



Amtrak Fact Sheet, Fiscal Year 2011

State of Florida

Florida and the *Auto Train*

- In Fiscal 2011, the *Auto Train* carried nearly 260,000 passengers, removing over 126,000 vehicles from highways connecting Florida with the Northeast
- A much larger and more comfortable *Auto Train* station opened in Sanford early in Fiscal 2011 (October 2010)

Amtrak Service & Ridership

Amtrak operates four long-distance trains through Florida:

- The *Auto Train* (daily Lorton, Va.-Sanford, Fla.)
- The *Silver Meteor* (New York-Orlando-Miami)
- The *Silver Star* (daily New York-Orlando-Tampa-Miami)
- The *Sunset Limited* (tri-weekly Los Angeles-Orlando via New Orleans, Pensacola and Jacksonville)*

*Sunset Limited *service suspended east of New Orleans.*

During FY11 Amtrak served the following Florida locations*:

<u>City</u>	<u>Boardings + Alightings</u>
Deerfield Beach	31,338
Deland	28,663
Delray Beach	12,696
Fort Lauderdale	58,907
Hollywood	39,069
Jacksonville	74,733
Kissimmee	47,823
Lakeland	24,696
Miami	94,556
Okeechobee	3,976
Orlando	179,142
Palatka	13,872

Sanford (Auto-Train Station)	259,944
Sebring	19,988
Tampa	140,785
West Palm Beach	66,303
Winter Haven	26,188
Winter Park	34,858
Total Florida Station Usage:	1,157,537
	(up 7.5% from FY10)

*Rail service to Chipley, Crestview, Lake City, Madison, Pensacola, Tallahassee suspended 8/27/05.

Procurement/Contracts

Amtrak placed orders valued at \$14,171,205 for goods and services in Florida in FY11. Much of this amount was in the following locations:

<u>City</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Fort Lauderdale	\$ 2,271,181
Jacksonville	\$ 2,672,454
St. Augustine	\$ 2,963,198

Employment

At the end of FY11, Amtrak employed 736 Florida residents. Total wages of Amtrak employees living in Florida were \$49,831,268 during FY11.

Major Facilities

Amtrak operates the Hialeah maintenance facility in Miami, which services and performs light overhauls for Viewliner, Amfleet, and Heritage cars for *Silver Service* trains, as well as the Sanford maintenance facility which services the Superliner-equipped *Auto Train*.

Amtrak's Southern Division, which is responsible for Amtrak's operations in the Southeastern United States, is headquartered in Miami. Amtrak also has train and engine crew bases in Miami, Sanford and Jacksonville, an on-board service crew base in Hialeah, and contractor-operated commissaries in Hialeah and Sanford.

Auto Train

Amtrak's *Auto Train* service operates daily between Lorton, Virginia (outside of Washington, D.C.) and the *Auto Train* terminal off I-4 in Sanford, Florida. This unique service carries passengers and their vehicles on a 16½ hour overnight trip from Northern Virginia to Florida. Passengers ride in Superliner coaches and sleepers, while their vehicles are transported in auto carrier cars at the rear of the train and are delivered to them upon arrival at the Sanford terminal. During FY 2011, Amtrak's *Auto Train* carried 259,944 passengers (6.4% increase over FY10) and 126,281 vehicles (6.8% increase over FY10).

Amtrak acquired new auto carrier cars in 2005 to replace the up to 50-year old auto carriers previously operated. The new auto carriers increase the maximum number of sedans that can be carried on each train from 187 to 250, and the maximum number of minivans and SUVs from 29 to 120. Amtrak's capital plan (which is subject to federal funding levels) includes additional capital investments to overhaul Superliner cars and P-42 diesel locomotives used on the *Auto Train*. During FY10, repairs were made to hurricane damaged equipment and the hydraulic loading ramps were replaced. Additionally, the new Sanford terminal waiting room and ticket office was opened in early FY11.

Station Improvements

- **Miami:** Florida DOT has begun construction on the \$1.5-billion Miami Intermodal Center, which may open in 2012. It is designed to bring Amtrak, Tri-Rail, Metro Rail, car rentals, and other transportation services together in one location, connected to Miami International Airport by people mover.
- **Sanford:** Amtrak conducted a ribbon cutting ceremony on October 18, 2010, celebrating the renovation of the Sanford *Auto Train* station. The new facility is quadruple in size thanks to the \$10 million project, which used ARRA stimulus funds.
- **Okeechobee:** Amtrak has constructed a new shelter station, complete with ADA-compliant platform. Okeechobee is served once a day in each direction by the *Silver Star*.