

# Oregon Shipping Group

## **Who We Are:**

The Oregon Shipping Group is an advocacy organization which supports the revitalization and development of road, rail, and marine shipping systems and capabilities in Oregon to move freight into, through, and out of Oregon. Such shipping systems must be reliable, predictable, cost-efficient, safe, and environmentally sensitive. New and expanded shipping systems should reduce the carbon footprint of shipping activity, reduce road traffic congestion, and enhance road safety, while at the same time helping Oregon businesses to be cost-competitive.

The goal is to realize Oregon's unique geographic qualities as a West Coast state with a highly productive agricultural capability, significant manufacturing potential, and strong short line and long line railroad connections to the North, South, and East.

One key effort is the development of new container shipping services for Oregon, with service which is reliable, predictable, and cost-effective. We are facilitating the Oregon Port of Willamette's proposed intermodal facility for Brooks.

Other major efforts involve proposals to extend and develop Oregon's shipping capabilities, including repair, improvement and connection of rail lines; expanding deep-water port capabilities in the Coos Bay area; establishing an intermodal and transload facility in the Mid-Willamette Valley; helping improve the insurance, driver age, and driver education systems to enhance the capability of the trucking industry; and supporting port enhancements along the Columbia River and at Newport.

Our stakeholders are farms and businesses which have made contributions to support our work. This is in terms of financial contributions as well as providing information regarding shipping infrastructure needs.

## **Major Projects:**

Our Oregon Shipping Group has the following active projects:

1. Establish an intermodal facility in Brooks (Oregon Port of Willamette).
2. Establish container and bulk cargo shipping at Coos Bay and strengthen the Coos Bay Rail Link to the Willamette Valley.
3. Enhance short-line railroad capabilities, especially in regard to the following: Portland and Western Rail Line; Coos Bay Rail Line; Willamette Valley Railroad; and fully restore the Lake County Railroad Line (with Goose Lake Railway).
4. Support enhanced port capabilities along the Columbia River, with improved rail freight service.

As we proceed with these projects, we will certainly identify additional projects which are worthy of implementation. Any project we undertake must support the goal of enhancing freight shipping capability into, within, and out of Oregon.

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