

# Amtrak Fact Sheet, Fiscal Year 2010 District of Columbia

#### **Amtrak Service & Ridership**

Amtrak operates approximately 85 trains daily into and out of Washington, D.C.'s Union Station. This consists of primarily Northeast Corridor service including *Acela Express* and *Regional* trains.

Amtrak operates the following long-distance trains through Washington, D.C.:

- *Capitol Limited* (daily Washington-Pittsburgh-Chicago)
- Cardinal (tri-weekly New York-Washington-Cincinnati-Chicago)
- *Crescent* (daily New York-Atlanta-New Orleans)
- Palmetto (daily New York-Savannah)
- Silver Meteor (daily New York-Miami)
- Silver Star (daily New York-Tampa-Miami)

Amtrak also operates the following shorter-distance trains through Washington, D.C.:

- *Carolinian* (daily New York-Richmond-Washington)
- Vermonter (daily Washington-St.Albans, Vt.)

Total FY10 Washington, D.C., boardings + alightings: 4,572,878

Note: Washington Union Station is the second-busiest station in the Amtrak system.

#### Procurement/Contracts

Amtrak placed orders valued at \$48,535,725 for goods and services in the District of Columbia in FY10.

## **Employment**

At the end of FY10, Amtrak employed 329 Washington, D.C., residents. Total wages of Amtrak employees living in Washington, D.C., were \$17,540,674 during FY10.

#### Commuter Partners

Amtrak operates an average of 48 MARC Penn Line trains every weekday, under contract with the Maryland Transit Administration, and provides access to Union Station for all MARC services (Penn, Camden, and Brunswick lines). Over 5.1 million passengers rode the MARC Penn Line in the year ending June 30, 2009. Amtrak also provides access to Union Station for Virginia Railway Express (VRE) trains. Over 3.8 million passengers rode the VRE Manassas and Fredericksburg lines in the year ending June 30, 2009.

## **Major Facilities**

Approximately 70,000 people pass through Union Station each day. Together, Amtrak, MARC, and VRE operate over 200 daily train movements at the station. The terminal was partially opened in 1907, completed in 1908, renovated in 1988, and includes over 150 stores and a food court. Amtrak, the District of Columbia, and others partnered to conduct a centennial celebration for the historic Union Station in October 2008.

Amtrak's corporate headquarters are located in Washington. Offices are located at Union Station (40 and 60 Massachusetts Avenue, NE), 10 G Street NE, and at Ivy City in northeast Washington.

In addition to service to Union Station, *Northeast Regional* service trains to/from Lynchburg, Virginia, which began operation on October 1, 2009, also stop at the VRE L'Enfant Plaza station for passengers with VRE tickets.

#### Infrastructure Improvements

Next to Washington Union Station, Louis Dreyfus Property Group is building Station Place, a 1.5-million-square-foot complex that includes the new headquarters for the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC). It was opened in phases in 2005, 2006, and 2009.

Behind Union Station, the 1,400-space parking garage owned by the Union Station Redevelopment Corporation was expanded by 1,048 spaces. The new section opened in summer 2006 and renovation work on the existing section was complete in 2007. The total project cost was \$36 million.

Also behind Union Station, in September 2006, the Akridge development company acquired 15 acres of air rights from the General Services Administration. This will be the site of a two million square foot, mixed-use development called Burnham Place, straddling H Street, N.E., and the terminal tracks.

The Bikestation on the west side of Union Station was built by the D.C. Department of Transportation and opened on October 2, 2009. The \$3-million facility has space for about 130 bicycles and a bike repair and rental shop.