinate public outreach, as this prospective project moves into the environmental assessment/impact process.

Additional Hiawatha Frequencies: The Wisconsin and Illinois departments of transportation, in coordination with the Federal Railroad Administration, are completing an Environmental Assessment (EA) and Service Development Plan (SDP) to study increasing *Hiawatha Service* from seven to ten round-trips a day. The sponsors are performing additional analysis to further quantify potential impacts of the new service. Once that is complete, a final EA and SDP will be completed, late in 2017.

Station Improvements

Milwaukee Intermodal Station: Work was completed in summer 2016 on a new mezzanine over the tracks, with escalators and elevators that connect to new, ADA-compliant platforms.

AMTRAK ROUTES IN WISCONSIN

TRACK OWNERSHIP	
— Amtrak	— NS
— UP	— CP
— BNSF	— CN
— CSX	— Other

