



New York - Albany (Empire, Adirondack, Ethan Allen Express)

The Empire Corridor from New York to Niagara Falls connects the Downstate metropolitan area with revitalizing cities across Upstate New York.

With more than \$240 million in federally-funded projects, track improvements throughout the heavily trafficked New York City — Albany section and station and track upgrades in Northern and Western New York will improve service reliability and passenger comfort. Work is also underway to improve connectivity to and from cities in Vermont.



State of Good Repair

The Buffalo Depew Station Improvements project completed necessary upgrades to meet the requirements of the Americans with Disabilities Act. New stations are also under construction in Niagara Falls and Rochester.



On-Time Performance

Capacity improvements, including a new second track between Albany and Schenectady, will reduce delays for trains serving the entire corridor.

Corridor Characteristics

(New York – Niagara Falls)

Length	States	Population
460 miles	NY	24 million







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Corridor Projects (FY09-Present, \$M)	Program	Fiscal Year	Year Complete	Completion Status	Federal	Non- Federal	Total
Empire Corridor Service Development Plan/ EIS	HSIPR	2009	2017	Planning/Design Underway	\$1.0	\$3.5	\$4.5
Albany – Schenectady Second Main Track	HSIPR	2009	2017	Construction Underway	\$91.2	\$0	\$91.2
Empire Corridor Capacity Improvements	HSIPR	2009	2018	Construction Underway	\$58.1	\$24.9	\$83.0
Syracuse Congestion Relief	HSIPR	2010	2018	Planning/Design Underway	\$18.5	\$4.6	\$23.1
Niagara Falls Station	TIGER	2010	2016	Construction Underway	\$16.5	\$9.1	\$25.6
Rochester Station Construction	TIGER	2012	2017	Construction Underway	\$15.0	\$8.0	\$23.0
Western Vermont Freight-Passenger Rail Project	TIGER	2015	TBD	Not Underway	\$10.0	\$16.5	\$26.5
Western Corridor Rail Rehabilitation Project	TIGER	2013	2016	Construction Underway	\$9.0	\$2.2	\$11.2
Hudson Line Signal Wire Relocation – Phase I	HSIPR	2010	2017	Construction Underway	\$7.9	\$2.0	\$9.9
Ballston Spa Second Main Track	HSIPR	2009	2013	Complete	\$3.3	\$3.5	\$6.8
Rochester Station Design/Environmental	HSIPR	2009	2014	Complete	\$2.9	\$.6	\$3.5
Empire Corridor South Grade Crossing Improvements	HSIPR	2009	2016	Construction Underway	\$2.5	\$0	\$2.5
Livingston Avenue Design/Environmental	HSIPR	2010	2017	Planning/Design Underway	\$2.0	\$2.0	\$4.0
Niagara Falls Maintenance Facility Design/Env.	HSIPR	2009	2016	Planning/Design Underway	\$1.8	\$.8	\$2.6
Buffalo-Depew Station	HSIPR	2009	2012	Complete	\$0.8	\$0	\$0.8
Albany-Rensselaer Interlocking Improvements	Other	2008	2014	Complete	\$1.3	\$1.3	\$2.6
NY-VT Bi-State Intercity Passenger Rail Project	HSIPR	2009	2014	Complete	\$0.5	\$0.5	\$1.0

TOTAL \$242.3 \$79.5 \$321.8



Rochester station under construction in September 2016 (Photo: NYSDOT)

SOURCES: Population: U.S. Census Bureau, 2010. Ridership & On-Time Performance: Amtrak, 2016. All Other Information: Federal Railroad Administration, 2016. Totals may not add exactly due to rounding.

