

The most environmentally friendly locomotive for high-speed transport in the U.S.

The Transportation Departments of California, Illinois and Maryland initially ordered 34 Charger locomotives from Siemens in 2014, with an option for a total of 222. As a result of further orders from other rail operators, the number of ordered Chargers has since increased to 81.

Illinois, Michigan and Missouri

Departments of Transportation	33	ordered 2014/2015
California Department of Transportation	22	ordered 2014/2015
Washington Department of Transportation	8	ordered 2015
Maryland Transit Administration (MARC)	8	ordered 2015
All Aboard Florida (Brightline)	10	ordered 2015

The locomotives will operate on so-called “corridors” in various American states, including Amtrak’s Pacific Surfliner along the Southern California coast, Amtrak Cascades in the Pacific Northwest, and the MARC train service on the East Coast, centered in Maryland.

Locomotive for new Brightline trains in Florida

All Aboard Florida, a privately owned railroad subsidiary of conglomerate Florida East Coast Industries, will operate comfortable express trains between Miami and West Palm Beach under the brand name “Brightline” beginning in the summer of 2017, and later add Orlando to its route. The company has ordered ten locomotives and five comfortable four-car trainsets from Siemens for this new service. A Brightline express train has four coaches and a Charger locomotive at each end. All Aboard Florida is the first privately owned company in the U.S. since the 1970s to enter the market of express mainline passenger service as a competitor to state-owned Amtrak.

The first Charger built in Sacramento has undergone extensive tests since August 2016 at the Transportation Technology Center operated by the U.S. Department of Transportation in Pueblo, Colorado.

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