

The Great Northern Corridor Coalition

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North Dakota Department of Transportation

Bismarck, ND

Objectives:

- What is The Great Northern Corridor Coalition?
- Where are we now?
- Who are the Players?
- What's next?
- What's in it for me?



The Value of the Great Northern Corridor

The Great Northern Corridor is.....

- An Economic Engine
- 38 Million Americans
- 8 North Central and Pacific Northwestern States
- 162 Counties Within 20 Miles
- 3,331 Railroad Mainline Route Miles
- 38 Regional and Shortline Railways
- 9 Interstate Highways, 11 U.S. Highways, and many key State/County Highways
- 15 Ports (Deep Water Seaports, Lake Ports, River Ports and Inland Ports)
- 54 Border Crossings/International Ports of Entry
- 2,322 Road/Rail At-Grade Crossings

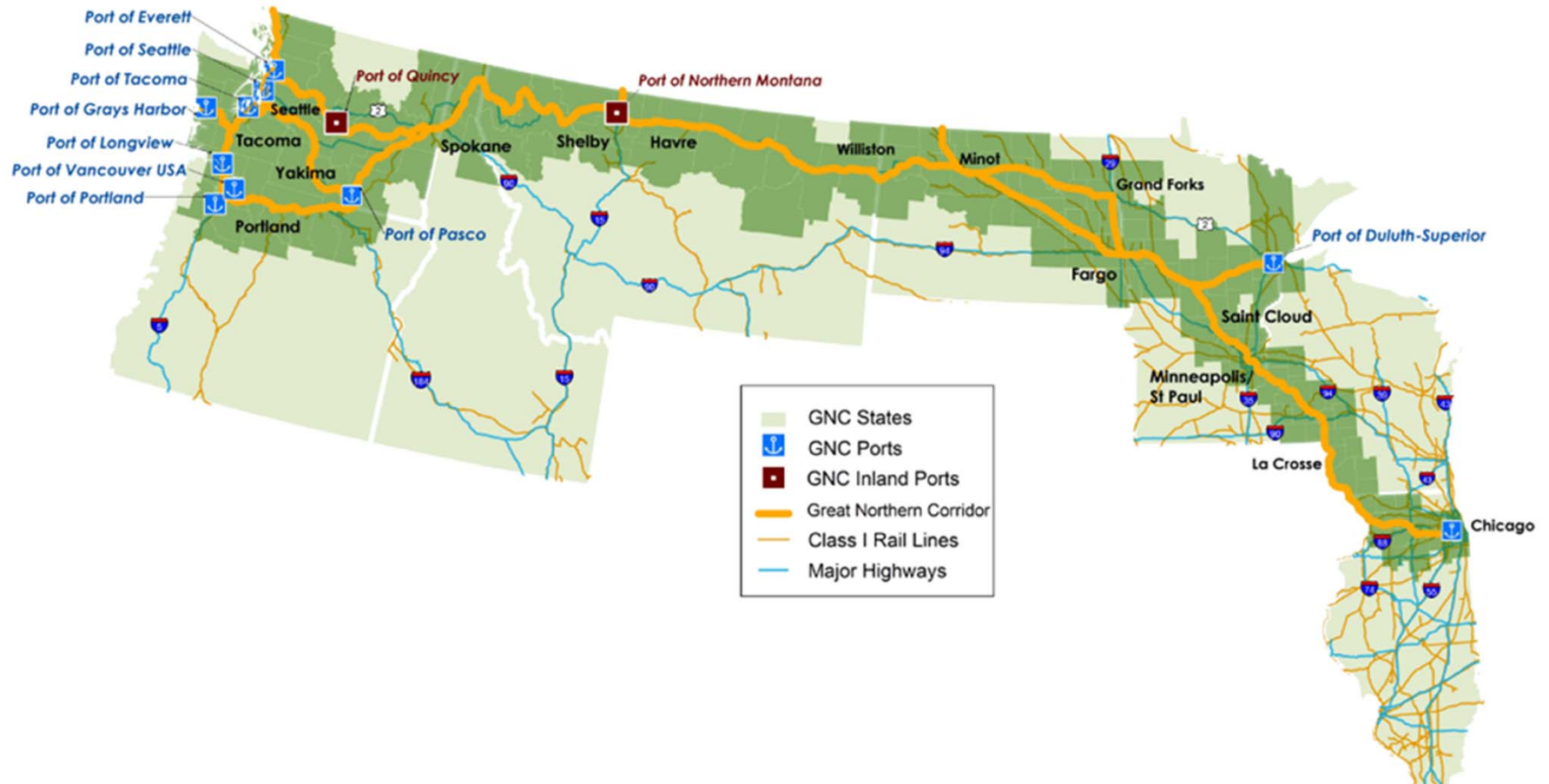
Coalition Timeline

- The Great Northern Corridor Coalition was formed in late 2013 after federal funding was secured from the Multistate Corridor Operations & Management (MCOM) Program (FHWA).
 - ▶ Phase I – SWOT Analysis – Completed late 2015
 - ▶ Phase II – Planning Analysis – Completed July 2016
 - ▶ Co-Applicant – Moorhead Grade Separation, Safety and Mobility Project (FASTLANE Grant Application)
 - ▶ Appoint Executive Director, Curtis E. Shuck, Jr. - August 2017
 - ▶ Adopt 2017 GNCC Action Plan

Current Coalition Stakeholders

- BNSF Railway
- State DOT's
 - Idaho
 - Minnesota
 - Montana
 - North Dakota
 - Washington
 - Oregon
 - Wisconsin
- Ports:
 - Everett
 - Grays Harbor
 - Longview
 - Northern Montana
 - Pasco
 - Portland
 - Quincy
 - Seattle
 - Tacoma
 - Vancouver, USA
 - WPPA
- Cities:
 - Connell, WA
 - Spokane Valley, WA
 - Wenatchee, WA
 - Kalispell, MT

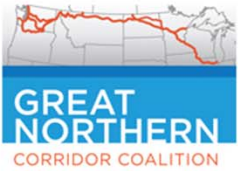
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The Great Northern Corridor is an Economic Engine that influences 38 Million Americans in 162 Counties

Vision Statement

“The Great Northern Corridor is a globally competitive, multistate freight Corridor consisting of a seamless road and rail network that promotes economic growth for neighboring communities and accommodates the demand for safe, efficient, and environmentally sound transportation services.”



Mission Statement

Promote a premier multi-state freight corridor.

By acting collectively to promote public policy, research and infrastructure development that expands commerce on the corridor.

Values

Through collective action:

- Promote freight related economic development and growth
- Provide a collaborative process for Corridor-wide project prioritization and advancement
- Provide support for discretionary grant programs: FASTLANE, TIGER, other funding opportunities
- Serve as unified advocate on Corridor freight matters
- Share information among coalition members to enhance the movement of goods through the Corridor
- Educate the public and stakeholders on the economic benefits of the Corridor
- Provide an influence for smaller communities along the corridor to improve freight mobility
- Serve as “trusted advisor” and partner on Corridor freight transportation issues
- Support research efforts to improve the movement of freight along the Corridor

Goals

- Position the Great Northern Corridor as a national leader and model of collaboration and coordination among transportation alliances in eight states and bordering Canadian provinces;
- Sustain and enhance the economic vitality and global competitiveness of the Region;
- Support efficiencies that reduce the transportation carbon footprint;
- Support a sustainable and secure energy future;
- Support freight compatible land use development along the corridor;
- Invest in a 21st Century transportation system that utilizes diverse revenue and financing mechanisms;
- Support a seamless, efficient, and integrated freight system;
- Encourage optimal modal freight movement based on efficiency, demand, capacity, and environmental sustainability;
- Implement advanced operations and technology solutions to improve freight mobility.

GNC Coalition Organizational Structure

- **Executive Board** (5 members)
 - Eastern State/DOT TBD
 - John Wolfe, CEO Northwest Seaport Alliance,
 - Paul Duncan, AVP Capacity Management/Planning BNSF Railway
 - Western State/DOT TBD
 - Doug Goehring, North Dakota Agriculture Commissioner
- **Executive Director**
- **Steering Committee**
- **Operational Committees**
 - ▶ Membership (Short term combined w/ Communications)
 - ▶ Funding and Advocacy
 - ▶ Projects (Short term combined with Programs)
 - ▶ Programs
 - ▶ Communications
 - ▶ Economic Development

GNC Coalition Membership Tiers

- **Coalition Members** – full member privileges; two-year commitment
- **Associate Members** – no voting rights, committee participation permitted, excluded from chair positions
- **Friends of Coalition** – on mailing list, attend meetings at the “Friends” rate

Initiatives considered for advancement out of Phase II

- **Grade Crossing Safety and Mobility**
- Adopt safety and mobility at highway/railway intersections as an additional GNC Coalition goals and incorporate into the GNC Mission. - *Executive Committee*
- Establish a central repository for grade crossing data in the corridor. - *Programs Committee*

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Grade Crossing Safety and Mobility

- Develop a prioritized list of grade crossing projects using the prioritization methodology. – Projects Committee

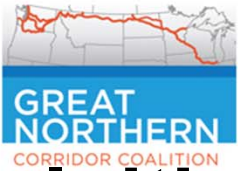
Environmental Planning / Sustainability

- Future coalition building activities of the GNC as a planning and investment entity should seek to consult with and include federal, state, and tribal governments.-
Projects and Programs Committees

Initiatives considered for advancement out of Phase II

Unified Corridor Investment

- Identify a core set of GNC performance measures to reflect metrics that have driven successful funding solutions at the national level and align with the FAST Act.- *Programs Committee*
- Identify coalition resources to collect and display the selected performance measures in a dashboard on the GNC Coalition's website. – *Programs and Communications Committees*



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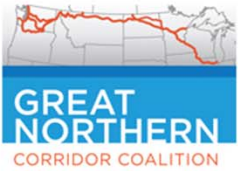
Unified Corridor Investment - continued

- Show completed projects on the website as well as highlight coalition projects such as those projects that are under construction as well as mature projects that are in the process of securing final funding. – *Projects and Communications Committees*
- Participate as a coalition in proposed rulemakings at the federal level. - *Funding / Advocacy Committee*
- Submit a funding application as a coalition. - *Projects Committee with help of all other committees*

Initiatives considered for advancement out of Phase II

Unified Corridor Investment - Continued

- Consider self-supporting funding mechanisms in the long term. - *Funding / Advocacy Committee*
- Join forces with other coalitions with similar goals. - *Funding / Advocacy Committee*
- Use performance standards to identify corridor-wide priority projects.- *Programs and Project Committees*



2017 Action Plan

Task 1 – Creating the Sustainable GNCC Organizational Structure

Task 2 – Increase GNCC Memberships

Task 3 – Identify 2017 GNCC Projects and Pursue INFRA/TIGER Grants

Task 4 – Improve GNCC Communications



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Member Benefits

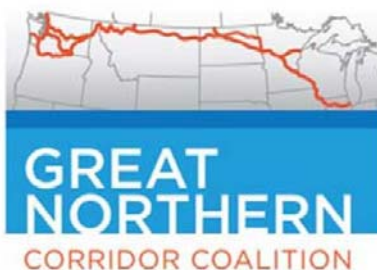
The Great Northern Corridor Coalition provides a corridor-wide focus to achieve improved mobility of goods and people between the eight states and international destinations for the benefit of all members

GNCC services and products include:

- ✓ Corridor-wide project development, prioritization and advancement
- ✓ Advocacy and support for federal discretionary grant programs: INFRA, TIGER
- ✓ Unified advocacy on corridor freight matters and projects
- ✓ Information sharing: best practices, lessons learned, strategic planning
- ✓ Public and stakeholder education
- ✓ Support to smaller communities along the corridor for project advancement, economic development, etc.
- ✓ Serve as a “trusted advisor” and resource partner on issues impacting the corridor and stakeholders
- ✓ Advancement of economic development projects across the corridor
- ✓ Market Corridor Gateways, Inland Ports and Terminals
- ✓ Research



The Value of the Great Northern Corridor



The Mission of the Great Northern Corridor Coalition is to:

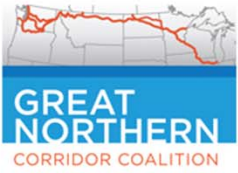
"Promote a premier multi-state corridor by acting collectively to promote public policy, research, and multimodal infrastructure development that expands commerce and enhances safety on the corridor".

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DRAFT – Great Northern Corridor Coalition Letters of Support for 2017 TIGER Projects

Project ID	Jurisdiction	Project Name	Project Value	TIGER Request	Notes	Project Score
T1	Port of Longview, WA	Industrial Rail Corridor Expansion	\$62.5M	\$33.2M	Rail, Road & Safety	YES! Emailed LOS 10.12.17
T2	City of Connell, WA	Connell Rail Interchange Project	\$24.0M	\$14.0M	Rail, Road & Safety	YES! Emailed LOS 10.12.17
T3	North Dakota DOT	Lewis and Clark ND-1804 Corridor Improvement Project	\$50.0M	\$25.0M	Road/Safety (First Mile / Last Mile)	YES! Emailed LOS 10.12.17
T4	City of Spokane Valley, WA	Barker Road Project	\$18.9M	\$9.0	Rail, Road & Safety	YES! Emailed LOS 10.12.17
T5	WSDOT	PV-Hooper Branch Line	\$7.9M	\$5.9	Rail & Safety	YES! Emailed LOS 10.12.17



Questions?

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