

Washington State Freight Rail Plan, Abandonment Survey

1. Introduction

The State Rail and Marine Office of the Washington State Department of Transportation (WSDOT) is currently updating the Washington State Freight Rail Plan. The state plan satisfies state and federal requirements for freight rail planning and provides information to help understand Washington's freight rail systems and needs.

We ask for your cooperation and assistance by filling out the attached questionnaire. Participation is voluntary. We recognize the value of your knowledge and familiarity with the current status of our state's freight rail lines.

The 2009 Rail Abandonment Survey specifically addresses RCW 47.76.220(c) regarding contents of the State Freight Rail Plan.

"Identify and evaluate those rail freight lines that may be abandoned or have recently been abandoned."

We already have collected information from the Surface Transportation Board concerning recently abandoned lines and applications for abandonment. We especially want to identify freight rail lines that may be abandoned. While we recognize the sensitivity of providing this information, identifying freight rail lines that may be abandoned is important for the State Freight Rail Plan.

Freight rail lines that may be abandoned as identified from the survey will be further studied in order to address the requirements of RCW.76.200(d).

"Quantify the costs and benefits of maintaining rail service on those lines that are likely to be abandoned."

Please submit one questionnaire per freight rail line (i.e. multiple completed questionnaires for multiple rail lines). NOTE: To make changes to a questionnaire you've already submitted, resubmit the questionnaire and answer No to Question #2 of this section.

Survey collection will end on August 28, 2009.

Thank you for your time and assistance.

* 1. Your organization.

2. Respondent Information

* 1. Your name.

2. Your title.

* 3. Your email address.

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* 4. Your telephone number; format as xxx-xxx-xxxx.

3. Freight Rail Line Traffic

This section includes several questions about our state's freight rail line traffic.

* 1. Please identify a freight rail line which you have good information concerning line traffic.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Ballard Terminal Railroad | <input type="checkbox"/> Kettle Falls International Railway | <input type="checkbox"/> Puget Sound & Pacific Railroad |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Blue Mountain Railroad | <input type="checkbox"/> Meeker Southern | <input type="checkbox"/> Tacoma Rail |
| <input type="checkbox"/> BNSF Railway Company | <input type="checkbox"/> Montana Rail Link | <input type="checkbox"/> Tri-City & Olympia Railroad |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Cascade and Columbia River Railroad | <input type="checkbox"/> Mount Vernon Terminal Railway, LLC | <input type="checkbox"/> Union Pacific Railroad |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Central Washington Railroad | <input type="checkbox"/> Palouse River & Coulee City | <input type="checkbox"/> Washington and Idaho Railway |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Columbia & Cowlitz Railway | <input type="checkbox"/> Pend Oreille Valley Railroad | <input type="checkbox"/> Western Rail Switching |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Columbia Basin Railroad | <input type="checkbox"/> Port of Chehalis | <input type="checkbox"/> White Swan Branch Line |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Great Northwest Railroad | <input type="checkbox"/> Portland-Vancouver Junction Railroad | <input type="checkbox"/> Don't Know |

Other (please specify)

* 2. Please provide a description of the freight rail line by name and location.

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* 3. Number of freight railcars hauled per year.

	0-100	101-500	501-1,000	1,000-10,000	10,001-50,000	Greater than 50,001	Don't Know
2008	jn	jn	jn	jn	jn	jn	jn
2007	jn	jn	jn	jn	jn	jn	jn
2006	jn	jn	jn	jn	jn	jn	jn
2005	jn	jn	jn	jn	jn	jn	jn
2004	jn	jn	jn	jn	jn	jn	jn

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* 4. Number of trains running on freight rail line per year.

	0-50	51-100	101-500	501-1,000	Greater than 1,001	Don't Know
2008	jn	jn	jn	jn	jn	jn
2007	jn	jn	jn	jn	jn	jn
2006	jn	jn	jn	jn	jn	jn
2005	jn	jn	jn	jn	jn	jn
2004	jn	jn	jn	jn	jn	jn

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4. Identification of freight rail line that may be abandoned

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* 1. Name of owner of freight rail line that may be abandoned. Answer "Don't know" if you do not know the owner's name.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Ballard Terminal Railroad | <input type="checkbox"/> Kettle Falls International Railway | <input type="checkbox"/> Puget Sound & Pacific Railroad |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Blue Mountain Railroad | <input type="checkbox"/> Meeker Southern | <input type="checkbox"/> Tacoma Rail |
| <input type="checkbox"/> BNSF Railway Company | <input type="checkbox"/> Montana Rail Link | <input type="checkbox"/> Tri-City & Olympia Railroad |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Cascade and Columbia River Railroad | <input type="checkbox"/> Mount Vernon Terminal Railway, LLC | <input type="checkbox"/> Union Pacific Railroad |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Central Washington Railroad | <input type="checkbox"/> Palouse River & Coulee City | <input type="checkbox"/> Washington and Idaho Railway |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Columbia & Cowlitz Railway | <input type="checkbox"/> Pend Oreille Valley Railroad | <input type="checkbox"/> Western Rail Switching |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Columbia Basin Railroad | <input type="checkbox"/> Port of Chehalis | <input type="checkbox"/> White Swan Branch Line |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Great Northwest Railroad | <input type="checkbox"/> Portland-Vancouver Junction Railroad | <input type="checkbox"/> Don't Know |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other (please specify) | | |

* 2. Name of operator of freight rail line that may be abandoned. Answer "Don't know" if you do not know the operator's name.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Ballard Terminal Railroad | <input type="checkbox"/> Kettle Falls International Railway | <input type="checkbox"/> Puget Sound & Pacific Railroad |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Blue Mountain Railroad | <input type="checkbox"/> Meeker Southern | <input type="checkbox"/> Tacoma Rail |
| <input type="checkbox"/> BNSF Railway Company | <input type="checkbox"/> Montana Rail Link | <input type="checkbox"/> Tri-City & Olympia Railroad |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Cascade and Columbia River Railroad | <input type="checkbox"/> Mount Vernon Terminal Railway, LLC | <input type="checkbox"/> Union Pacific Railroad |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Great Northwest Railroad | <input type="checkbox"/> Portland-Vancouver Junction Railroad | <input type="checkbox"/> Don't Know |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other (please specify) | | |

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* 3. Nearest rail station if a rail line may be abandoned. Please enter "DK" if you don't know nearby rail station.

* 4. Rail Line Mileposts--Please enter "DK" if you don't know beginning or ending milepost.

Beginning

Ending

5. Other Comments About Location.

5. Rail Line Condition

* 1. Existing Federal Railroad Administration Track Classification of Freight Rail Line that may be Abandoned.

Class 1

Class 2

Class 3

Class 4

Excepted track

Don't Know

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6. Reasons That Freight Rail Line May Be Abandoned

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* 1. Track has so little traffic that it does not provide a profit. Please provide traffic volume in Ton-Miles for the last 5 years.

Definition of Ton-Mile: The product of the distance that freight is hauled, measured in miles, and the weight of the cargo being hauled, measured in tons. Thus, moving one ton for one mile generates one ton mile.

	0-1,000	1,001-10,000	10,001-50,000	50,001-100,000	100,001-500,000	500,001-one million	Greater than one million	Don't Know
2008	jn	jn	jn	jn	jn	jn	jn	jn
2007	jn	jn	jn	jn	jn	jn	jn	jn
2006	jn	jn	jn	jn	jn	jn	jn	jn
2005	jn	jn	jn	jn	jn	jn	jn	jn
2004	jn	jn	jn	jn	jn	jn	jn	jn

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* 2. Track Has Not Been Used Recently. Please Indicate The Number Of Years of Non-use.

Less than 1 year

1 to 2 years

2 to 4 years

More than 4 years

Don't know

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3. Rail line may be made into a public trail or other public use. Please provide relevant supplementary information.

4. Other Reason. Please specify.

7. Economic Recession

1. Please discuss the effect of the current economic recession on this freight rail line that may be Abandoned.

8. Thank you!

Contact Teresa Graham at grahamt@wsdot.wa.gov or 360-705-7901 if you have any questions about this survey.

Thank you for your valuable assistance!

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