



Amtrak Fact Sheet, Fiscal Year 2014

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 FY14 Amtrak served the following Kansas locations:

<u>City</u>	<u>Boardings + Alightings</u>
Dodge City	5,300
Garden City	7,870
Hutchinson	5,312
Lawrence	8,017
Newton	12,871
Topeka	10,048
Total Kansas Station Usage:	49,418

(down 1.5% from FY13)

Procurement/Contracts

Amtrak spent \$33,413,425 on goods and services in Kansas in FY14. Most of this, \$30,735,863, was in Wichita.

Employment

At the end of FY14, Amtrak employed 11 Kansas residents. Total wages of Amtrak employees living in Kansas were \$854,093 during FY14.

Expansion Planning

The Kansas Department of Transportation (KDOT) requested Amtrak study options for the return of passenger rail service along a route between Kansas City and Oklahoma City, via Newton and Wichita.

The Feasibility Report of Proposed Amtrak Service provided an analysis of potential service scenarios, schedules, ridership and revenue estimates, required state operating contribution, and capital requirements, to establish new service. Kansas sought further refinement of the initial Amtrak study and continues to

investigate options for implementation. Amtrak has testified before a joint committee of the Kansas legislature on the benefits of and the railroad's experience providing passenger service under contract for state governments.

Station Development

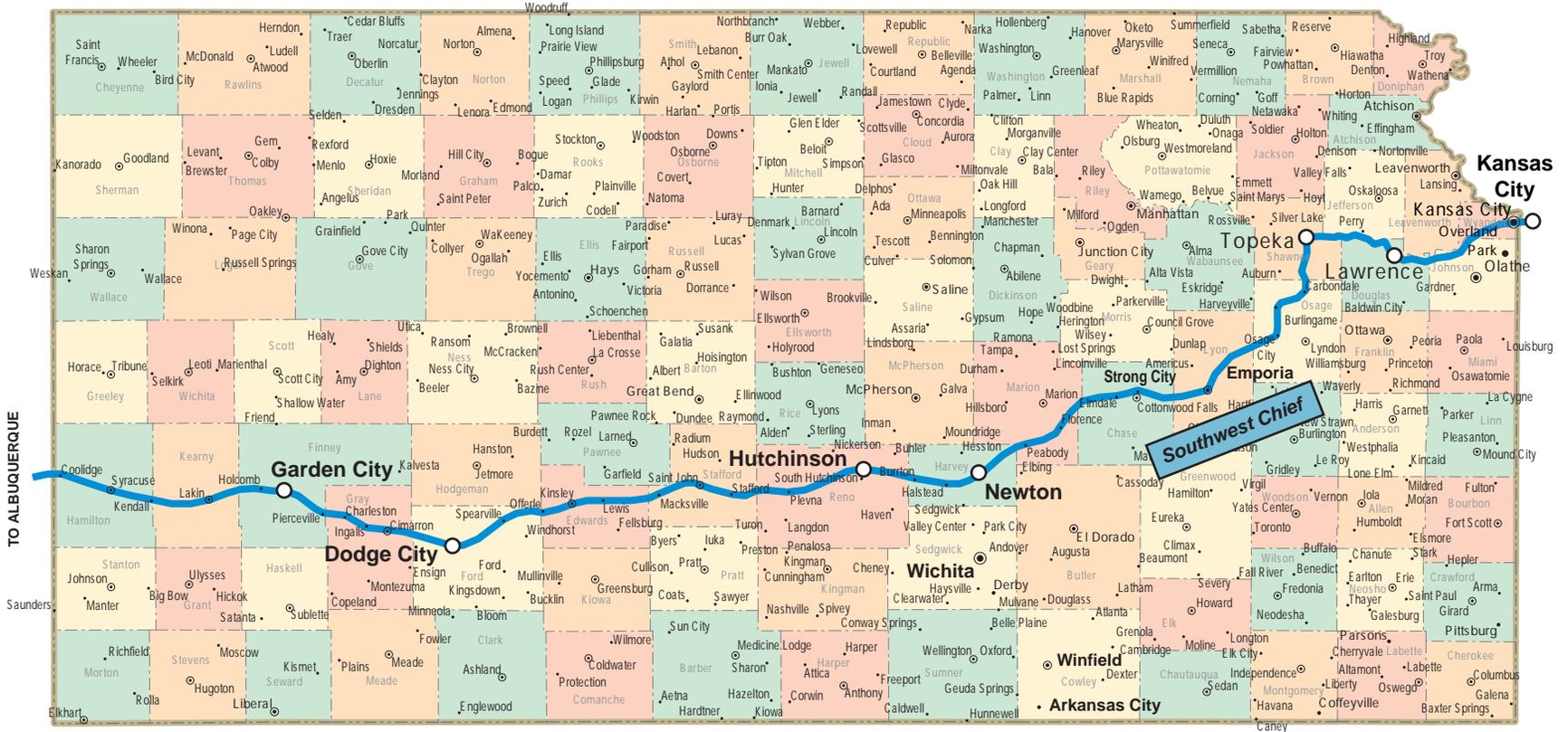
Amtrak has worked with the City of Lawrence and a local citizens group in developing plans for acquiring the former Santa Fe Railway depot from the BNSF Railway for a thoughtful rehabilitation, returning it to its as-built, 1955 "mid-century modern" styling. Amtrak has contributed to the project by installing a new ADA-complaint boarding platform with period lighting and display kiosks with train schedules, ticketing, safety, and security information. In June 2013, Lawrence was awarded a \$1.2-million Transportation Enhancement grant through the Federal Highway Administration, funds which can be used for activities related to the preservation of historic transportation facilities, including depots.

Southwest Chief route

The present route of the *Southwest Chief*, via Garden City, Dodge City, and Hutchinson, could be altered if sufficient capital funding is not found to modernize the line. Amtrak continues to work with the states and communities that would be affected and has informed them of the situation, which results from changing freight traffic patterns.

The U.S. Department of Transportation awarded a \$12.5-million TIGER grant to the Kansas Department of Transportation in September 2014. Combined with matching funds from Amtrak (\$4 million), BNSF Railway (\$3 million), Kansas DOT (\$2 million), and the cities and counties of southeastern Colorado (\$250,000), almost \$22 million will be allocated towards the requisite rail infrastructure upgrades in Kansas. The sum represents a significant down payment on this project and will be part of a sustained effort by all stakeholders to keep the *Southwest Chief* on its current route.

AMTRAK ROUTES IN KANSAS



TRACK OWNERSHIP			
	Amtrak		NS
	UP		CP
	BNSF		CN
	CSX		Other