



Amtrak Fact Sheet, Fiscal Year 2008

State of Kansas

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	4,612
Garden City	6,840
Hutchinson	4,289
Lawrence	4,008
Newton	14,563
Topeka	7,554
Total Kansas Station Usage:	41,866

Procurement/Contracts

Amtrak expended \$22,054,453 for goods and services in Kansas in FY08, \$21,846,129 of which was spent in Wichita.

Employment

At the end of FY08, Amtrak employed 13 Kansas residents. Total wages of Amtrak employees living in Kansas were \$808,843 during FY08.

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 by the end of 2009 and delivered to the State at that time.

Station Development

The City of Lawrence, with the support of a local citizens group, is developing plans for acquiring the former Santa Fe Railway depot from the BNSF Railway and rehabilitating it. The building was built in a “moderne” style in 1955, replacing a much older building damaged by floods in 1951. Local supporters would like to return it to its 1950s appearance.