



Oregon Rail Funding

Rail Caucus Rail Forum
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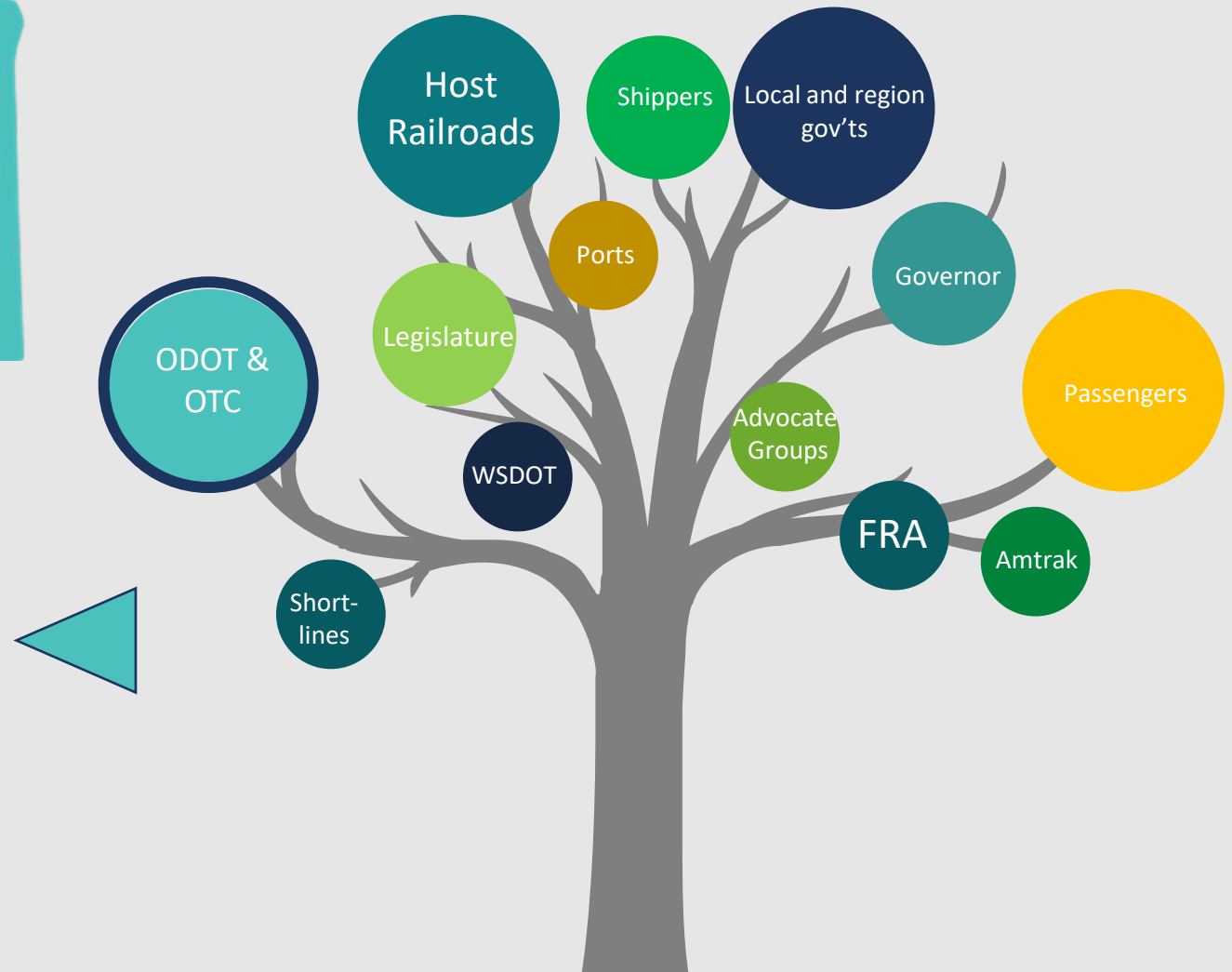
State Rail Plan Vision

Oregon will have a safe, efficient, and commercially viable rail system that serves its businesses, travelers and communities through private resources leveraged, as needed, by strategic public investments.

Oregon Department of Transportation

- Convenes partners, conducts plans
- Provides safety and regulatory oversight
- Partners on passenger rail
- Manages state and federal funds on private RR ROW

Working Together to Improve Rail



Moving Rail Forward in Oregon



Funding Opportunities



State

- State Highway Funds - Constitutional Restrictions
- Transportation Operating Fund
- Custom License Plate Revenue
- Connect Oregon Competitive Grants
- Grade Crossing Protection Account
- Direct Appropriations

Federal

- Consolidated Rail Infrastructure and Safety Improvements Program (CRISI) – May 2024
- Federal-State Partnership for Intercity Passenger Rail – Fall 2024 and Annual
- Corridor Identification and Development (CID) Program
- Restoration and Enhancement Grants
- Railroad Crossing Elimination Grants
- Direct Appropriations

Steps to 'Ready' Projects for FRA Grants

FRA Corridor ID (CID) Program (Under development)

WSDOT / ODOT Cascades CID
Service Development Plan

Potential Revised or
New Projects

Corridor Rail
Operations
Modeling

Oregon Cascades
Service
Development Plan
Update

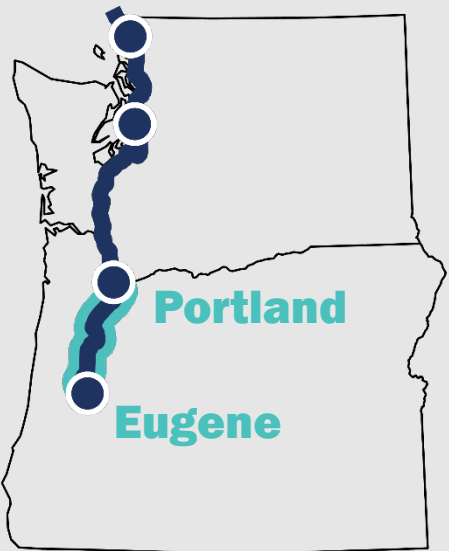
ODOT
Rail Needs
Inventory

Project
Development

Construction
Eligibility

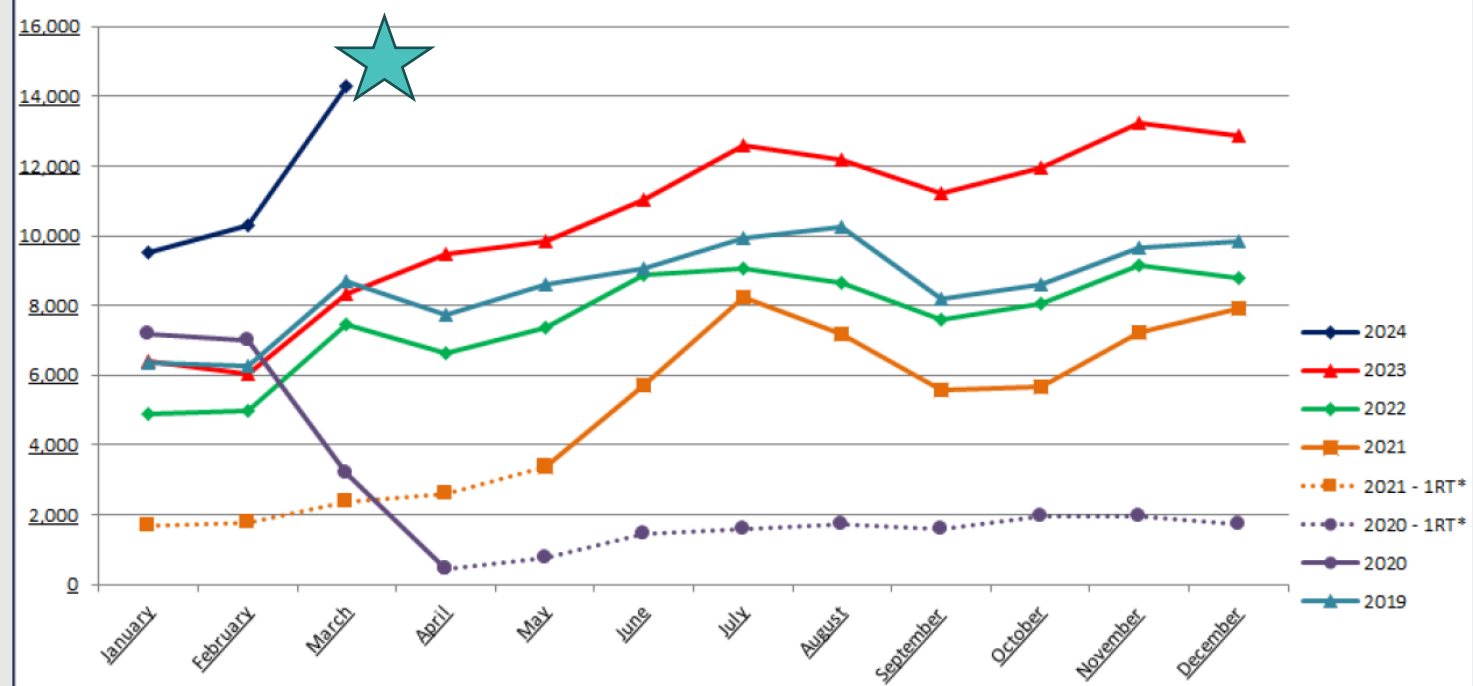
Verify Need for
Project

Project sufficiently
scoped and
developed



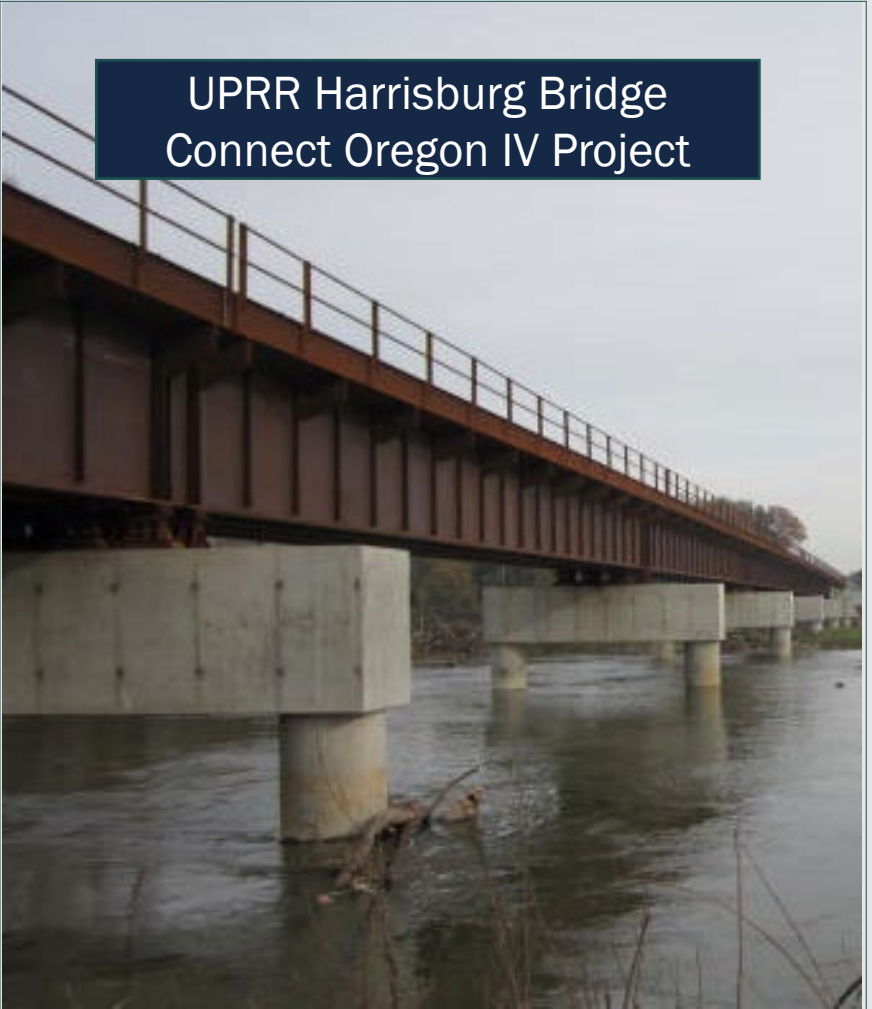
Success Stories

Amtrak Cascades-Oregon Record Ridership



The COVID-19 pandemic and the resulting decreases in demand led to the decision to reduce service to one round trip per day between Seattle and Eugene. Service was resumed to two daily round trips on May 24, 2021. The dotted lines above depict the timeframe when the service was reduced to one roundtrip daily.

*RT = Roundtrip PDX-EUG



Achieving Oregon's Rail Vision

- Support for rail funding
- Partnership with host railroads
- Recognize public agency roles for success
- Keep riding and shipping by train!
- Questions?