



Oregon Passenger Rail Eugene - Portland



CHOOSING A PATH FORWARD

Newsletter - Fall 2015

Project Team Recommends a Preferred Alternative

The Oregon Department of Transportation is studying ways to improve inter-city passenger rail service between the Portland urban area and the Eugene-Springfield urban area. The project's Leadership Council previously recommended two "build" alternatives to analyze in the Tier 1 Draft Environmental Impact Statement, which will also consider a "no action" alternative.

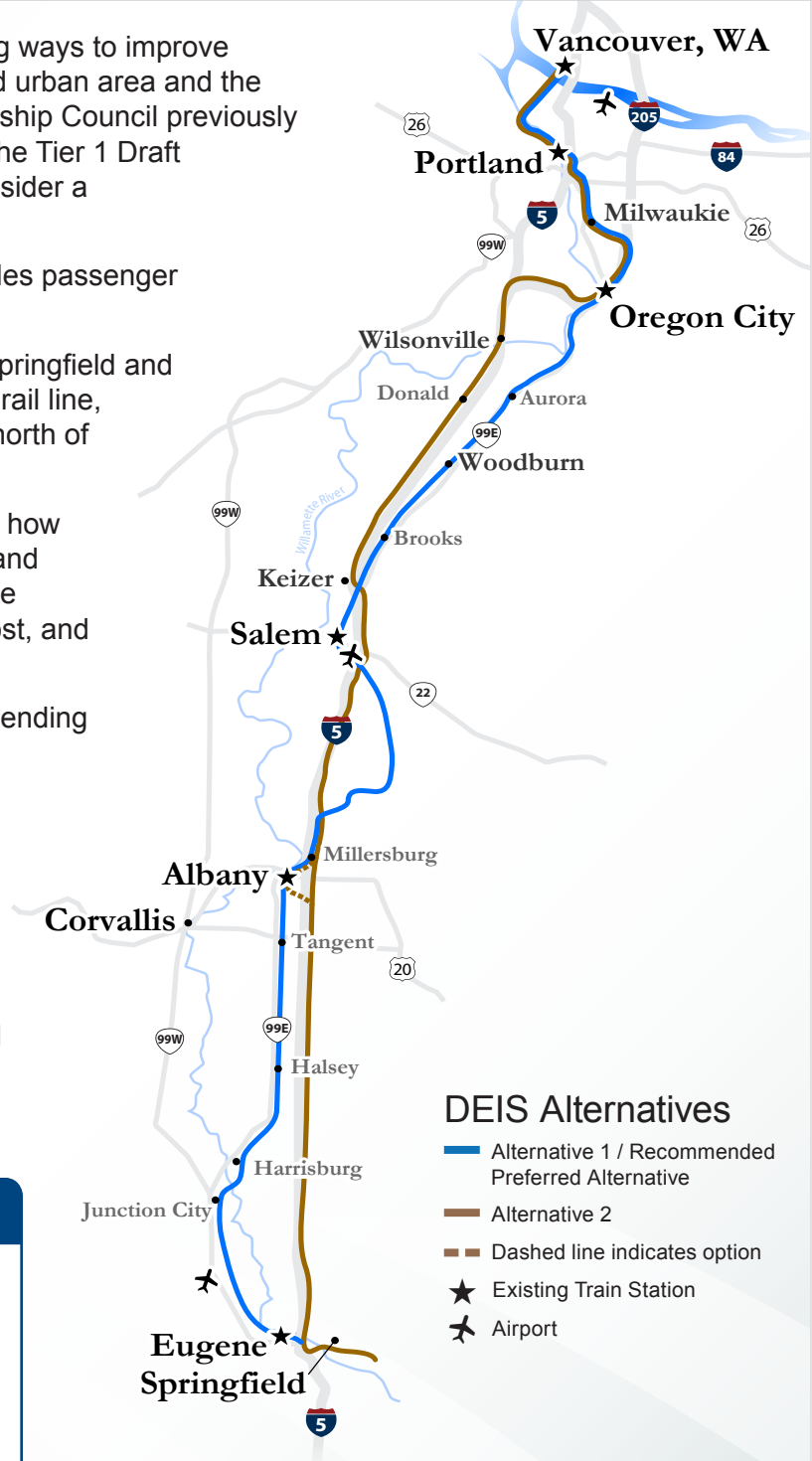
- **Alternative 1** follows the existing Amtrak Cascades passenger rail route with improvements.
- **Alternative 2** is primarily a new route between Springfield and Oregon City located along I-5, an existing freight rail line, and I-205. It would follow the existing alignment north of Oregon City.

The project team has completed an initial analysis of how the alternatives would affect a variety of community and environmental resources. The team also looked at the engineering requirements, transportation impacts, cost, and potential benefits associated with each alternative.

Based on this initial assessment the team is recommending that Alternative 1 be carried forward as the Preferred Alternative in the DEIS. The Leadership Council will consider this recommendation at their meeting in December 2015.

The recommendation is not a final decision - all alternatives will be analyzed in the DEIS before a Final Preferred Alternative is identified.

After the DEIS is published in late 2016, the public will be able to provide feedback during a formal comment period. Public hearings will be held at that time.



- DEIS Alternatives**
- Alternative 1 / Recommended Preferred Alternative
 - Alternative 2
 - - - Dashed line indicates option
 - ★ Existing Train Station
 - ✈ Airport

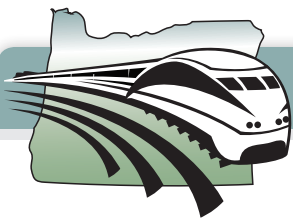
Learn More at the Online Open House!

Visit the online open house to learn more about the recommended Preferred Alternative. This virtual event will feature videos and information that walk participants through the staff's recommendation.

Join us between November 2 - 22

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For full descriptions of the alternatives, please visit www.OregonPassengerRail.org



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Learn About the Preferred Alternative

The Oregon Department of Transportation thanks everyone who has participated in this project to date. The project team is recommending a Preferred Alternative to carry into the Draft Environmental Impact Statement. We invite you to learn more about the Preferred Alternative and the next steps in the process by visiting our online open house November 2 – 22:

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