



Success Stories in Rail Investment



Route: Pittsburgh to New York

Keystone Corridor Pennsylvania

Overview

The Keystone Corridor spans Pennsylvania between Pittsburgh, Harrisburg, and Philadelphia, directly connecting to the Northeast Corridor. Starting in October 2013, PennDOT assumed funding responsibility for the maintenance and operations of the Corridor service.

PennDOT contracts with Amtrak to operate the Pennsylvanian Service from Pittsburgh to New York City and the Keystone Service from Harrisburg to New York City.

Norfolk Southern Railway freight trains also operate over the Keystone Corridor tracks east of Harrisburg. Ongoing investments in grade crossings and station improvements continue to enhance the line for both freight and passenger service.

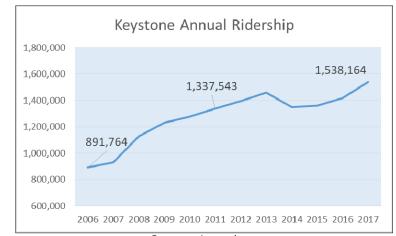
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Funding

Over \$310 million of federal, state and local funds have been invested into the Keystone Corridor, including

- \$86 million for station improvements,
- \$23 million from USDOT grants for grade crossing improvements, and
- \$47 million for track interlockings



Source: Amtrak

Results

- •Ridership has increased over 72% to over 1.5 million since 2006.
- Investments enabled weekday trains to increase from 22 to 28
- Average trip time has been reduced by almost 19% from Harrisburg to Philadelphia. Top train speeds reach 110mph.
- Improved service and ridership have contributed to economic development opportunities across the Keystone Corridor
- The announcement of station improvements at Mt. Joy has contributed to 25 new businesses opening around the station in the past 5 years

Corridor Facts

- Length: 349 miles from Pittsburgh to Philadelphia
- 12 Amtrak stations stops between Harrisburg and Philadelphia
- 28 weekday and 14 weekend day trips
- •Current top speeds of 110mph will increase to 125mph with the completion of the grade-crossing elimination projects.
- Full electrification between Harrisburg and Philadelphia
- Amtrak's 4th most heavily traveled route

