

ACTION ITEMS

Transportation Working Group 2016



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The transportation working group focuses on the infrastructure of our major corridors and gateways, with a special interest on border infrastructure. It is currently working to improve the Northwest Rail System through the Stimulus Package and examining future transportation investments.

Action Items		Project Lead	Status
1	Continue convening key stakeholders - local elected leadership, state regulators, energy producers, railways, federal government and rural communities, to share information on oil train safety and best practices. Organize a full day rail safety/rail capacity session at Boise Economic Leadership Forum and Portland Annual Summit.	Bruce Agnew, Sen. Winder, BNSF, Emergency Management Community, Oil Train Safety Symposium sponsors, Oil Train Safety Symposium speakers, Washington Rail Caucus	In progress
2	Develop PNWER Innovative Finance Task Force into Center of Excellence for performance-based innovative finance infrastructure. Secure federal funding through NW congressional delegation and PNWER state legislative support to match private sector underwriting. (West Coast Infrastructure Exchange, Salem) – w/Leslie Blakey CAGTC	West Coast Infrastructure Exchange, Salem; Leslie Blakey, CAGTC	In progress
3	Build upon previous successful transportation/ border policy tours - 2013 West Coast Border, Ports and Rail Tour and 2014 Border Security and International Market Access Tour by organizing a tour to the Port of Vancouver in October 2016.	NW Seaport Alliance and Washington Rail Caucus, and Canada Consul General - Seattle	In progress
4	Follow-up work on the Great Northern Corridor by supporting FAST Corridor NW. Coordinate support from state/federal/local and private rail industry for capacity improvements from Midwest to PNW ports (patterned after Asia Pacific Gateway and Corridors Initiative		In progress

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Innovation and Workforce 2016



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5 Promote harmonization of oversized truck permits, size & weights in the PNWER region. Idaho DOT will share best practices with the goal of leading harmonization initiatives among NW states. Utilize lessons learned from New West Partnership between Saskatchewan, Alberta and B.C. Topic to be discussed at Boise Economic Leadership Forum.	Idaho DOT	In progress