



## Goals and Objectives

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These goals and objectives identify the primary issues the project is intended to address, and will help shape evaluation measures that will be used to assess the preliminary route alternatives.

The following goals and objectives reflect comments heard from the six open houses held in January, feedback received from agency representatives and the public through January 22<sup>nd</sup> and at the Corridor Forum meeting January 25<sup>th</sup>, and input from the Leadership Council at its January 31<sup>st</sup> meeting. These goals and objectives were approved by the Leadership Council on January 31<sup>st</sup>.

### **Goal 1: Improve passenger rail mobility and accessibility to communities in the Willamette Valley.**

Objectives:

- 1A – Provide a viable alternative to auto, air, and bus travel between Eugene and Vancouver, WA.
- 1B – Provide reliable and frequent passenger rail service.
- 1C – Support multimodal integration at each passenger rail station.
- 1D – Allow for future passenger rail improvements, including higher speeds.

### **Goal 2: Protect freight-rail capacity and investments in the corridor, and maintain safety.**

Objectives:

- 2A – Does not increase conflicts between passenger rail or freight rail and vehicles.
- 2B – Protect freight-rail carrying capability.

### **Goal 3: Plan, design, implement, maintain, and operate a cost-effective project.**

Objectives:

- 3A – Develop a strategy that can be reasonably funded and leveraged with range of investment tools for construction and operation.
- 3B – Serve the maximum number of people with every dollar invested.

### **Goal 4: Provide an affordable and equitable travel alternative.**

Objectives:

- 4A – Provide a viable and affordable alternative for travelers.
- 4B – Provide equitable investments and service, with consideration to race/ethnicity and income.

**Goal 5: Be compatible with passenger rail investments planned in Washington State.**

Objective:

- 5A – Provide passenger rail service to meet the existing and future passenger rail demand for an interconnected system in the Pacific Northwest High Speed Rail corridor.

**Goal 6: Promote community health and quality of life for communities along the corridor.**

Objectives:

- 6A – Benefit communities within the corridor.
- 6B – Minimize negative impacts to communities along the corridor.

**Goal 7: Protect and preserve the natural and built environment.**

Objectives:

- 7A – Support Oregon’s commitment to the preservation of resource lands and local land use and transportation planning.
- 7B – Reduce greenhouse gas emissions in support of national and state policies to slow climate change.
- 7C – Avoid and minimize impacts to the natural environment and cultural resources.