



High-Speed Rail: DWIGHT STATION

The grand opening of the **all-new Dwight Station** marks a historic milestone for passenger rail service in Illinois.

The brick-clad, 1,500-square foot building features a peaked roof, a tall glass façade and safe, modern facilities and amenities for passengers on Amtrak’s Lincoln service between Chicago and St. Louis. The \$3.26 million facility, **at 401 S. Columbia Street**, is the first new station to open as part of the Illinois High-Speed Rail Program.

Passengers will enjoy an indoor waiting area and restrooms. The upgraded station will be **open from 8 am to 10 pm** and will provide **better passenger safety and convenience, more efficient transportation linkages** and **technology improvements**, while at the same time promoting local economic development.

The new station is located one block south of the old station and is on property owned by the Village. The original depot, built by the Chicago and Alton Railroad in 1891, is registered on the National Register of Historic Places and will continue to house the Dwight Historical Society and the Dwight Chamber of Commerce.

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



“The new Dwight station is a prime example of how we can work together to invest in communities, provide people with options on how they wish to travel and improve the quality of life for themselves and their families.”

— RANDY BLANKENHORN, IDOT Secretary



“This rail and new depot in Dwight are a key economic tool for sustainability and economic development and will remain a big economic driver for our area. Dwight and our surrounding communities benefit greatly from Illinois Amtrak service.”

—JARED ANDERSON, Village of Dwight President

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Dwight Station *Fast Facts*

Construction contract value: **\$3.26 million**

Total number of vehicle parking spaces: **26**

Total number of bike parking spaces: **4**

Platform length: **500 feet**

Station building size: **1,500 square feet**



STATION AMENITIES INCLUDE:

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

DWIGHT AMTRAK RIDERSHIP:

FY 2011:	8,937
FY 2012:	10,184
FY 2013:	10,763
FY 2014:	10,995
FY 2015:	10,191



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.

