



# Pontiac Station Grand Opening

It's another step toward the completion of the Illinois High-Speed Rail Chicago to St. Louis corridor improvements. The Illinois Department of Transportation and the city of Pontiac announce the all-new Pontiac passenger rail station served by Amtrak Lincoln Service and Texas Eagle lines. This 1,350-square-foot building features several amenities, including a heated and air-conditioned waiting room, free Wi-Fi, interior and exterior seating, bike and pedestrian paths, passenger pick-up and drop-off zones, modern security systems, energy efficient features, restrooms and drinking fountains.

The \$2.65 million facility is located one block south of the old station on city-owned property at 711 W. Water St. The new station will provide better passenger safety and convenience, more efficient transportation connections and technology improvements, while promoting local economic development.

Construction costs for the new station were funded by a federal grant to IDOT as part of the High-Speed Rail Program. This program is also providing funding for new stations and upgrades to other stations on the corridor.



*The 1875 Livingston County Courthouse is considered one of the most beautiful courthouses in Illinois.*



*The Old City Hall has more than 20 specialty boutiques and shops.*

*Pontiac is home to the Route 66 Association Hall of Fame and Museum, vintage murals and numerous outdoor activities.*



*"I am very excited about what the new station means to the City of Pontiac. The station along with the new parking will be a real benefit to the Amtrak customers of the area. Additionally it will enhance the experience of the tourists visiting Pontiac on the train."*

—ROBERT T. RUSSELL, Mayor, City of Pontiac, IL

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**Project Hotline:**  
**1-855-IDOT HSR**  
**(436-8477)**

# Pontiac Station *Fast Facts*

Construction contract value:  
**\$2.65 million**

Total number of vehicle parking spaces: **29**

Total number of bike parking spaces: **5 bike racks**

Platform length:  
**360 feet**

Station building size:  
**1350 square feet**



## STATION AMENITIES INCLUDE:

- Heated/air-conditioned waiting room
- Interior & exterior seating
- Free Wi-Fi
- Vehicle & bicycle parking
- Passenger pick-up & drop-off zone
- Modern security systems
- Bike & pedestrian paths
- Energy efficient features
- Restrooms
- Drinking fountains
- ADA accessible

## PONTIAC AMTRAK RIDERSHIP

FY 2013: **17,397**  
 FY 2014: **16,047**  
 FY 2015: **15,312**  
 FY 2016: **15,957**



## ABOUT THE PROJECT

The Illinois High-Speed Rail project is approximately 284 miles long with Amtrak trains operating primarily on Union Pacific Railroad track. Improvements to the route will allow passenger rail service from Chicago to St. Louis to operate at higher speeds. The project is expected to be complete in 2017.

