



Amtrak Fact Sheet, Fiscal Year 2005

State of Washington

Amtrak Service & Ridership

Amtrak operates one short distance train, the *Cascades*, (2 roundtrips Eugene-Portland, 3 round trips Portland-Seattle, 2 round trips Seattle-Bellingham with one extending to Vancouver, B.C.). A 4th Portland-Seattle round trip, funded by the State of Washington, begins in July 2006. Amtrak also operates two long-distance trains through Washington:

- The *Coast Starlight* (daily between Los Angeles-Portland-Seattle)
- The *Empire Builder* (daily Chicago-Minneapolis-Spokane-Seattle/Portland)

During FY05 Amtrak served the following Washington locations:

<u>City</u>	<u>Boardings + Alightings</u>
Bellingham	56,058
Bingen-White Salmon	1,786
Centralia	19,118
Edmonds	27,987
Ephrata	2,747
Everett	39,566
Kelso-Longview	21,448
Mount Vernon	20,306
Olympia/Lacey	42,664
Pasco	19,889
Seattle	604,888
Spokane	40,793
Tacoma	104,993
Tukwila	13,535
Vancouver	74,170
Wenatchee	15,714
Wishram	2,410
Total Washington Station Usage:	1,108,068

Amtrak is upgrading equipment and amenities on selected long-distance trains, and the first train to be re-launched with these upgrades was the *Empire Builder*, in August 2005. In September 2005, *Empire Builder* ridership was up 14% from the same month in 2004, and revenue was up 22%.

Procurement/Contracts

Amtrak expended \$17,939,072 for goods and services in Washington in FY05. Most of these funds were spent in:

<u>City</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Renton	\$ 1,315,689
Seattle	\$ 8,430,394
Tacoma	\$ 6,831,872

Most of the Renton money went to Kiewit Pacific for design of a commissary building and office addition in Oakland, California. Most of the Seattle money went to Talgo, Inc., for maintenance of Talgo train sets used in *Cascades* service. Most of the Tacoma money went to Associated Petroleum for diesel fuel for the *Cascades* service.

Employment

During fiscal year 2005, Amtrak employed 546 Washington residents. Total wages of Amtrak employees living in Washington were \$23,137,370 during this period.

Capital Projects

Since 1993, the State of Washington has invested \$446 million to upgrade track and signal systems, renovate stations and purchase state-of-the-art trains. Of this money, the Washington State Department of Transportation (WSDOT) has invested \$120 million, and Sound Transit has invested \$346 million. During the same period, Amtrak has invested over \$60 million in Washington State.

State-Assisted Services

The State of Washington contributes funds for the operation of two daily round trips of the *Amtrak Cascades* between Seattle and Portland, one daily round trip between Seattle and Vancouver, BC, and one daily roundtrip between Seattle and Bellingham. The state and Amtrak co-manage the service to ensure joint capital and operations planning, marketing and service development.

Major Facilities

Washington is home to a major Amtrak maintenance facility in Seattle. This complex maintains and services approximately 5 Talgo train sets, 15 locomotives and 23 passenger cars some of which are Sound Transit fleet and some *Amtrak Cascades*. The facility also performs turnaround servicing for two daily long distance trains.

Service Expansion

The Pacific Northwest Rail Corridor extends 466 miles from Eugene, Oregon, to Vancouver, B.C. The Washington State Department of Transportation's 20-year plan for the *Amtrak Cascades* calls for hourly daylight service (13 roundtrips) between Portland and Seattle, four roundtrips between Seattle and Vancouver and three corridor through-trips between Portland and Vancouver.

Selected Highlights

In 2004, Washington State passed a 10-year transportation-funding package that includes over \$200 million for rail capital projects that will increase service, improve reliability and reduce trip times.