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# LONG DISTANCE SERVICE UPGRADES



From New York City to the California coast; from Florida beaches to the Sierra Nevada; and from the Windy City to heart of the Big Easy, Amtrak's world-famous Long Distance route network offers countless itineraries from coast to coast.

Amtrak is engaged in numerous efforts to enhance its Long Distance service — both in the immediate future and over the longer term. Most significant is the effort to replace the fleet operating the Long Distance network, and also includes upgrades to passenger cars, stations, onboard amenities, customer experience and more.

“Amtrak's Long Distance routes are vital mobility and economic links for communities around the country and we're continually working to enhance them,” said [Amtrak Board Chair Tony Coscia](#). “We believe in the future of our Long Distance service and we look forward to enhancing the customer experience across the Amtrak network, and further supporting U.S. manufacturing with our fleet replacement.”

Amtrak Long Distance routes include:

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- [Cardinal](#) (Chicago – New York City)
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- [Empire Builder](#) (Chicago – Spokane – Portland/Seattle)
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- [Palmetto](#) (New York City – Savannah)
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- [Silver Star](#) (New York City – Miami)
- [Southwest Chief](#) (Chicago – Los Angeles)
- [Sunset Limited](#) (New Orleans – Los Angeles)
- [Texas Eagle](#) (Chicago – San Antonio – Los Angeles)



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Amtrak is taking a major step towards improving overnight, cross-country train travel by issuing a formal Request for Proposals (RFP) to railcar manufacturers to begin the replacement of Amtrak’s current Long Distance fleet.

This once-in-a-generation, multi-billion-dollar procurement will start reequipping a fleet that provides vital train service from coast to coast and is made possible through funding provided by President Biden’s Bipartisan Infrastructure Law and Congress.

This new fleet will allow Amtrak to introduce an updated product that meets current and future market expectations, improves customer experience, reimagines onboard accessibility and mobility, improves operational efficiency, and bolsters sustainability, resiliency, and ridership.

This step follows a formal Request for Information (RFI) issued in December 2022—sent to potential railcar builders defining and describing the scope of replacing the Long Distance fleet. Multiple suppliers responded to the RFI in early 2023, which helped to shape this RFP.

The RFP outlines requirements to improve core elements of Long Distance service, including coach seating, private rooms, food service, enhanced accessibility, and route experience. Following vendor selection, critical steps of final design, development and production are expected to occur over the next several years. Fleet deliveries are projected to begin in the early 2030s.

See this [news release from December 2023](#) for more information.



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