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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.

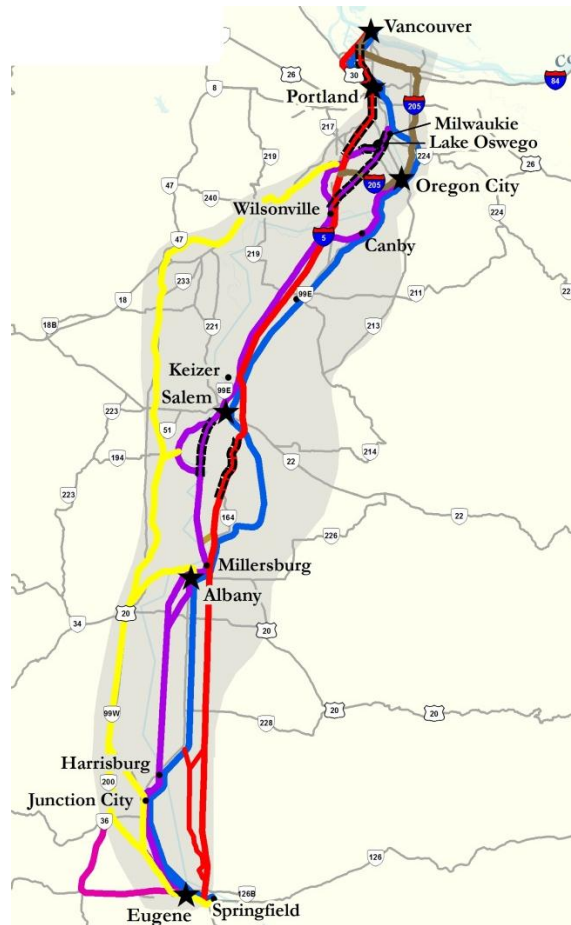


The purpose of the project is to provide more frequent, convenient, rapid, and reliable passenger rail service. Two build alternatives and a no build alternative will be studied in the Draft EIS. Alternative 1 would improve the existing rail corridor. Alternative 2 would develop a new rail corridor on a mix of shared and dedicated track in or near the I5 and I205 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 OR

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 (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 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 OR should be compatible with that the WA 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 PROJECTS

Alaska Railroad

- Access to Joint Tanana Training Complex
- MP 142 Curve Realignment Project
- MP 407 Curve Realignment

ID ITD

- Idaho Passenger and Freight Rail Plan

ND DOT

- Devils Lake Rail Improvements

Northern Express Transportation Authority (Shelby, MT)

- Northern Montana Multimodal Hub – FD/Construction

OR DOT

- Oregon Corridor Investment Plan: PNWRC, 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
- Oregon State Rail Plan
- Portland Union Station Rehabilitation
- Siskiyou Summit Railroad Revitalization

SD DOT

- Sioux Valley Railroad Relocation

WS DOT

- Pacific NW Rail Corridor Program
- Vancouver-Port Access Rail Improvements – FD/Construction
- Tukwila Station Improvements – FD/Construction
- PNWRC Mount Vernon Siding Extension – FD/Construction
- King Street Station Seismic Retrofit
- Washington State Rail Plan



Portland Oregon Union Station