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## Oregon Passenger Rail Study Continues

### *Fall 2013 public outreach underway*

SALEM – The Oregon Department of Transportation is studying ways to improve intercity passenger rail service between the Eugene-Springfield urban area and the Portland-Vancouver, Wash. urban area. The study will help decide on a general passenger rail route and evaluate options for train frequency, station locations, trip time, and improving on-time performance.

The needs and concerns of Oregon citizens are a key driver of the Oregon Passenger Rail study. In early 2013, the project team developed a set of four main preliminary rail route alternatives after extensive stakeholder engagement and engineering development. These alternatives were evaluated in summer 2013 using criteria based on the project goals and objectives.

Now, the project team is looking for public feedback on the evaluation results to deepen the team's understanding of the trade-offs and implications of the preliminary alternatives. This input will also be used to help the Leadership Council make a recommendation on December 17 on which rail route alternatives should receive more detailed study in the Draft Environmental Impact Statement.

ODOT is holding five public open houses to give community members an opportunity to learn more about this project and provide input on the evaluation results. The public is also invited to participate in an online open house between November 5 and 18, 2013 at [www.OregonPassengerRail.org](http://www.OregonPassengerRail.org).

**Salem/Keizer** – Tuesday, November 5, 5:00 – 7:00 p.m., Chemeketa Center for Business and Industry, 626 High St. N.E., Salem, OR, 97301

**Eugene** – Wednesday, November 6, 5:00 – 7:00 p.m., Eugene Public Library (Bascom/Tykeson Room), 100 W. 10th Ave., Eugene, OR 97401

**Albany/Corvallis** – Thursday, November 7, 5:00 – 7:00 p.m., Linn Benton Community College, Calapooia Center (Vineyard Mountain Room, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor), 6500 Pacific Blvd. S.W., Albany, OR 97321

**Oregon City** – Thursday, November 12, 4:00 p.m. – 6:30 p.m., Pioneer Center Ballroom, 615 Fifth St., Oregon City, OR 97045

**Portland** – Thursday, November 14, 5:00 – 7:00 p.m., PCC Climb Center (Room 302), 1626 S.E. Water Ave., Portland, OR 97214

The meeting locations are ADA-accessible. Information is available in alternative formats upon request. Accommodations will be provided to persons with disabilities. To request an accommodation to participate in meetings, please call Jill Pearson at (503) 986-3985 or statewide relay 7-1-1 at least 48 hours prior to the meeting.

For more information visit [www.OregonPassengerRail.org](http://www.OregonPassengerRail.org) or contact Jill Pearson, ODOT Stakeholder Engagement Strategist, (503) 986-3313, [info@oregonpassengerrail.org](mailto:info@oregonpassengerrail.org).

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