

Investing in
*High Performance
Rail*

Enhancing freight railroad capacity
to better serve customers and
expanding passenger rail service for
rural and underserved communities



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Our rail system need to serve the need of our nation and our communities rather than enriching the portfolios of Wall Street investors!

Additional track in existing rail corridors to provide greater capacity and built & maintained to support higher speed passenger rail operations

Malta, MT crossover project (improved Empire Builder on-time performance and minimizes freight bottlenecks)

Double track and if not that, longer sidings.

At transloads - boxcar facilities which could eliminate the need to truck on the other end. Industrial development on rail corridors use less space than truck dependent developments.

Federal investments to advance the expansion of passenger rail services that would also enhance the supply chain movements handled by the freight railroads.

Development of a communication kit that helps local advocates engage local government, state representatives, stake holders and the public.

Start at locations available like ABQ and run where systems are setup running to Spokane or Pasco while you are trying to figure out ElPaso and Stampede Pass. Those two subs need infrastructure.

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Infrastructure projects are needed that improve railroad capacity for both passenger and freight rail service.

Infrastructure improvements and land use developments identified by planning processes

Alternate sources of powering trains, frequency, working with ag, aerospace, airports, connecting multimodal options, stop focusing on metropolitan zones and connect with farmers, tribes, and rural

Develop scheduling systems that optimize track usage between passenger and freight services, reducing delays. Promote projects that focus on reducing carbon emissions... hybrid trains or dual-use

OTP, by 3rd tracking and limiting train length to shortest siding on the route

I'm down with OTP.

Multi-modal Transportation Hubs - stations that integrate rail, bus, biking, and pedestrian infrastructure to improve accessibility and connectivity.

Change transportation funding at federal level to allocate money based on energy efficient movement of people and goods that also reduces GHG emissions.

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Eliminate congestion points by addressing infrastructure needs. Doing so will create capacity. Benefits to both services. Speed of turnouts and bridges along with exit and entry speeds at terminals.

Start from perspective that increased demand for freight and passenger rail service is a positive opportunity to upgrade rail infrastructure to serve all needs effectively.

Assist in Transload away from the cities. If you put Transload on short lines within 100 miles of the cities, truck drivers could make multiple trips delivering products and can improve productivity.

Trucks onto train cars (long distance) has potential here as we get more rail lines restored. Existing technology. German and other countries do this.

Reclaim abandoned rail right of ways where they can be used for legitimate passenger rail service

Investment in rail infrastructure through public-private partnership that directs resources to passenger rail corridors to add capacity, then have STB better enforce the passenger preference.

Reduce 6PPD 6PPDQ team with stakeholders protecting Salmon and Water

Transload should be funded

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Rail operations need to be more efficient and prioritize passenger trains. Workforce development programs to add to the rail workforce would greatly help.

Tri cities rail and Columbia rail dev

Stampede Pass fixed and reinstate the Hiawatha route, reinstate passenger rail to Yakama Nation/Tribes/ Yakima Valley and all those along the route

Seattle - Portland rail route: Alignment change to route immediately north of Nisqually River crossing that replaces 30 mph existing curve with track capable of supporting 100 mph passenger trains.