

## Connect Oregon I Ramsey Rail Yard

**Connect Oregon Grant Funds:** \$4,800,000 grant; \$2,000,000 loan

**Project Cost:** \$13,900,000 Other funds included SAFETEA-LU, the Port, BNSF, UPRR



**Project Purpose:** The Ramsey rail facilities in north Portland include approximately 13,800 feet of lead track adjacent to the existing Ramsey lead track connecting north and south Rivergate, and four tracks (approximately 11,900 feet in total) in Ramsey Yard. Before the project, only one track connected north and south Rivergate, creating a bottleneck for both BNSF Railway and Union Pacific Railroad, the two Class 1 rail carriers serving Portland. The completed project allows BNSF and Union Pacific to keep one track open for rail travel between north and south Rivergate and to store additional unit trains, increase rail capacity in Rivergate and help decrease congestion.

**Realized Benefits:** Adjacent rail users, Columbia Grain (CGI), Evraz Oregon Steel, Land of Lakes, and Portland Bulk Terminal (PBT) all have faster rail service, and derive benefits from the addition of this new rail yard. CGI and PBT are both expanding exports due to the increased rail service. Archer Daniels Midland (ADM) also recently relocated its sweetener facility near this rail yard and derive improved rail service. Both Union Pacific Railroad and BNSF are able to service customers along this corridor with larger capacity and better service times due to this project. The project also provides relief of congestion in the other nearby rail yards. This is one of the I-5 Rail Capacity projects identified as needed to improve rail capacity in the Portland region.