

# Fleet Management Plan

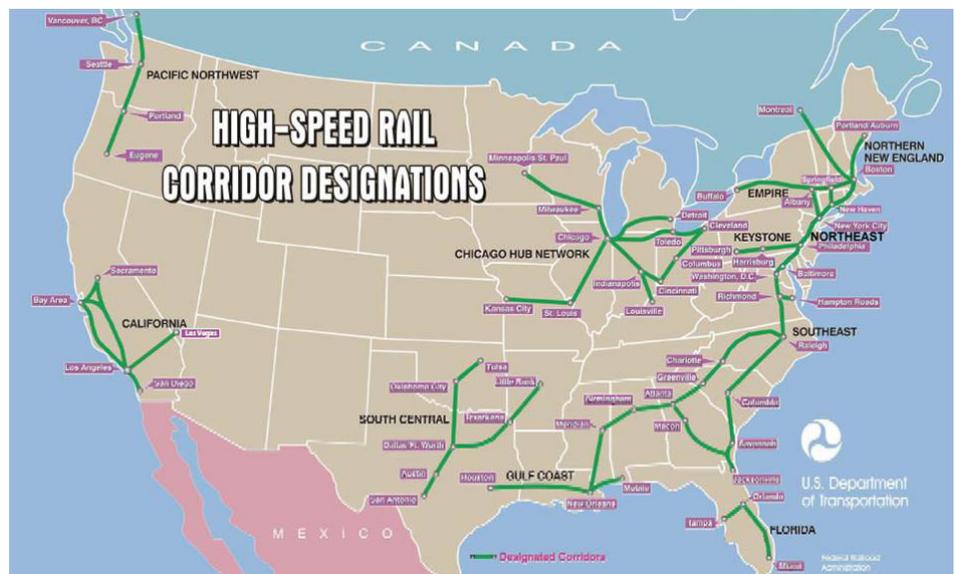
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## Why is a Fleet Management Plan being developed?

Rail equipment is expensive, and procurement takes a long time from the early concept stages to selecting, buying and placing new equipment into service. WSDOT is developing the Fleet Management Plan, in collaboration with the Oregon Department of Transportation, to maximize the optimal longevity of the Amtrak Cascades fleet. Strategic planning, through the Fleet Management Plan, will save time and money by maximizing the performance of existing equipment, and determining the best way to deliver the intercity passenger rail service described in the Washington and Oregon state rail plans. A draft report is anticipated in spring 2015, with a completed plan by summer 2015. The plan is a federal requirement through the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act.

## The current Amtrak Cascades fleet

Amtrak Cascades' fleet of seven trains includes locomotives, non-powered cab units and trainsets. Trainsets are the most visible part of the fleet, and some of the only European-style train equipment in North America. Five Talgo Series 6 trainsets and two Talgo Series 8 trainsets serve passengers in Seattle, Portland and a total of 18 cities between Eugene, Oregon and Vancouver, British Columbia. Amtrak Cascades operates on one of 11 nationally designated high-speed rail corridors.



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## What has changed?

Federal legislation changed the nature of passenger rail in the United States. While ticket revenue funds the bulk of rail operations, the Passenger Rail Improvement and Investment Act of 2008 shifted the full responsibility for operating subsidy to the states, and gave the states a greater role in decisions for their respective corridors.

## How is the Fleet Management Plan development funded?

A federal grant request yielded a nearly \$800 million rail construction program that WSDOT is currently implementing to improve Amtrak Cascades service. The Fleet Management Plan is one element that is required as part of these American Recovery and Reinvestment Act dollars.

## What will the plan tell us about the fleet?

The plan will address the three pillars of fleet management:

- Efficient upkeep of current equipment
- Future equipment requirements
- Capabilities and capacity of maintenance facilities

Multiple aspects relating to the current fleet, future fleet requirements through 2035 and the facilities to support the fleet will be documented and addressed by this plan: reliability, equipment purchases, financial analysis and other topics.

## When will the plan be complete?

The Fleet Management Plan will be complete in the summer of 2015.

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