

OREGON'S PASSENGER RAIL TIMELINE

- 1971** Congress creates Amtrak passenger rail service
- 1975** In response to the energy crisis, the Oregon Legislature approves the first Willamette Valley Passenger Rail Study
- 1992** The Federal Railroad Administration designates Eugene, Oregon, to Vancouver, British Columbia, as a "High-Speed Rail" corridor, one of ten nationwide
- 1994** Amtrak *Cascades* Service begins between Eugene and Portland
- 2000** Pacific Northwest Rail Corridor, Oregon Segment: Passenger Rail Operating/Capital Facilities Plan and Preliminary Environmental Analysis identifies projects recommended for improvement, many of which are completed over the next several years
- 2001** The Oregon Rail Plan identifies state goals of increasing the *Cascades* from two to five round-trips per day and reducing trip time by 20 minutes
- 2007** The Oregon legislature dedicates fees from custom license plates to passenger rail operations
- 2009** President Obama signs the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act into law, allocating \$8 billion to high-speed rail development
- 2009** Oregon conducts feasibility study to improve intercity passenger service in Oregon
- 2010** Oregon approves \$36.6 million for purchase of two new train sets
- 2010** The PNWRC is awarded \$598 million for improving service in the corridor; \$8 million is for three projects in Oregon
- 2010** ODOT begins public involvement process for updating Oregon Rail Plan, gathering input from the public, stakeholders, businesses and others to help shape future service