

Freight Planning and Policies in Washington State

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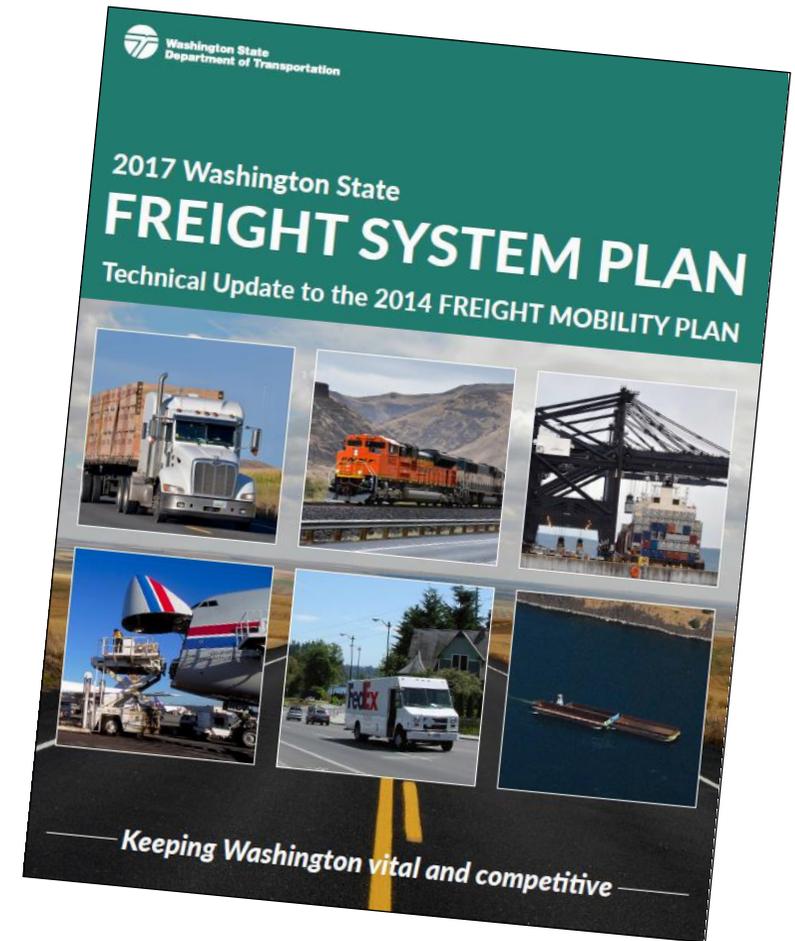
Freight is critical to Washington state

Washington in top five most trade-dependent states in nation

- \$126.3 billion in total imports and exports value
- 1.4 million jobs (wholesale/retail, manufacturing, construction, transportation, agriculture, forest products)
- \$595 billion in gross business income for freight-dependent sectors
- 29% expected growth in freight demand in 20 years

Integrated, multimodal system

- Highway and roadway system
- Railway system
- Marine system
- Air cargo system
- Pipeline system



The Great Northern Corridor coalition

8 states, 15 ports, 9 interstates, 38 railways



- 3,331 railroad mainline route miles
- 38 regional and shortline railways
- 15 ports (deep water, lake, river and inland)
- 9 Interstate Highways, 11 U.S. highways, and many key state highways
- Intermodal facilities, border facilities
- 2,322 road/rail at-grade crossings

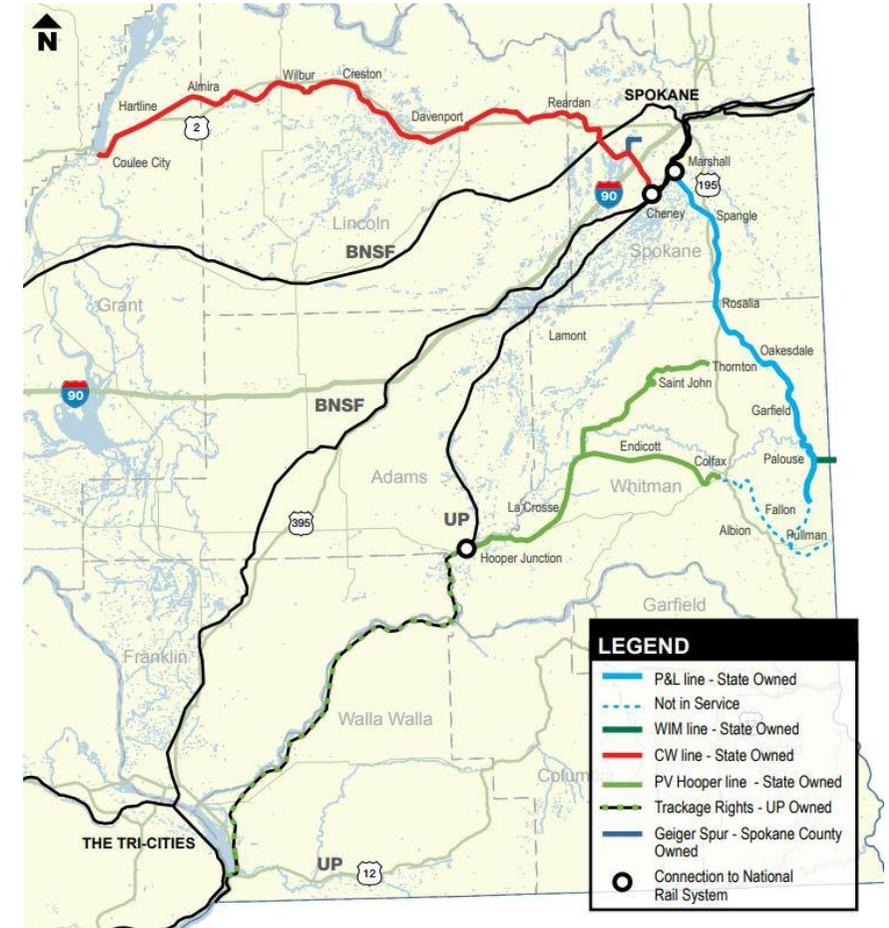
GNC coalition goals

- Position GNC as a national leader and model for collaboration and coordination
- Enhance economic vitality and global competitiveness
- Reduce transportation carbon footprint
- Support a sustainable and secure energy future
- Support freight compatible land use development
- Invest in a 21st Century transportation system with diverse revenue and financing mechanisms
- Support a seamless, efficient, and integrated freight system
- Encourage optimal modal freight movement
- Implement advanced operations and technology solutions to improve freight mobility

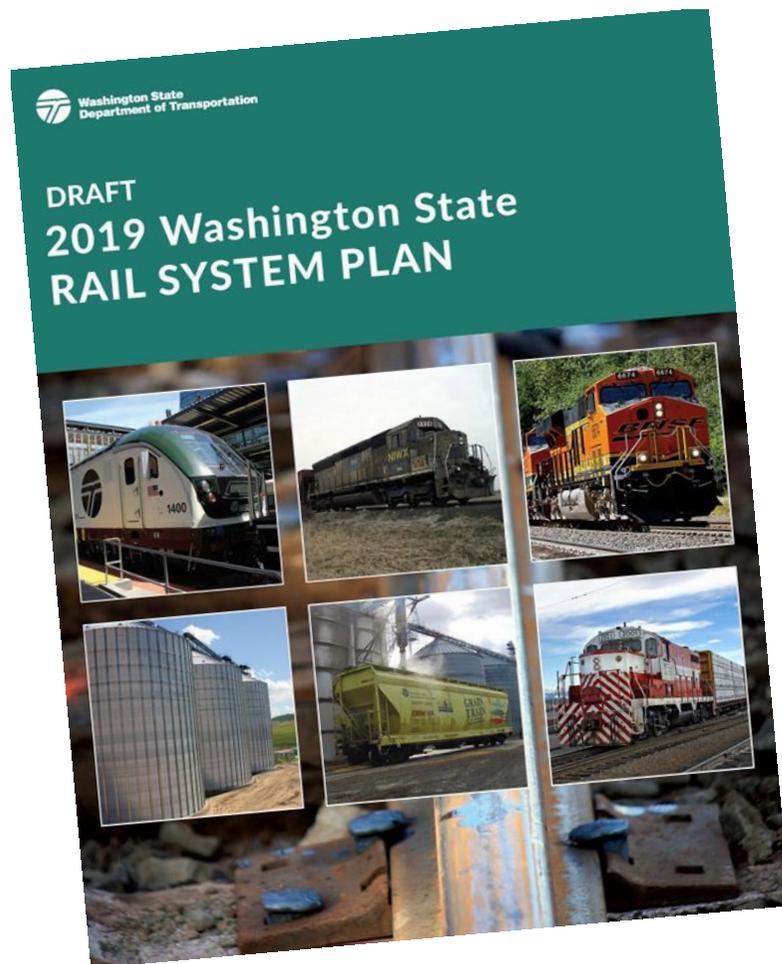


Palouse River and Coulee City Rail System (PCC)

- Shortline railroad owned by WSDOT
- 297-mile system in eastern Washington
- WSDOT contracts with private railroads to operate the three branches
- WSDOT oversees the facilities and regulatory portions of the operating leases
- Intergovernmental agency of four counties oversees business and economic development portions
- WSDOT supports capital improvements in alignment with PCC Strategic Plan
- \$11.4 million federal- and state-funded projects to repair and rehabilitate the line start soon



2019 Rail System Plan being developed



Focuses on framework for growth of both passenger and freight rail service

Goals

- Identify a preferred growth/performance for Amtrak Cascades
- Identify performance objectives for the state-owned shortline rail system
- Identify strategies to improve connections between rail and other modes

Engagement with stakeholders



Seeking input and feedback from:

- Other state agencies and elected officials
- MPOs and RTPOs
- Railroads and shippers
- Business community
- Affected jurisdictions
- Rail passengers
- Other interested parties

Draft plan being released summer 2019 for public review

Thank You

For more information:

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