

## Oregon Rail Crossing Action Plan

The Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT) is required by the Federal Rail Administration (FRA) to develop a Rail Crossing Action Plan. A partnership effort between the ODOT Rail Division and Transportation Development Division, Planning Unit, this first ever plan will assess rail crossing incident locations, identify, prioritize and develop strategies to address rail crossing safety issues and prioritize locations for improvements.

### Stakeholder Group Purpose:

The Oregon Rail Crossing Action Plan Stakeholder Group will advise ODOT on topics related to the development of the first Oregon Rail Crossing Action Plan. It is anticipated the stakeholder group will advise on plan goals, assess contributing factors to crossing incidents, discuss solution strategies, discuss project selection practices and assist in prioritizing crossing locations for improvements.

To serve this purpose, stakeholder group members will provide perspective and input in their area of expertise, provide technical knowledge, consider a range of solutions and provide recommendations on specific issues and topics.

### Meeting 1

The first meeting will focus on priorities and goals of the plan, trends and system conditions analysis and stakeholder review of the relevant data related to crossing incidents. Stakeholders will discuss plan purpose and goals, review contributing factors to crossing incidents and develop location prioritization criteria.

**Milestone:   Achieve consensus on draft plan goals**  
**Develop list of key contributing factors to crossing incidents**  
**Develop prioritization criteria to identify critical crossings**

#### **Agenda items**

Overview purpose of plan  
Discuss purpose of the group  
Assist in development of plan goals  
Review current conditions and incidents  
Review current project selection practices  
Complete initial assessment of contributing factors to incidents  
Discuss potential criteria for location implementation selection

### Meeting 2

The second meeting will focus on prioritizing locations for improvements and assessing potential safety improvements.

**Milestone:   Achieve consensus on priority locations**  
**Develop list of recommended safety improvement strategies**

**Agenda items**

Overview past discussions

Review work to date

Discuss potential improvement approaches and strategies

Input to staff on recommendations

Discuss next steps and life of the plan

**Stakeholder Committee Membership**

<b>Affiliation</b>	<b>Individual</b>	<b>Position</b>
UPRR	Terrell Anderson	Senior Risk Management Representative
BNSF	Johan Hellman	Executive Director, Community Affairs
GWRR (PNWR & CORP)	Jon Rolufs	Western Regional Manager of Signals
FRA	Jeff Stewart	FRA Region 8, Grade Crossing Inspector
FHWA	Nick Fortey	Operations Engineer Region 2/ Safety Manager
ODOT - Rail	Bryon Alger	Signal and Train Control Inspector
ODOT - Tech Services	Katie Johnson	Traffic Signal QC Engineer
ODOT - Region 4	Mark Barrett	Region 4 Interim Roadway Manager
ODOT - Region 2	Fahad Alhajri	Traffic Analyst
Association of Oregon Counties	Mike Eliason	Legislative Director
City of Portland	Kim Roske	Senior Engineer
City of Salem	Peter Fernandez	Public Works Director
Marion County Public Works	Don Newell	Operations Manager
ODOT – Transportation Safety Division	Traci Pearl	Highway Safety Manager
Operation Lifesaver	Steve Kreins	State Coordinator
Freight Representative	John Boren	ODOT Freight Planning Unit Manager
ODOT- Rail	Robert Melbo	Rail Planner
Rail Advisory Committee rep	Donald Leap	RAC rep