

Core Purpose and Function:

The Rail Advisory Committee (RAC) provides advice to ODOT's Public Transportation Division (PTD) and Oregon Transportation Commission (OTC) on issues that affect freight and passenger rail facilities and services in Oregon, including rail project selection for Connect Oregon funding. The RAC also supports the ongoing development of the Oregon State Rail Plan, a document that outlines the freight and passenger rail network and identifies important projects that improve the rail network throughout the state. The RAC works with ODOT staff to update the Oregon State Rail Plan every four years.

CONVENED:

2005

ESTABLISHED BY:

Oregon Transportation
Commission (OTC)

Mission, Vision and Values:

The mission of the Rail Advisory Committee (RAC) is to advise ODOT's Public Transportation Division (PTD) and the Oregon Transportation Commission (OTC) on priorities, issues, projects and funding needs to improve rail infrastructure and to advocate for a safe, efficient, and commercially viable rail system to support the economic vitality of the State of Oregon.

MEMBERSHIP:

ODOT embraces diversity and equity, fostering a culture of inclusion as a core value. We recognize the need to engage historically marginalized people and communities in conversations and decisions that affect their lives. ODOT advisory committees are committed to ensuring representation of the committees are diverse and reflective of the communities they serve.

The ODOT Director appoints 15- 20 members representing the rail industry. Interested parties can include but are not limited to Class I, shortline, and passenger railroads, rail passenger advocates, ports and industries that transport goods by rail, rail labor unions, local governments, and other groups or individuals that are impacted by RAC policy and funding recommendations.

Visit the [RAC web site](#) for a full list of current membership.

Meeting Cadence:

RAC meets at least four times per year, with additional meetings scheduled as necessary. You can access the full meeting schedule (including dates and locations) as well as meeting materials at the [committee's web site](#).