

Thank you for visiting Columbia Rail:

- We switch for Tri-City Intermodal – we appreciate their sharing their site and time today!
- Columbia operates 250 Washington miles, including Rainier Rail (Tacoma-Yelm-Chehalis)
 - 80 miles owned (by Didelius brothers – Rainier line)
 - balance long term leased from Ports and Major RR's
- Founded in 2006 by Paul Didelius
- Not a PCC line operator, but operate similar grain collecting network centered on Walla Walla County (also Dayton and NE Oregon)
 - Working with Union Pacific (primary lessor of our WW lines) on access to barge terminal at Wallula, for short-haul grain by rail *this close to the river system*
- Organizing intermodal terminal off I-5 south of Olympia to add to Cross-State services

Policy:

- PCC System – important investments / modernizing – **Thank you** for interest and support
- WSDOT FRAP – proud partner / contributor to program, since 2013
 - 168 miles improved – Columbia Rail matches ranging from 20-50%
 - Program has helped us return service to small towns and shippers on 3 different lines (122 miles), following years to even decades lacking rail
 - Incremental modernization steps on several antiquated lines that are keeping freight on these branch lines. Including in 2025 to Dayton-Waitsburg line
 - Significant Federal spigot very valuable to updating rail sustainability, restoring lost connections – State programs have & will facilitate / leverage USDOT funds
- A State rail tax credit can spur significant private investments for job creation and modal shift from truck-crowded and *financially stressed* highways and interstates
 - Every rail car we can gain is 4 trucks not pounding the pavement – much lower public investment needed vs. expensive pavement and bridge renewals
 - Basically pays for itself (not to mention economic competitiveness) BUT ALSO comes AFTER private investments
 - Investing in WA shortlines: something to be proud of for WA future
- Shortlines in WA have an excellent safety record and work to be community involved and community accountable!
- Thank you for visiting – we hope you enjoyed our short train
- Questions?

