

# Relieving rail congestion >>

More ways to share the track means more reliable passenger rail

## Everett Storage Tracks

**F**reight congestion is a challenge to operating more reliable and faster Amtrak Cascades trains. For passengers, this means missed connections, missed appointments and lost time with family and friends. The new freight train storage area in Everett will create room for Amtrak Cascades to add more daily trains, and will shorten travel times by eliminating delays.

### Project information

[www.wsdot.wa.gov/projects/rail/everettstorage/](http://www.wsdot.wa.gov/projects/rail/everettstorage/)

### Cascades High Speed Rail program information

[www.wsdot.wa.gov/passengerrail](http://www.wsdot.wa.gov/passengerrail)

### Train schedules & tickets

[www.amtrakcascades.com](http://www.amtrakcascades.com)



>> **Better reliability**

>> **More daily trains**

>> **Faster trips**

**EVERETT DELTA STORAGE TRACK**

Trains switching tracks at Delta Yard, west of I-5 in Everett, frequently cause delays to Amtrak Cascades service passing through. The new tracks, long enough to hold a 7,000 foot freight train, will allow more room for engineers to “switch” (add or remove freight rail cars) off the main line. This reduces congestion for trains passing through as it minimizes the time freight trains arriving and departing the yard block the main rail line.



**The details**

- Constructs five miles of track, which will allow for two new departure/receiving tracks parallel to the existing Delta Yard tracks in Everett
- Major works includes track, ties and ballast. Ballast is the foundation, the top 12-inch crushed rock layer for the rail bed. Ties and rail are installed on top of ballast

**The benefits**

- Eliminates a major source of freight/passenger conflict by constructing more than five miles of track, creating two new departure/receiving tracks next to the existing Delta Yard tracks
- Reduces congestion, adds rail capacity and eliminates a substantial rail yard bottleneck
- Reduces delays and shortens travel times

**The investment**

Washington state was awarded nearly \$800 million for rail corridor improvements within the state. The Everett Delta Yard storage track is one project in that program.

**Federal High Speed**

**Rail funds:** \$3.5 million

The states of Washington and Oregon, along with Amtrak, jointly sponsor Amtrak Cascades; a 466-mile regional service that operates between Eugene, Ore. and Vancouver, B.C.

**Project Status:**

**Engineering and Environmental Analysis:** summer 2009 - fall 2011

**Final design:** fall 2011 - winter 2012

**Construction:** winter 2012 - end of 2012



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