



# Amtrak Fact Sheet, Fiscal Year 2015

## State of Kansas

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### Amtrak Service & Ridership

Amtrak operates one National Network train through Kansas, the *Southwest Chief* (daily Chicago-Kansas City-Los Angeles via Topeka, Newton, Dodge City, and Garden City).

During FY15 Amtrak served the following Kansas locations:

<u>City</u>	<u>Boardings + Alightings</u>
<a href="#">Dodge City</a>	5,048
<a href="#">Garden City</a>	7,972
<a href="#">Hutchinson</a>	4,925
<a href="#">Lawrence</a>	8,319
<a href="#">Newton</a>	13,010
<a href="#">Topeka</a>	10,399
<b>Total Kansas Station Usage:</b>	<b>49,673</b>

(up 0.5% from FY14)

### Procurement/Contracts

Amtrak spent \$3,508,040 on goods and services in Kansas in FY15. Most of this, \$1,295,537, was in Wichita.

### Employment

At the end of FY15, Amtrak employed 16 Kansas residents. Total wages of Amtrak employees living in Kansas were \$1,046,070 during FY15.

### 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**

**Lawrence:** Amtrak has worked with the City 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.

**Improving ADA Accessibility:** Amtrak will undertake work at and around stations as part of a nationwide effort to gain compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act. Amtrak has begun the design phase for these improvements at and around the Dodge City, Hutchinson, and Newton stations.

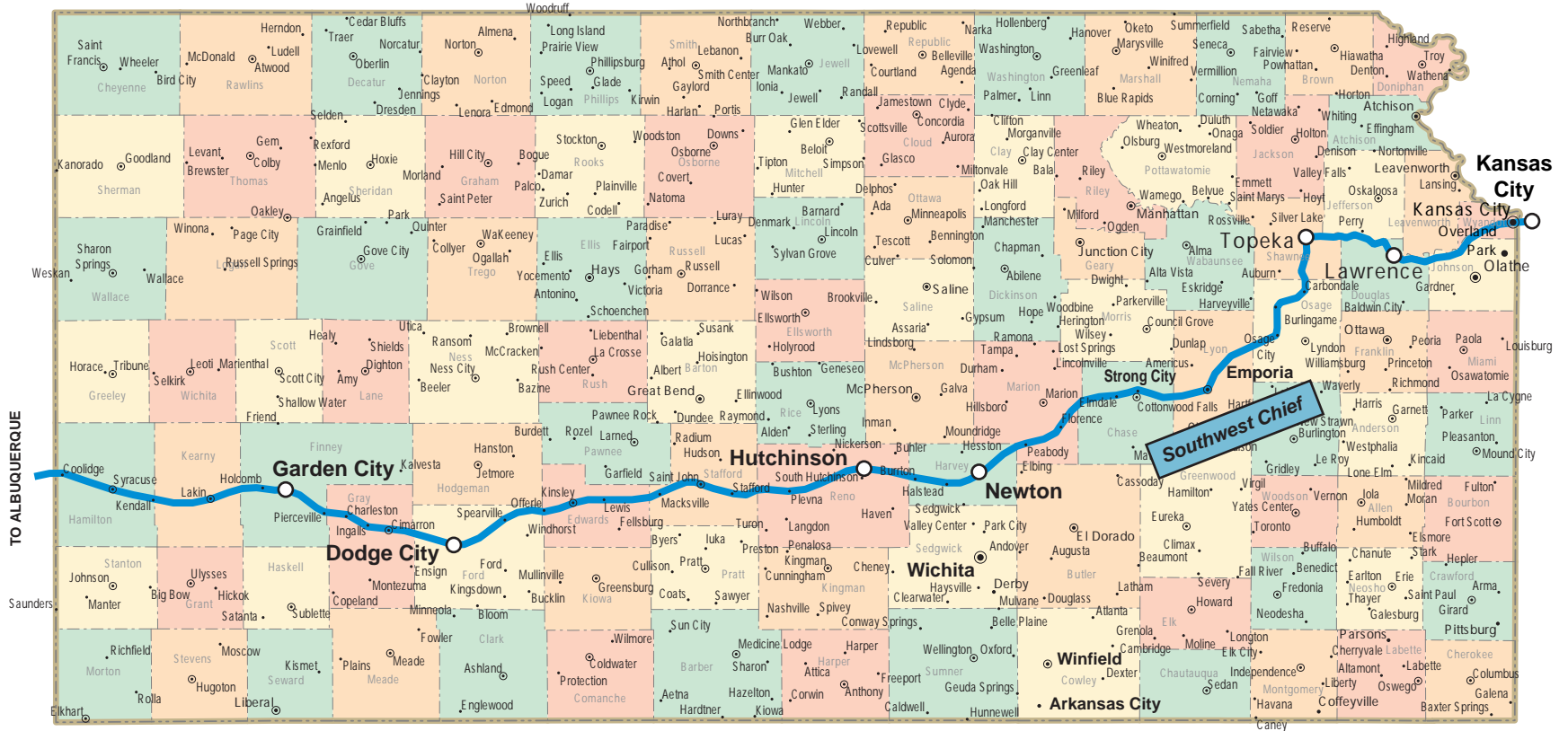
## **Southwest Chief route**

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 has been working 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.

In 2015, the U.S. Department of Transportation awarded an additional \$15.2-million TIGER grant to the City of La Junta, Colorado, to continue the rehabilitation of the *Southwest Chief* line. The funding will be used to add approximately 39 miles of new rail and repair over 20 miles of roadbed on segments between Waldo, New Mexico, and Garden City, Kansas. Combined with matching funds from Amtrak (\$4 million), BNSF (\$2 million), and the states of Kansas, Colorado, and New Mexico (\$1 million, each), over \$24 million will be allocated to upgrades and repairs in this round of funding.

# AMTRAK ROUTES IN KANSAS



TRACK OWNERSHIP	
<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