

## ***Amtrak Airo Production Stimulates Nationwide Economy*** *Manufacturing new trains benefit nearly 100 suppliers in 31 states*

SACRAMENTO – The production of new *Amtrak Airo* trains is boosting businesses nationwide as manufacturing ramps up. The creation of new, sustainable, engineering and manufacturing jobs will benefit communities across the country with over 3,500 parts manufactured by nearly 100 suppliers in 31 states.

“As we build to support the soaring demand for train travel, Amtrak Airo is creating jobs even before the trains are on the tracks,” said [Amtrak President Roger Harris](#). “The new trains will not only provide world-class accommodations on routes throughout the country but will stimulate local economies as we revolutionize the Amtrak experience.”

The new trains will elevate the journey with spacious interiors, panoramic windows, plenty of legroom, double and single seats, dedicated outlets, USB ports and onboard Wi-Fi. The trains will also offer greater accessibility with onboard passenger lifts, increased accessible spaces, and enhanced audible and visual messaging that will improve the experience for all customers. The new trains can operate at speeds of up to 125 mph, are more sustainable and offer a seamless transition where time-consuming locomotive changes were previously required.

Amtrak [selected Siemens Mobility Inc. in 2021](#) to manufacture new, state-of-the-art trains that comply with the Federal Railroad Administration Buy America Standards. The [official name was announced](#) alongside design details in 2022. In Summer 2023, Amtrak executed a contract option for [10 additional trains](#), bringing the total order to 83. Production has started on the new trains at Siemens Mobility’s Sacramento, Calif. facility, one of the largest and most sustainable of its kind, featuring solar panels that provide the majority of its power.

“Amtrak is an integral part of the fabric of our nation and *Amtrak Airo* will represent a new level of passenger experience for travelers throughout America. On behalf of our 4,500 team members across North America, we’re proud to be working with Amtrak to design, build, and deliver the future of American rail,” stated Michael Cahill, President of Rolling Stock for Siemens Mobility North America.

The first *Amtrak Airo* train is scheduled to debut in 2026. Customers will experience new *Amtrak Airo* trains on the [Northeast Regional](#), [Empire Service](#), [Amtrak Virginia Services](#), [Keystone](#)

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A share of Amtrak's Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act funding will support the procurement of *Amtrak Airo*, which is part of a larger transformation that will revolutionize the Amtrak experience.

For more information about *Amtrak Airo* please visit [Amtrak.com/amtrak-airo](https://www.amtrak.com/amtrak-airo), check out the latest [images](#), [video](#), and [meet the new trains](#).

## Reactions:

"The Bipartisan Infrastructure Law is delivering billions of dollars to modernize our railways, by helping fund crucial projects like *Amtrak Airo*," said **U.S. Senator Alex Padilla (D-CA)**. "The trains being manufactured in Sacramento will be more fuel efficient and deliver a better experience for riders—creating good jobs now and helping connect our communities for years to come."

"The production of the new *Amtrak Airo* trains is exciting – they are sustainable, with an added bonus of having a modern feel," said **Connecticut Department of Transportation Commissioner Garrett Eucalitto**. "We have heard directly from our rail passengers, and we know customers want onboard Wi-Fi, more spacious seating, and greater ADA accessibility. The *Amtrak Airo* trains will deliver those amenities along with the opportunity to see beautiful, panoramic views of Connecticut along the Northeast Corridor."

"The *Amtrak Airo* production is very exciting because it helps increase employment opportunities for everyone in the supply chain and will also provide an improved customer experience for travelers," said **Massachusetts Acting Transportation Secretary and CEO Monica Tibbits-Nutt**. "Investments in public transportation are investments which lead to job creation and economic vitality in local communities."

"Convenient and reliable passenger rail service is vital to the economic well-being of New York State and Amtrak's new *Amtrak Airo* trains are already providing a benefit," said **New York State Department of Transportation Commissioner Marie Therese Dominguez**. "With seven New York companies supplying parts for these sleek new trains, *Amtrak Airo* is helping to support New York's manufacturing economy. The State Department of Transportation is pleased to see this production move forward and looks forward to the day when *Amtrak Airo* trains are rolling through the Empire State on a daily basis."



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“Oregon’s Department of Transportation is thrilled that the new Amtrak Airo trains will be making their national debut in Pacific Northwest Amtrak Cascades corridor service, and that they incorporate parts manufactured by two Oregon companies,” said **Jennifer Sellers, Multimodal and Rail Services Unit Manager**.

“Amtrak Cascades is eager to welcome [new trains in 2026](#) to our scenic route linking Washington, Oregon and British Columbia,” said **Jason Biggs, Acting Director of WSDOT's Rail, Freight and Ports Division**. “Ours will be the first *Amtrak Airo* trains delivered by Siemens and knowing that suppliers in the Pacific Northwest are contributing to their production is gratifying. Their arrival will herald a new generation of train travel in our region.”

#### **About Amtrak®**

For more than 50 years, Amtrak has connected America and modernized train travel. Offering a safe, environmentally efficient way to reach more than 500 destinations across 46 states and parts of Canada, Amtrak provides travelers with an experience that sets a new standard. Book travel, check train status, access your eTicket and more through the [Amtrak app](#). Learn more at [Amtrak.com](#) and connect with us on [Twitter](#), [Instagram](#), [Facebook](#) and [LinkedIn](#).

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Amtrak is leading a new era of passenger rail, investing in modern trains, enhanced stations, new tunnels and bridges, and other critical infrastructure upgrades. We’re enhancing the customer experience across the country, improving safety and reliability, driving economic development, reducing trip times, expanding capacity, advancing accessibility and promoting a more sustainable future.

Traditionally known as a passenger rail operator, today Amtrak is also a major construction company executing the largest capital program in Amtrak’s history. With over \$50 billion of capital investments in planning and development, these historic investments are made possible by the Infrastructure Investment & Jobs Act (IIJA), also known as the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL) enacted in 2021.

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