

= Pennsylvanian ( train ) =

The Pennsylvanian is a 444 @-@ mile ( 715 km ) daytime Amtrak train running between New York and Pittsburgh via Philadelphia . The trains travel across the Appalachian Mountains , through Pennsylvania 's capital Harrisburg , the Pennsylvania Dutch Country , suburban and central Philadelphia , and New Jersey en route to New York . Trains run once daily in each direction . The entire train ride takes about 9 hours total , with 1 @.@ 5 hours between New York and Philadelphia , 2 hours between Philadelphia and Harrisburg , and 5 @.@ 5 hours between Harrisburg and Pittsburgh .

The Pennsylvanian is a once a day replacement of the Keystone service between New York and Harrisburg , offering Business Class seating as an upgrade to the coach @-@ only seating on Keystone trains . Prior to Amtrak , the route was known as the Duquesne , named after Fort Duquesne in Pittsburgh , and operated by the Pennsylvania Railroad . The Pennsylvanian began on April 27 , 1980 , as a state @-@ supported daylight train between Philadelphia and Pittsburgh , with connecting service to New York . Amtrak would later extend the train to serve New York directly . Between November , 1998 and January , 2003 , Amtrak shifted the endpoints west to Chicago and Philadelphia , providing daylight service to Cleveland , Ohio . In 2003 the Pennsylvanian reverted to a Pittsburgh ? New York schedule . On its inauguration the Pennsylvanian used Amfleet equipment and continues to be so equipped .

= = History = =

The Pennsylvanian is the replacement of the former Keystone service between New York and Pittsburgh . Prior to Amtrak , the route was known as the Duquesne , named after Fort Duquesne in Pittsburgh , and operated by the Pennsylvania Railroad . The Duquesne had a long history , finally becoming a daily New York ? Pittsburgh train on October 25 , 1959 , numbered 16 eastbound and 25 westbound . With the start of Amtrak operations on May 1 , 1971 , the Duquesne was renamed the Keystone and renumbered 42 westbound and 43 eastbound with the first Amtrak timetable on November 14 , 1971 . The Keystone was discontinued on April 30 , 1972 .

The immediate impetus for the Pennsylvanian was the discontinuance of the National Limited , a New York ? Kansas City train which had provided service over the corridor . The Pennsylvanian began on April 27 , 1980 , as a state @-@ supported daylight train between Philadelphia and Pittsburgh , with connecting service to New York via the Philadelphian ( a Clocker ) westbound and the Montrealer eastbound . At the time the Pennsylvanian was inaugurated , the Broadway Limited was departing Pittsburgh at an inconvenient early morning hour . The new train ran with Amfleet equipment , including a cafe car . Pennsylvania agreed to pay 20 % of the train 's costs for the first year , or \$ 580 @,@ 000 , with the state and Amtrak eventually splitting the costs 50 / 50 by the third year .

Between 1981 and 1983 , Pennsylvanian equipment was turned every night to operate a second state @-@ supported train , the Fort Pitt , which ran from Pittsburgh to Altoona . Amtrak withdrew this train in early 1983 after the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation ( PennDOT ) declined to continue subsidizing the increased operation . At the time the Fort Pitt carried 30 passengers per day .

After significant ridership gains in 1984 , PennDOT proposed that a second train be added to the route . PennDOT and Amtrak would have split the costs evenly . Amtrak officials were favorable , but budget problems stalled the plan .

In the late 1980s passenger @-@ rail groups urged Amtrak to extend the Pennsylvanian to Cleveland , Ohio . Proposals included new stations in Sewickley and Beaver Falls . Pressure increased in 1989 when Amtrak announced the re @-@ routing of the Broadway Limited and Capitol Limited over that same route as part of a restructuring of routes in Indiana . As part of this change , the Capitol Limited began serving the Cleveland ? Pittsburgh route , albeit in the middle of the night . Amtrak and PennDOT considered two routes for an extended Pennsylvanian : one via Alliance , Ohio ( following the route of the Capitol Limited ) and one via Youngstown , Ohio ( partially following

the Broadway Limited ) with a new stop in New Castle , Pennsylvania .

On November 7 , 1998 , Amtrak extended the Pennsylvanian through to Chicago along the route of the Capitol Limited via Toledo , finally bringing a daylight connection to Cleveland . The Three Rivers continued to run over a different schedule via Akron and Fostoria . As part of the change Amtrak truncated the eastern end to Philadelphia , enabling the train to complete the run within a single day . Amtrak returned the Pennsylvanian to the New York ? Pittsburgh route on January 27 , 2003 , citing low ridership and Amtrak 's withdrawal from the express freight business . On November 1 , 2004 , Amtrak merged the Pennsylvanian and Three Rivers , keeping the latter name with a western terminus in Chicago . Amtrak had sought \$ 2 @. @ 5 million in assistance from Pennsylvania to keep both trains running . On March 8 , 2005 , Amtrak truncated service to Pittsburgh ? New York and restored the Pennsylvanian name to the route .

As of 2010 there is no through service west of Pittsburgh ; the Capitol Limited continues to provide service to Chicago , though as part of its federally mandated analysis of the worst @-@ performing long @-@ distance routes , Amtrak determined that reinstating a through @-@ car connection with the Pennsylvanian would result in the highest gain in monetary and customer service measurements of possible options . To implement this , Amtrak plans to operate a Viewliner sleeper car , an Amfleet cafe car and two Amfleet coaches between Chicago and New York approximating the historic Broadway Limited , via the Capitol Limited and Pennsylvanian . This would begin when funding and equipment is available .

On January 28 , 2011 , it was announced that Pennsylvania had received a \$ 750 @, @ 000 grant from the federal government to study expanding service westwards from Harrisburg to Pittsburgh along the route of the Pennsylvanian , including higher speeds and additional frequencies .

During fiscal year 2011 , the Pennsylvanian carried over 200 @, @ 000 passengers , a 2 % increase over FY2010 . The train had a total revenue of \$ 8 @, @ 856 @, @ 539 during FY2011 , up 4 @. @ 8 % from FY2010 . In Fiscal Years 2012 and 2013 , ridership increased to 212 @, @ 006 and 218 @, @ 997 respectively . Likewise , revenue increased to \$ 9 @. @ 28 and \$ 10 @. @ 4 million respectively . In May 2013 the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania agreed to \$ 3 @. @ 8 million in funding to subsidize the service .

In November 2013 , The Pennsylvania Department of Transportation announced that funding would be provided for the train to operate until October 1 , 2014 . The change in subsidiary resulted from PRIIA laws passed in 2009 that requires states to subsidize Amtrak routes less than 750 miles in length

= = Equipment = =

On its inauguration the Pennsylvanian ran with then @-@ new Amfleet equipment : two coaches and a cafe . Today the Pennsylvanian continues to use an all @-@ Amfleet consist although the number of coaches has grown to six . The train consists of an Amfleet I business class car , an Amfleet I cafe car , an Amfleet I coach , and three Amfleet II long @-@ distance coach cars . Motive power is usually a Genesis diesel @-@ electric locomotive west of Philadelphia . East of Philadelphia , the motive power is a Siemens ACS @-@ 64 electric locomotive ; an engine swap is made at 30th Street Station in Philadelphia . Since the Keystone Corridor is now equipped with ACSES , or Amtrak 's version of Positive Train Control , only ACSES @-@ equipped locomotives are able to lead between Philadelphia and Harrisburg . This requires either an Siemens ACS @-@ 64 ahead of the Genesis locomotive or a Genesis equipped with ACSES .

= = Route = =

The Pennsylvanian follows the Pennsylvania Railroad 's Main Line over the following trackage :

Amtrak : New York @-@ Philadelphia @-@ Harrisburg

Northeast Corridor

Keystone Corridor

Norfolk Southern Railway : Harrisburg @-@ Pittsburgh

