

KDOT Heartland Flyer Extension Update

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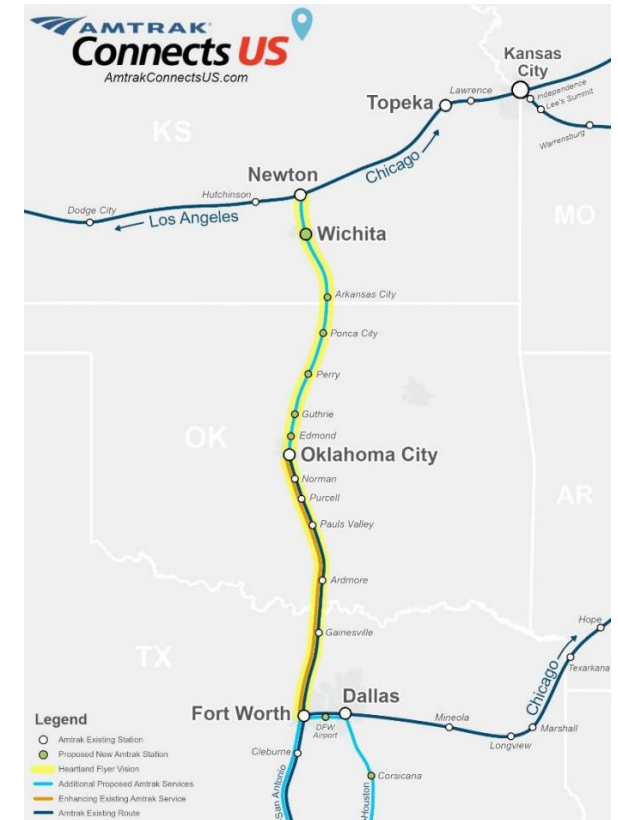


Heartland Flyer Extension Update

- Project overview
- Corridor ID updates
- Next steps

Project Purpose

The Heartland Flyer Extension would re-connect Oklahoma and Kansas communities, provide increased transportation choices and economic opportunity for rural and urban residents and businesses along the fast-growing I-35 region.



Project Overview

- The Heartland Flyer passenger rail service currently provides daily service between Fort Worth, TX and Oklahoma City, OK
- Extension of the rail service has been proposed connecting Oklahoma City to Newton, KS
- The project would improve multimodal transportation in south-central Kansas



Service Description

➤ Heartland Flyer Extension Route:

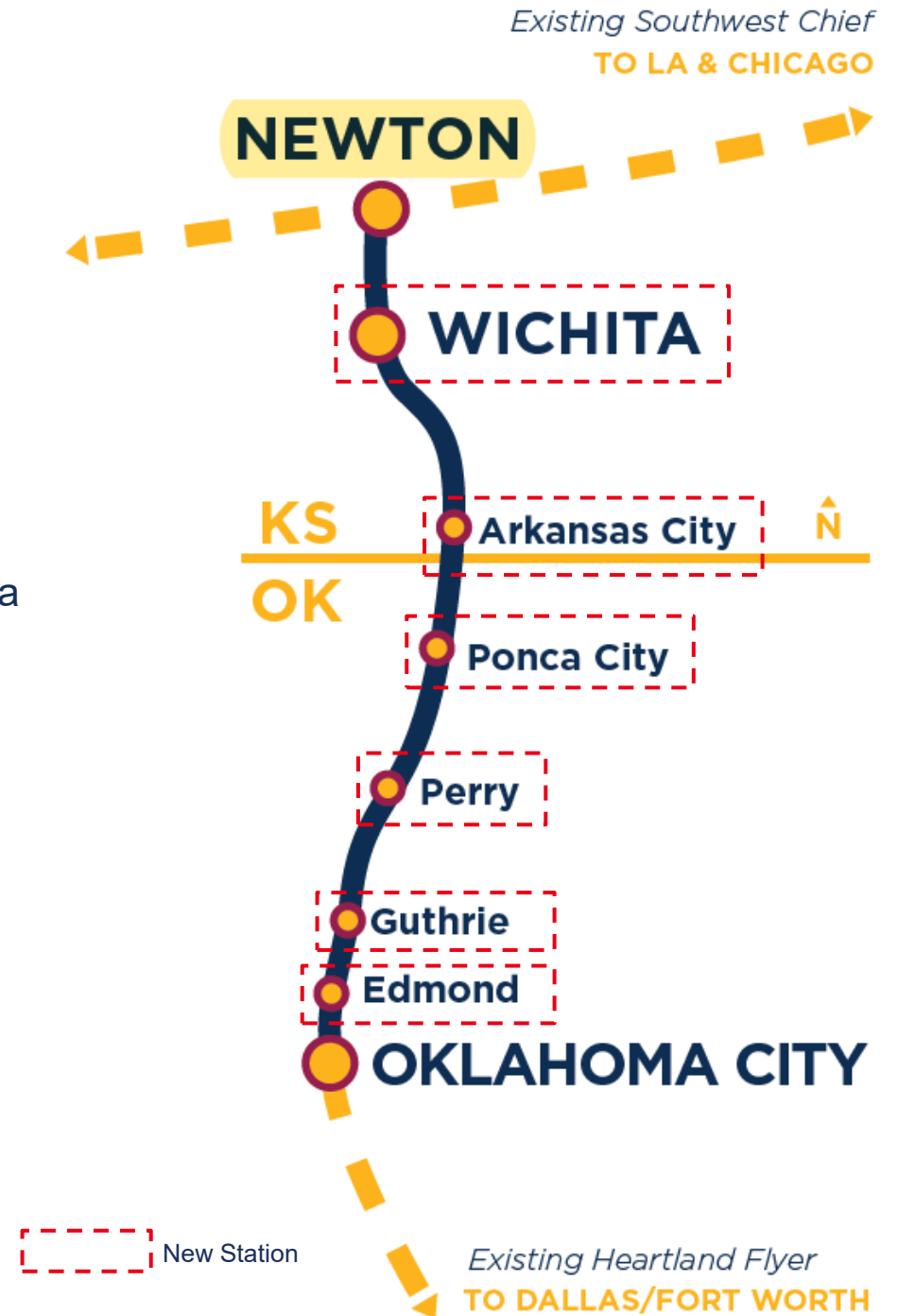
- Extension of existing service from Oklahoma City, OK to Newton, KS

➤ Route Highlights:

- Connection with Amtrak's Southwest Chief in Newton
- Enhanced regional connectivity for passengers in Kansas and Oklahoma

➤ Station Locations:

- Newton, KS (Existing): 414 N Main St
- Wichita, KS (New): 701 East Douglas Ave
- Arkansas City, KS (New): E. 5th Ave
- Ponca City, OK (New): W Oklahoma Ave
- Perry, OK (New): N. 7th Street
- Guthrie, OK (New): W Oklahoma Ave
- Edmond, OK (New): Main Street
- Oklahoma City, OK (Existing): 100 S EK Gaylord Blvd



Project Updates

Southwest Chief - Connection

Read Down		▼	Station	▲	Read Up
2:45 AM		Dp	Newton, KS	Ar	2:59 AM

Heartland Flyer Extension – Proposed Schedule

Read Down	Mile	▼	Station	▲	Read Up
4:35 AM	0	Dp	Newton, KS	Ar	1:26 AM
5:00 AM	24	↓	Wichita, KS	↑	1:03 AM
6:05 AM	78		Arkansas City, KS		11:58 PM
6:31 AM	104		Ponca City, OK		11:33 PM
7:01 AM	137		Perry, OK		11:03 PM
7:31 AM	168		Guthrie, OK		10:34 PM
7:48 AM	185		Edmond, OK		10:17 PM
8:09 AM	199	Ar	Oklahoma City, OK	Dp	10:03 PM

Heartland Flyer (Existing) – Run Through Service

Read Down		▼	Station	▲	Read Up
8:25 AM		Dp	Oklahoma City, OK	Ar	9:37 PM
12:27 PM		Ar	Ft. Worth, TX CT	Dp	5:25 PM

Corridor ID and Program Steps

- Original SDP completed
 - Started before C-ID program

- SDP used to complete Gap Analysis deliverable

Step 1: Scoping & Program Initiation

FRA will grant up to \$500,000, with no state or local match required, for the sponsor to develop a scope, schedule, and budget for a Service Development Plan (SDP) and create staff capacity to undertake the service planning effort.



Step 2: Service Development Planning

If FRA accepts the Statement of Work (SOW), the sponsor will collaborate with FRA to develop an SDP in accordance with the SOW and provide a 10% match to FRA funding, as determined from the SOW in Step 1.



Step 3: Project Development

If FRA accepts the SDP, the sponsor will coordinate with FRA to complete preliminary engineering and environmental review for capital projects and will provide a 20% match to FRA funding, as determined from the SDP in Step 2.



Corridor ID and Next Steps

- KDOT has re-started work with our consultant to finish Step 1 of C-ID before progressing to Step 2
- Remaining deliverables include SOW, Schedule, and Budget
- FRA's \$500,000 Step 1 grant will continue to fund research
 - Opportunity to improve existing work with FRA funding
 - Identified a 9-month timeline to meet FRA's requirements. Our intent is to complete the project in advance of that.

Exhibit 2: FRA Summary of Corridor ID Grant Steps

Grant	Step 1: Scoping	Step 2: Service Development Plan	Step 3: Preliminary Engineering / NEPA
Funding	\$500k / 0% match	\$X / 10% match <i>(\$X determined during Step 1)</i>	\$X / 20% match <i>(\$X determined during Step 2)</i>
Scope	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Using Service Development Plan SOW framework, sponsor develops scope, schedule, and budget for Corridor SDP, accounting for work on-going and/or undertaken to date 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sponsor develops a service development plan in accordance with Corridor SOW and in coordination with FRA 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In coordination with FRA, sponsor completes preliminary engineering for capital projects • Sponsor completes environmental review in coordination with FRA for capital projects
Notes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • After kick-off meeting, FRA will review work undertaken to date • Step 1 grant deliverable is SDP SOW to include corridor-specific scope, schedule, and budget for service development planning 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Final service development plan includes a Capital Project Inventory as part of the Phased Implementation Plan • If readiness criteria are met, capital projects identified in SDP may be advanced into Step 3 Project Development, at FRA's discretion and subject to funding availability 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Capital projects that complete Step 3 will move to Project Pipeline and may be prioritized for funding under Fed-State Partnership Program

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Further Passenger Rail Interests in the State

➤ KTRAN

- *Economic Impact of Commuter Rail from Kansas City's Union Station to Topeka*
- Cost benefit study
- Partnership with KU
- Potential impact of commuter rail between KC and Topeka
- KDOT Research funds
- Study start date 08/2026



Further Passenger Rail Interests in the State cont.

- Work is underway on the Kansas State 2027 Freight & Rail Plan
 - Guide the state's actions related to freight and rail transportation
 - Identify freight and passenger rail mobility needs – for today and tomorrow – and to develop policies, programs, and projects to solve today's needs and prepare for future needs
- Partner state involvement
 - Missouri on potential expansion of their services
- Stakeholder engagement component for feedback
- Our draft rail plan will be available for an open public comment period



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