

Brightline Details How It Will Increase Seat Capacity 75% To Meet Demand

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Brightline has revealed further details on a plan to dramatically increase capacity, in a recent report to investors.

A total of 30 new train cars will be put into service over the next year, increasing seat capacity by 75%.

The 30 cars will be split into three separate deliveries of ten cars each. Each set of ten additional train cars increases monthly seating capacity by approximately 75,000 for Smart cars and 60,000 for Premium cars.

The first 10 cars will be added this summer, with each Brightline trainset to get one new car in the Smart class of service, adding 75,000 monthly seats.

An additional 10 cars will be added in late 2024, adding another 75,000 monthly seats.

The final set of 10 cars will be added in summer 2025. Brightline did not say if the final 10 cars would be in Smart class or Premium class.

Once all the new deliveries are complete, Brightline's ten trainsets will each have seven cars, compared to the current four cars.

Brightline said again last month that demand for its service exceeds supply, and that it has been restricting seats for short-distance trips to allow more sales of long-distance trips to and from Orlando, which generates more revenue.

The company recently discontinued a South Florida commuter pass program.

Brightline President Patrick Goddard also personally called the head of Tri-Rail several months ago to suggest it run an express service between West Palm Beach and Miami, [according to Bloomberg](#). That service launched on July 1.

Brightline's long-haul ridership in May was 135,918, the highest ever since service to Orlando launched.

