# Rail's Role in Economic Development

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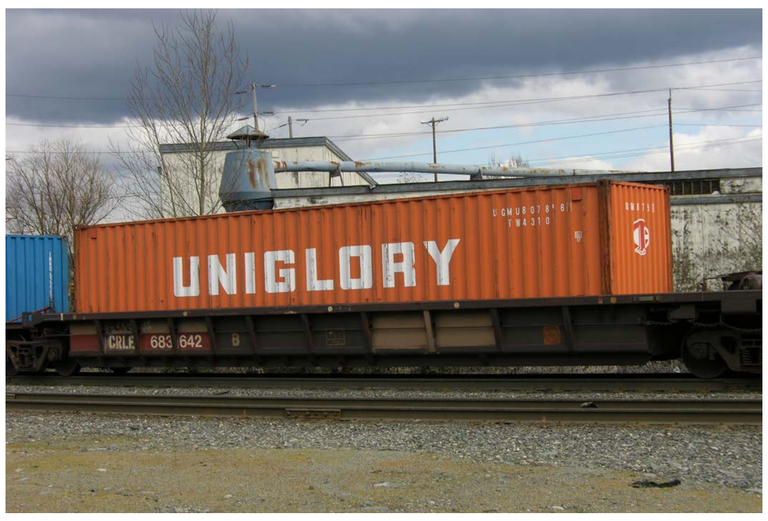
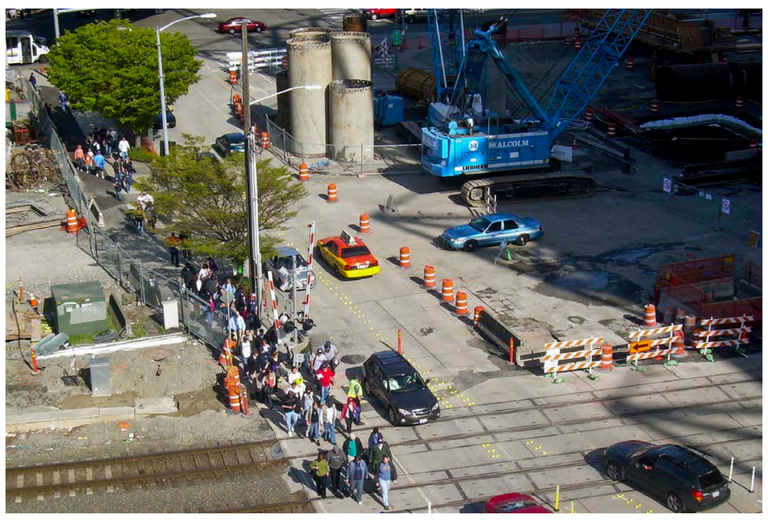
| **Support economic development by providing access to people and industry.** | The state should support efforts to identify those intermodal and multimodal connectors that provide "first and last mile" connectivity to businesses and locations that generate freight and passenger demand. This designation should be included in the project prioritization process. |
| **Preserve access to global markets by ensuring access to Washington's ports.** | The Washington State Freight Mobility Plan should include projects that enhance or support connectivity to Washington's deep-water, river and inland ports. |





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