

Purpose of the State Rail Plan

- Fulfills federal and state requirements.
- Provides an integrated plan for freight and passenger rail, including 5- and 20-year strategies, that meets federal and state requirements.
- Builds on previous plans and guides future efforts.
- Serves as a strategic blueprint for future public investment in the state's rail transportation system.



Years of collaborative, consistent planning and substantial state investment prepared WSDOT to compete for and ultimately secure nearly \$800 million in federal funds for passenger rail improvements. It's time to be thinking about what's next for freight and passenger rail.

State Rail Plan Timeline

Spring 2012	Summer 2012	Fall 2012	Winter 2013	Spring 2013	Summer 2013	Fall 2013	Winter 2014
Final approval of detailed work plan from FRA	Vision, goals and objectives	Rail system needs and opportunities	Plan recommendations	Draft State Rail Plan	Final State Rail Plan		
	Rail system inventory: baseline conditions and future forecast	Improvement options: capital projects, funding programs, operating procedures and policy changes	Implementation plan	Feedback during formal comment period: letter, mail, online comment form			
	Advisory committee meeting	Advisory committee meeting	Advisory committee meeting	Public open house			
	Public workshops						

2014 and Beyond – Plan Implementation

- Incorporate results into Freight Mobility Plan and Washington Transportation Plan.
- Continue collaborative planning with stakeholders and partners to refine and focus investment priorities.
- Initiate scoping and project development to prepare for future funding opportunities.