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Oregon Passenger Rail Project

The project will develop a Corridor Investment Plan for the Oregon segment of the federally-designated Pacific Northwest Rail Corridor (PNWRC). This \$10 million project includes a Tier 1 EIS and a Service Development Plan and is scheduled for completion in mid-2017.

The *Amtrak Cascades* service operates on the 464-mile PNWRC, which runs from Eugene, OR to Vancouver, BC. The 134-mile OR segment runs from Eugene to the Columbia River in Portland.

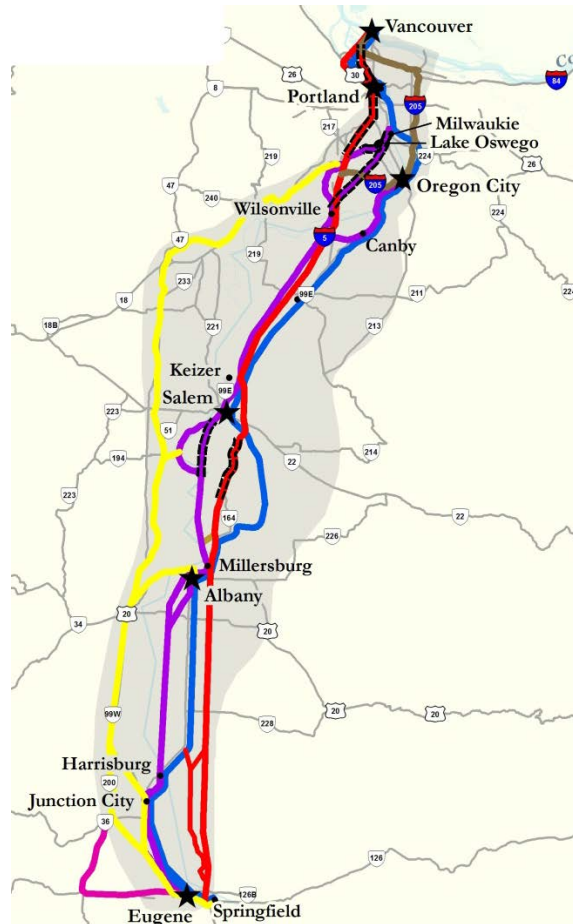


The purpose of the project is to provide more frequent, convenient, rapid, and reliable passenger rail service. Two build alternatives and a no build alternative will be studied in the Draft EIS. Alternative 1 would improve the existing rail corridor. Alternative 2 would develop a new rail corridor on a mix of shared and dedicated track in or near the I-5 and I-205 rights of way.

Oregonians have an expectation of direct participation in the development

of transportation projects. An extensive stakeholder involvement process is being used for the project. While Oregon still uses traditional methods such as open houses, newsletters and community advisory groups, the project has also made extensive use of electronic communications. A project website (www.oregonpassengerrail.org) was established to distribute information, including committee materials and project videos. The site also hosts interactive online open houses. This is the first project where ODOT has made extensive use of Twitter and Facebook. Use of electronic communications has allowed ODOT to reach a younger audience than those who attend traditional public meetings.

This project supports the larger rail network in the Pacific Northwest. Included in the project purpose is the notion that passenger rail service in Oregon should be compatible with the Washington portion of the PNWRC and should support the ongoing implementation of regional HSR in the PNWRC all the way from Eugene to Vancouver, BC.



Corridor Concepts Identified during Scoping Phase

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LIST OF CURRENT PROJECTS

Northern Express Transportation Authority (Shelby, MT)

- Northern Montana Multimodal Hub – FD/Construction

OR DOT

- Pacific Northwest Rail Corridor Investment Plan: Oregon Segment, Eugene to Portland
- Portland Union Station Tracks & Building – PE/NEPA
- North Portland & Peninsula Junctions – PE/NEPA
- Eugene Stub Tracks – PE/NEPA
- Willbridge Crossovers – PE/NEPA
- Siskiyou Summit Railroad Revitalization

SD DOT

- MRC Railroad Reconstruction
- Sioux Valley Railroad Relocation

WS DOT

- Pacific Northwest Rail Corridor Program
- PNWRC Mount Vernon Siding Extension – FD/Construction



Portland Oregon Union Station