

2025 Freight Rail Tour

Tuesday, Oct. 7 – Wednesday Oct. 8

Tour Departure

The tour starts in Spokane and ends in Pasco. We're encouraging tour attendees from out of the area to arrive the day before (Oct. 6) and stay at the Airport Hampton Inn at 2010 S Assembly Rd, Spokane. **A number of tour stops will be at industrial facilities - Please wear sturdy, close-toed comfortable shoes & weather appropriate outerwear for outdoor stops.**

Tour Destinations and Schedule

Tuesday, October 7

Hampton Inn, Spokane	7:30 am
<i>Breakfast meeting with PCC overview:</i>	<i>Jason Biggs, WSDOT Rail, Freight, & Ports Division Director Paul Katovich, CEO Highline Grain Growers Inc.</i>
Load bus	9:00 am
McCoy Rail Terminal	10:00 am
	<i>Shawn O'Connell CEO PNW Farmer's Coop Jacob Geisler, Operations Manager Jim Soulia, PCC Rail Operator Rob Coffman PCC Rail Authority Chair & Lincoln County Commissioner</i>
Palouse Freight Rail Project	11:20 am
	<i>Jason Biggs, WSDOT Rail, Freight, & Ports Division Director Karl Webber, Port of Whitman Commissioner Tim Sievers, Palouse Mayor</i>
Lunch Meeting - Palouse Community Center	11:50 am
<i>Eastern Washington Freight 101</i>	<i>Eric Jessup, WSU School of Economics Research Professor</i>
<i>Pullman Freight Mobility</i>	<i>Charlene Kay, WSDOT Eastern Region Administrator Rebecca Couch Palouse RTPO Director</i>
Central Ferry Freight Rail Development	3:00 pm
	<i>Kara Riebold, Executive Director Port of Whitman</i>

Ben Moehrle, Agrow Systems

Waitsburg Bridge on Hwy 12 4:00 pm
Randy Hinchliff, Waitsburg Administrator

Marcus Whitman Hotel, Walla Walla 5:00 pm
Dinner on your own

Wednesday, October 8

Marcus Whitman Hotel – breakfast 7:30 am
Columbia County Transit *David Ocampo, General Manager*
Columbia County Public Transportation

Load bus for the start of the tour 8:45 am

Walla Walla School District 9:00 am
View District's Electric School Bus Fleet: *Dr. Ben Gauyan, WWSD Superintendent*
Janette Jeffris, WWSD Director of Fiscal Services
John Griffith, WWSD Transportation Director

Port of Walla Walla 9:55 am
Presentations on:
Port of Walla Walla Freight Movement *Patrick Reay Executive Director*
Port of Walla Walla
Multi-phase Hwy 12 Improvements *Brian White, WSDOT South Central Region*
Administrator

Tri-Cities Intermodal 11:30 am
Facility tour *Ted Prince, TCI CEO*

Columbia Rail 11:50 am
Members Board Columbia Rail Facilities Train *Paul Didelius, Owner/President Columbia Rail*

Port of Walla Walla Burbank Industrial Park...- Lunch 12:30 pm
lunch at Fire District #5 460 W. Humorist Rd,
Facility Presentation *Patrick Reay, Executive Director*
Port of Walla Walla
Meagan Blair Port of Walla Walla government
affairs
Tri-Cities Intermodal Presentation *Ted Prince, TCI CEO*
Tank Farm Road Project Presentation *Mary Heather Ames, Pasco Deputy Public Works*
Director
Brian White, WSDOT South Central Region
Administrator

Tri Cities Airport..... 2:45 pm

Hampton Inn Spokane..... 5:00 pm