



Amtrak Fact Sheet, Fiscal Year 2013

State of Wisconsin

Amtrak-Wisconsin partnership

- *Hiawatha Service* – seven daily round trips, Milwaukee-Chicago
- Additional service is being studied
- Over 49,000 Wisconsin residents are members of the Amtrak Guest Rewards frequent user program

Amtrak Service & Ridership

Amtrak operates one long-distance train through Wisconsin, the *Empire Builder* (daily Chicago-Milwaukee-St. Paul-Seattle/Portland via Columbus, Portage, Wisconsin Dells, Tomah, and La Crosse), and the *Hiawatha Service*, with seven daily round-trips daily on the Milwaukee-Chicago corridor.

During FY13 Amtrak served the following Wisconsin locations:

<u>City</u>	<u>Boardings + Alightings</u>
Columbus	16,188
La Crosse	28,128
Milwaukee	617,153
Milwaukee Airport	160,254
Portage	7,455
Sturtevant	74,031
Tomah	10,805
Wisconsin Dells	13,768
Total Wisconsin Station Usage:	927,782

(down 2.0% from FY12)

Procurement/Contracts

Amtrak spent \$15,559,748 on goods and services in Wisconsin in FY13. Most of this was in the following locations:

<u>City</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Fox Point	\$ 1,372,726
Glendale	\$ 3,526,612
Menomonee Falls	\$ 1,012,827
Milwaukee	\$ 8,046,467

Employment

At the end of FY13, Amtrak employed 62 Wisconsin residents. Total wages of Amtrak employees living in Wisconsin were \$4,710,491 during FY13.

PRIIA Section 209 and State-Assisted 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.

The State of Wisconsin, in partnership with the State of Illinois, funds the operation of seven daily, round-trip *Hiawatha Service* trains between Milwaukee and Chicago. With seven frequencies in each direction daily, the service is the most heavily used Amtrak route in the Midwest.

Expansion Planning

Second Chicago-Twin Cities Train: Amtrak has been participating in all facets of a Minnesota DOT and Wisconsin DOT-sponsored effort for a second daily frequency between Chicago and St. Paul on the current *Empire Builder* route. An additional frequency would provide cities along the route two trains in each direction, seven days a week. Amtrak is conducting an analysis of potential ridership, revenue, and operating costs, expected to be completed in 2014. Discussion between the states, communities, Amtrak, and Canadian Pacific Railway are ongoing.

Additional Hiawatha Frequencies: The addition of three *Hiawatha* frequencies daily in each direction between Chicago and Milwaukee is in very preliminary discussions. This would make for a total of ten daily trains in each direction. Additional frequencies likely would be phased in one at a time in coming years.

Station Improvements

- **Milwaukee:** Amtrak is continuing to work with Wisconsin DOT on their efforts to rebuild the existing train shed and platforms at the Milwaukee Intermodal Station to provide a safer, healthier, more modern, experience. Plans call for a mezzanine to be constructed over the tracks, with escalators and elevators connecting to new, ADA-compliant boarding platforms. Construction is expected to begin in summer 2014.
- **Milwaukee Airport Railroad Station:** Wisconsin DOT combined state and federal dollars to double the platform length from 400 feet to 800 feet at the station serving Milwaukee Airport. Work was completed in October 2012.
- **Tomah:** After receiving a new roof and paint by labor forces of owner Canadian Pacific Railway in 2011, the historic Tomah station in 2012 was complemented with a new, fully ADA-compliant parking lot. This replaced a non-compliant dirt and gravel lot.

AMTRAK ROUTES IN WISCONSIN

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

