



Amtrak Fact Sheet, Fiscal Year 2006

State of Texas

Amtrak Service & Ridership

Amtrak operates one shorter-distance train, the *Heartland Flyer* (daily Fort Worth-Gainesville-Oklahoma City) and two long-distance trains through Texas:

- The *Sunset Limited* (tri-weekly Orlando-New Orleans-Los Angeles via Houston, San Antonio, and El Paso)*
- The *Texas Eagle* (daily Chicago-Dallas-San Antonio with tri-weekly through car service via the *Sunset Limited* to Los Angeles)

* Sunset Limited service suspended east of New Orleans.

During FY06 Amtrak served the following Texas locations:

<u>City</u>	<u>Boardings + Alightings</u>
Alpine	2,027
Austin	20,863
Beaumont*	903
Cleburne	1,948
Dallas	32,305
Del Rio	1,453
El Paso	8,184
Fort Worth	81,630
Gainesville	10,505
Houston*	10,855
Longview	24,449
Marshall	5,641
McGregor	2,868
Mineola	3,577
San Antonio	42,188
San Marcos	3,587
Sanderson	259
Taylor	3,896
Temple	11,314
Total Texas Station Usage:	268,452

*Rail service restored 11/4/05 after Hurricane Katrina.

Procurement/Contracts

Amtrak expended \$12,755,577 for goods and services in Texas in FY06. Much of this money was spent in the following locations:

<u>City</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Dallas	\$ 4,639,203
Georgetown	\$ 1,010,244
Houston	\$ 1,040,549
Plano	\$ 1,005,706
Southlake	\$ 3,050,022

Employment

During fiscal year 2006, Amtrak employed 250 Texas residents. Total wages of Amtrak employees living in Texas were \$14,593,301 during this period.

State-Assisted Services

The Texas Transportation Commission voted in September 2006 to begin contributing a part of the operating grant for the Fort Worth-Oklahoma City *Heartland Flyer*. The State of Oklahoma also contributes to this service.

Station Improvements

The renovated station in Mineola was dedicated on June 10, 2006, restoring it to its original 1906 appearance. Amtrak has stopped at what is now part of the Mineola Transportation Plaza since 1996. The \$800,000 city-led project was funded with grants from Texas DOT and other sources.