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Milestone meeting on December 17, 2013

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. This fall, the project team collected public feedback on the evaluation results, and received hundreds of comments about the preliminary alternatives.

On December 17, the Leadership Council will be asked to make a recommendation to the Federal Rail Administration on which rail route alternatives should receive more detailed study in the Draft Environmental Impact Statement. The meeting will be held on Tuesday, December 17 from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m. at the Chemeketa Center for Business and Industry, 626 High St NE, Salem, OR 97301.

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