

Amtrak's Coast Starlight a unique and often overlooked transportation option

What is the Coast Starlight?

One of our nation's 15 long-distance train routes operated by Amtrak, with daily stops between Los Angeles and Seattle, the Coast Starlight ties the West Coast together.

Why ride the Coast Starlight?

The Coast Starlight offers a spectacularly scenic, relaxing and affordable way to travel along the West Coast. Connecting many regional centers such as Seattle, Portland, the Bay Area and Southern California, the Coast Starlight provides convenient travel while avoiding and not contributing to clogged airports and highways. In addition, intercity trains are an energy-efficient and environmentally friendly means of transportation.



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What can I do to help America's trains?

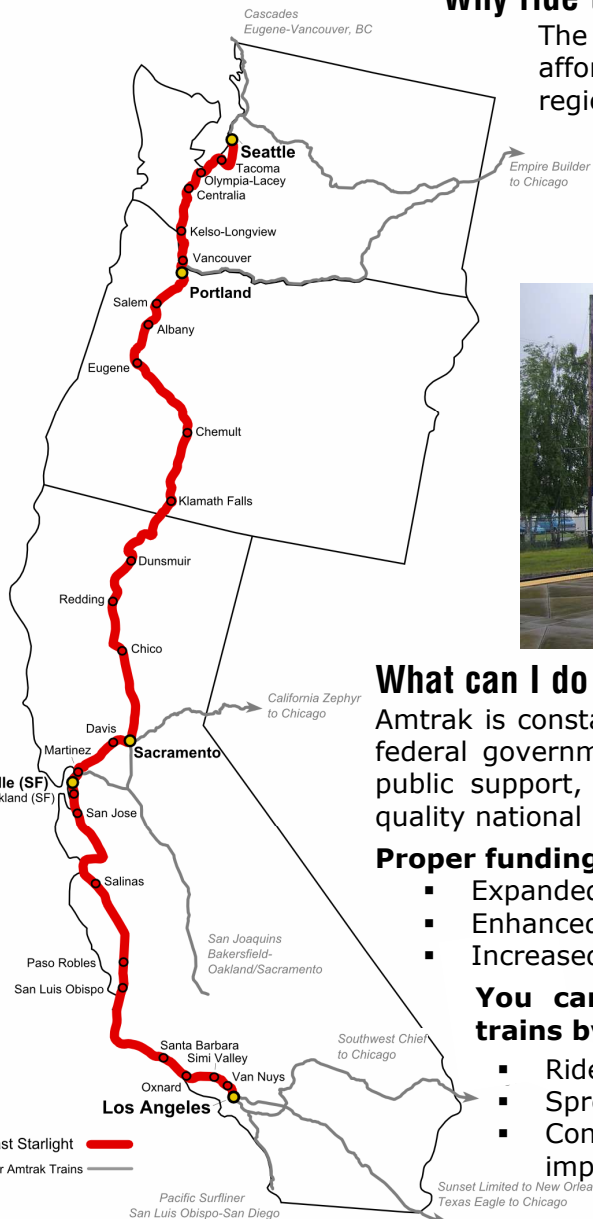
Amtrak is constantly forced to run its trains without adequate funding from the federal government. America's long-distance trains, with proper funding and public support, can operate as successfully as the adequately funded, high-quality national rail systems overseas.

Proper funding creates potential for:

- Expanded capacity – maintain and acquire rolling stock
- Enhanced services and amenities – onboard and in stations
- Increased staffing levels – create jobs and increase service quality

You can promote great transportation and protect America's trains by doing any of the following:

- Ride Amtrak to show that Americans want trains as a travel choice
- Spread the word of enjoyable experiences you've had on Amtrak
- Contact your elected representatives to inform them of the importance of Amtrak and trains in the United States



The Coast Starlight Communities Network is ...

a coalition of various interests with the goal of protecting and improving rail service between Washington, Oregon and California.

Our Goals and Objectives:

- Increase community knowledge of the Coast Starlight and the benefits of train travel
- Support community efforts to promote train travel to and from their communities
- Inspire communities to improve their Amtrak stations
- Work with Amtrak to improve and refine onboard service standards
- Encourage Amtrak and host railroads to improve on-time-performance and shorten travel times



For more information on how to protect America's trains, visit the Coast Starlight Communities Network at CoastStarlight.net or the National Association of Railroad Passengers (NARP) website at narprail.org

For tickets and travel information, contact Amtrak at 1-800-USA-RAIL or visit Amtrak.com

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