



Amtrak Fact Sheet, Fiscal Year 2009

State of Nebraska

Amtrak Service & Ridership

Amtrak operates one long-distance train through Nebraska, the *California Zephyr* (daily Chicago-Omaha-Lincoln-Denver-Salt Lake City-San Francisco Bay Area).

During FY09 Amtrak served the following Nebraska locations:

<u>City</u>	<u>Boardings + Alightings</u>
Hastings	4,633
Holdrege	1,739
Lincoln	10,968
McCook	2,899
Omaha	22,846
Total Nebraska Station Usage:	43,085

Procurement/Contracts

Amtrak expended \$153,544 for goods and services in Nebraska in FY09, most of it in Omaha.

Employment

At the end of FY09, Amtrak employed 19 Nebraska residents. Total wages of Amtrak employees living in Nebraska were \$1,574,303 during FY09.

Station Development

Amtrak supports the City of Lincoln's Vision 2015 Plan for new convention and hotel space in a revitalized Haymarket District downtown. The Vision Plan requires relocation of the BNSF mainline and passenger station used by Amtrak trains serving Lincoln. Amtrak has been in consultation with the City and the project team responsible for the railroad relocation to ensure development of a pleasing replacement station that accommodates present and future growth needs for Amtrak and Lincoln.

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 Nebraska include:

Hastings	Mobility First	\$ 30,000
Holdrege	Mobility First	\$ 35,000
Lincoln	Mobility First	\$ 67,000
McCook	Mobility First	\$ 30,000
Omaha	crew base, facility upgrades	\$ 213,889
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Total Nebraska ARRA funds:		\$ 405,889