

GREATER NORTHWEST RAIL SUMMIT

Save the Dates!

Third Annual Greater Northwest Rail Summit

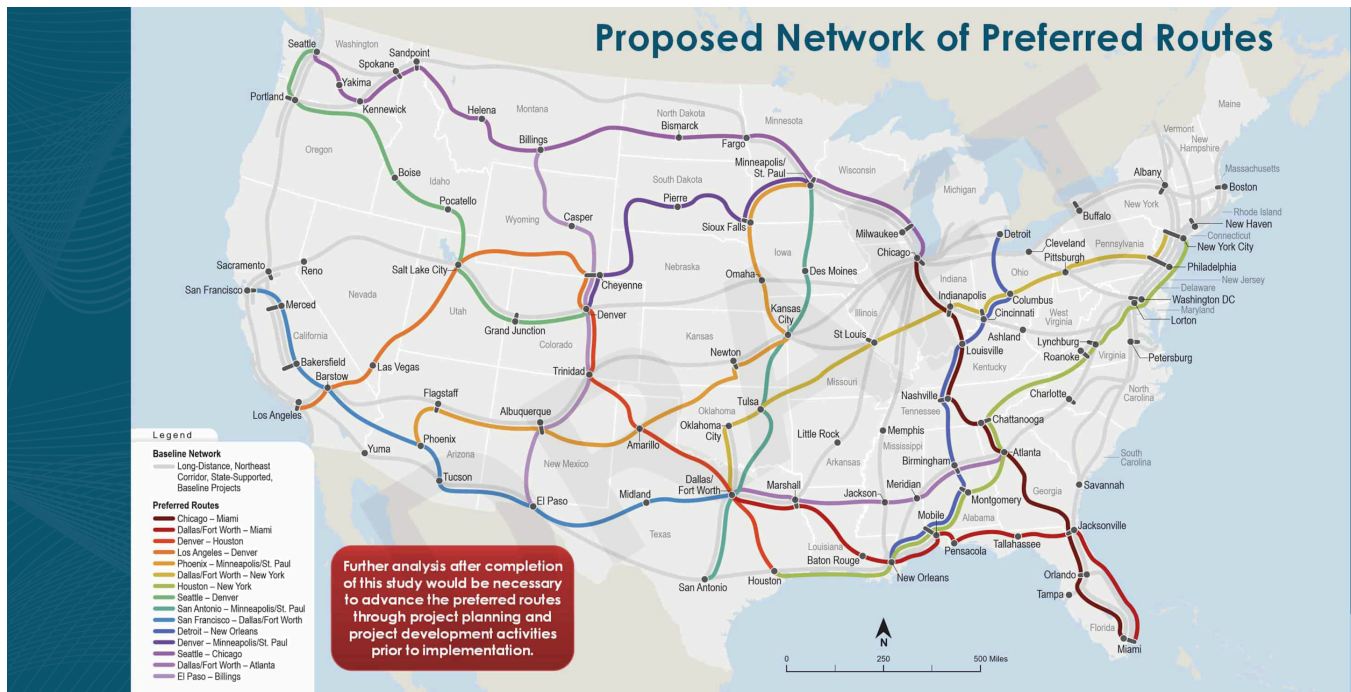
October 8-9, 2024

Central Library, Spokane, Washington | Virtual Attendance Available

Register to attend at the All Aboard Northwest website

<https://allaboardnw.org/summit/>

The Summit brings together rail experts and advocates to continue working toward restoring a true national rail network that includes service to the largely underserved Greater Northwest. Chances for better rail options are improving! The Federal Railroad Administration's [Long-Distance Service Study](#) is recommending 15 routes to expand the nation's passenger rail system.



Hosts: [All Aboard Northwest](#) / [All Aboard Washington](#)

[Association of Oregon Rail and Transit Advocates](#) / [Pacific Northwest Economic Region](#)

[Northwest Region of the Rail Passengers Association](#)

Confirmed Speakers

- Rep. Andrew Barkis, WA Legislature
- Jason Biggs, Washington Department of Transportation
- Lois Bollenback, Spokane Regional Transportation Council
- Elaine Clegg, Valley Regional Transit, Boise, Amtrak board nominee
- US Rep. Suzan DelBene (WA)
- Jenny Dresler, Oregon Rail Users' League
- Sen. Chris Gorsek, OR Legislature
- Jordan Hess, Former Mayor of Missoula (MT)
- Jim Mathews, Rail Passengers Association
- Dr. Breck Lebeque, WA Physicians for Social Responsibility
- John Robert Smith, Transportation for America
- Sen. Jeff Wilson, WA Legislature
- Anna Zivarts, Week Without Driving/Author, *When Driving Isn't An Option*

Planned Panels (see nwsummit.org for latest updates)

- Welcomes
 - All Aboard Northwest
 - All Aboard Washington
 - Pacific Northwest Economic Region Regional Infrastructure Accelerator
 - Spokane Host City
 - Sponsors
- Spokane as a Rail Hub/Crossroads
 - Rail History
- Why Rail Benefits Our Communities
 - Mayors, Ports, Elected Officials
- Rail and Intermodal Investment Strategies for the Northwest
 - Class Is, Class IIIs, Short Lines, Ports, Other Stakeholders
- Freight and Passenger Rail Synergy: High Performance Rail
 - Amtrak Cascades Corridor
 - North Coast Hiawatha Corridor
 - Pioneer Corridor
- Federal Regulatory and Funding Updates
 - Amtrak, STB, State DOTs, BSPRA
 - FRA Long-Distance Service Study
 - Corridor ID & Development, Grade Crossing Elimination, CRISI and Other Grants
- The 3 Es: Green Passenger, Freight Rail and Port Infrastructure as an Economic, Environmental and Equity Lifeline
 - Economic Benefits
 - Intermodal Connectivity
 - Small Parcel Delivery Study
 - Benefits to Environment
 - Saving Salmon
 - Climate Change Mitigation
 - Access to Health Care
 - Equity Benefits for Underserved Communities: Tribal Nations, Rural Communities, Non-Drivers
- Strengthening Supply Chains
 - Improving Freight Corridors
 - Effects of Export Policies in the NW
- Green Farms to Green Ports
 - Transload Facilities
- Creating Interstate Cooperation and Stakeholder Engagement
 - Rail and Supply Chain Caucuses
 - Working Groups, MOUs and Interstate Compacts
- Generating Support
 - Rail Funding Reauthorization
 - Permanent Funding Sources for Rail
 - Funding the Fifteen Routes