



# Amtrak Fact Sheet, Fiscal Year 2017

## State of Iowa

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### Amtrak Service & Ridership

Amtrak operates two National Network 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 FY17 Amtrak served the following Iowa locations:

<u>City</u>	<u>Boardings + Alightings</u>
<a href="#">Burlington</a>	8,430
<a href="#">Creston</a>	3,797
<a href="#">Fort Madison</a>	6,661
<a href="#">Mount Pleasant</a>	13,736
<a href="#">Osceola</a>	15,752
<a href="#">Ottumwa</a>	12,209
<b>Total Iowa Station Usage:</b>	<b>60,585</b>

### Procurement

Amtrak spent \$2,726,988 on goods and services in Iowa in FY17. Much of this, \$2,391,054, was in Cedar Rapids.

### Employment

At the end of FY17, Amtrak employed 8 Iowa residents. Total wages of Amtrak employees living in Iowa were \$632,832 during FY17.

### Expansion Planning

Amtrak is a member of both the Iowa Rail Advisory Committee and the Iowa Passenger Rail Advisory Committee. The Passenger Rail Advisory Committee provides feedback on Iowa passenger rail issues and a forum for discussions about future service throughout the state.

Iowa DOT has completed a Service Development Plan calling for the phased development of passenger rail service connecting Omaha/Council Bluffs with Chicago via Des Moines, Iowa City, and the Quad Cities. No funding has been identified and any service is contingent upon Illinois developing the Chicago to Quad Cities portion of the route. Implementation of all phases would result in four roundtrips between Chicago and Council Bluffs/Omaha.

## **Station Improvements**

**Burlington:** The City of Burlington restored the Great Room of the historic Burlington Railroad depot used by Amtrak. The City secured an Iowa DOT Public Transportation Infrastructure grant for \$480,000 to rehabilitate the public portions of the depot. With the support of the local Friends of the Burlington Depot group, the community is moving forward with a vision for a reactivated civic space in the imposing Mid-Century Modern structure, to include a restaurant and intermodal transportation center. Amtrak plans future investments to bring the platform into compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), including restoration of portions of the historic, concrete canopy.

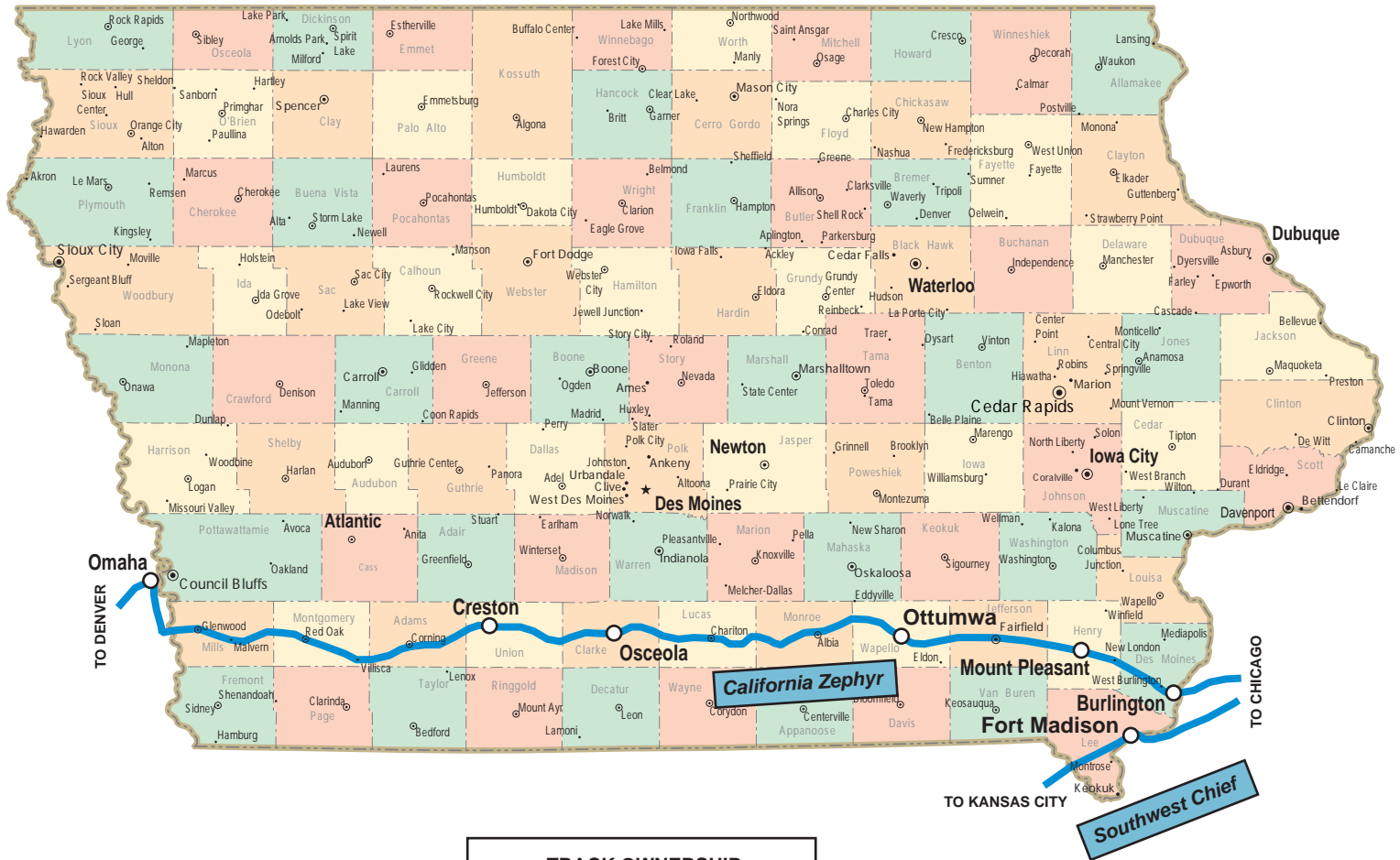
**Fort Madison:** Amtrak is working with the City to relocate its *Southwest Chief* stop from an industrial area in the western part of the city back to the historic downtown station. The City has secured \$3.2 million in grants and commitments from several sources, including Iowa DOT, BNSF Railway, Amtrak, and the regional riverboat commission, to finance the relocation and necessary construction to accommodate the move. The historic Santa Fe depot, in use until 1968, and adjacent freight house have been elevated above the 500-year flood stage, the depot interior was renovated, and a new ADA-compliant passenger platform has been designed. The complex, recently designated as the Steve Ireland Transportation Center, is very close to the Mississippi River, separated by a park and the railroad. It also will remain the home of the North Lee County Historical Society. The City and Amtrak have signed a lease, which will allow construction to begin in 2018.

**Mount Pleasant:** Amtrak replaced the roof at the passenger station, built in 1912, and completed ADA-compliance projects, including restroom reconstruction, parking lot work, and path-of-travel and doorway upgrades.

**Osceola:** Amtrak joined Osceola residents and civic leaders at the August 1, 2016, dedication of the Ann and Fred Diehl Depot Plaza. The Depot Plaza celebration represented the culmination of 20 years of effort by the citizens of Osceola, led by the then-mayor and his wife, to restore the depot to its as new in 1907 appearance. The City of Osceola partnered with the Clarke County Development Commission and the Osceola Chamber of Commerce to raise funds for replacement offices for BNSF Railway and to pay for the depot restoration which includes new architecturally sensitive windows, restored benches, new HVAC, an enlarged paved parking lot and brings the building into ADA compliance.

**Ottumwa:** Amtrak plans future investments to bring the platform into ADA-compliance, including restoration of portions of the historic iron and wood canopy.

# AMTRAK ROUTES IN IOWA



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<span style="color: purple;">█</span> Amtrak	<span style="color: green;">█</span> NS
<span style="color: orange;">█</span> UP	<span style="color: lightgreen;">█</span> CP
<span style="color: blue;">█</span> BNSF	<span style="color: purple;">█</span> CN
<span style="color: red;">█</span> CSX	<span style="color: black;">█</span> Other