

## **RAIL CAPACITY ANALYSIS STUDY NOW AVAILABLE**

The Portland/Vancouver I-5 Transportation and Trade Partnership initiated a study to look at rail capacity issues in the Portland and Vancouver areas. The analysis used sophisticated computer models to estimate the existing and future capacity of the Portland/Vancouver rail network and determined the improvements that could improve capacity of both freight and passenger services.

The study posed several key questions. The questions and the answers to those questions are both sobering and encouraging: sobering because the capacity of the system turned out to be worse than anticipated when the study commenced and *encouraging* because the improvements needed to correct the situation are incremental in nature and less expensive than expected given the severity of existing restrictions.

The link to the two attached files presents the information developed in this study. It consists of two parts:

1. A PDF file with the report itself.
2. A PowerPoint presentation displays engineering drawings of the projects proposed to address the capacity issues identified.