



Oregon Passenger Rail

Eugene - Portland



CHOOSING A PATH FORWARD

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Improving Passenger Rail in Oregon

The Oregon Passenger Rail project is studying options for improved passenger rail service between the Columbia River in the Portland urban area and the Eugene-Springfield urban area – an approximately 125 mile segment. ODOT is in the beginning stages of an environmental review process that will help inform a number of important decisions, including selection of the general rail alignment and communities where stations will be located. The project will also determine several service characteristics, such as the number of daily trips, travel time objectives, and the technologies to be used (for example, whether the trains will be powered by electric or diesel-electric engines).

Setting the stage to improve passenger rail

Since 1994, the State of Oregon has sponsored the Amtrak Cascades passenger rail service between Eugene and Portland. Current service includes two round trips per day, a two hour and 35 minute trip each way. In order to compete for federal funding to improve passenger rail in Oregon, the state must complete a federally required environmental analysis, called an Environmental Impact Statement. ODOT is just beginning this environmental study, and is seeking public input. In the first part of this study, ODOT is looking for feedback on issues, needs and concerns in the general study area, and will identify a range of alignment alternatives to study further.

Learn More

Find out more about Oregon's effort to improve passenger rail service in Oregon.

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Amtrak pulling in to Salem station.

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You're Invited! Project Open Houses

ODOT is hosting open houses throughout the project study area. Join us to learn more about the Oregon Passenger Rail project, weigh in on a draft Purpose and Need statement, and help shape the Goals and Objectives. The project team will also seek input on potential rail alignment alternatives. See the map below to find the open house in your community.

