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Carlinville Station Grand Opening

Carlinville was once a popular campaign stop for presidential candidates when politicians traveled by rail. Today, the station is used by locals and tourists alike. A new 1,110-square-foot facility now offers travelers 27 parking spaces and five bicycle parking spaces. The energy-efficient building has amenities such as a heated and air-conditioned waiting room, interior and exterior seating, free Wi-Fi, modern security systems, restrooms, drinking fountains, a passenger pick-up and drop-off zone and pedestrian paths.

The $3.76 million facility is located along the same city block as the original station, at 128 Alton Road, Carlinville. There are two tracks at the station, each with its own platform allowing the train to stop on either side. The new station provides better passenger safety and convenience, more efficient transportation linkages and technology improvements, while at the same time promoting local economic development.

From 1926 through 1930, Route 66 followed State Road 4, the first fully paved highway in Illinois. The historic route stretched from Chicago to East St. Louis, passing through the heart of Carlinville.

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The city of Carlinville is the only Carlinville in the world!

Carlinville is home to the world's largest contiguous collection of "Sears & Roebuck" catalog homes in the country, all within a nine-block radius on the north end of town.

For the past four years the City has been working with many entities to make the station a reality and we want to say thank you to everyone involved. There were uncertain times, but with the help of our community coming together and working hard with the City we were able to make this beautiful new station a reality. Thank you to all involved.

- Carlinville Mayor, Deanna Demuzio

Carlinville Station *Fast Facts*

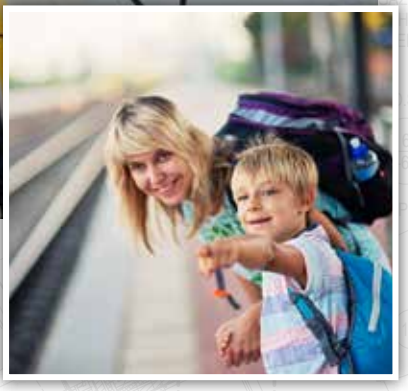
Construction contract value: **$3.76 million**

Total number of vehicle parking spaces: **27**

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

Platform length: **360 feet each**

Station building size: **1,110 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
- Pedestrian paths
- Energy-efficient features
- Restrooms
- Drinking fountains
- ADA accessible

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.

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