

# Clark County Railroad Advisory Board

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# Introduction of Railroad Advisory Board

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Backgrounds represented: CREDC, Federal Railroad Administration, Neighborhood Association Council of Clark County, Port of Vancouver, Cities of Vancouver & Battle Ground, logistics/rail transportation industry including railroad operations, development engineering & construction, industrial real estate marketing & development, industrial business management.

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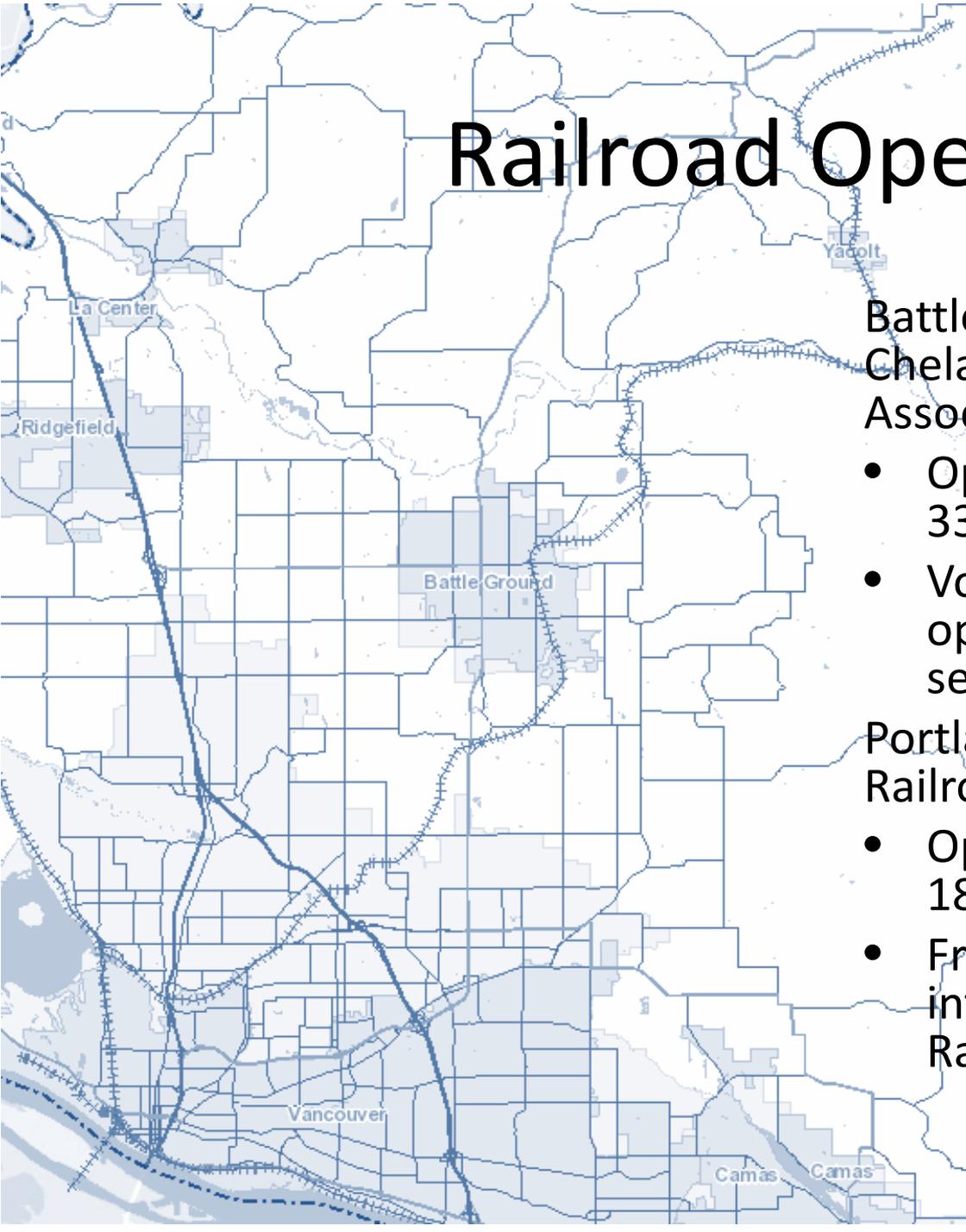
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# Railroad Advisory Board Mission Statement

The mission of the Railroad Advisory Board (RRAB) is to suggest developmental and operational options for the Railroad that will be instrumental in making the Railroad a public resource and a revenue generator for Clark County and, ultimately, financially self-supporting.

The ultimate goal in the ownership of the Railroad and Railroad Right-of-Way shall be to provide positive economic impact, stimulate economic growth, widen opportunities for employment, and encourage safe recreational activities.

The Railroad Advisory Board will work with the Railroad operator, governmental agencies, economic development groups and private parties to identify and promote sites that will support railroad activities.

A map of the Pacific Northwest region, showing a network of railroad lines. Major cities labeled include La Center, Ridgefield, Battle Ground, Vancouver, Camas, and Yacolt. The map highlights several railroad routes, with some lines marked with a dashed pattern. The title 'Railroad Operators' is prominently displayed at the top center.

# Railroad Operators

## Battle Ground, Yacolt and Chelatchie Prairie Railroad Association (BYCX)

- Operate from MP 18.58 to MP 33.35
- Volunteer organization operating passenger excursion service

## Portland-Vancouver Junction Railroad (PVJR)

- Operate from MP 0.0 to MP 18.58
- Freight service operator interchanging with BNSF Railway at Vancouver

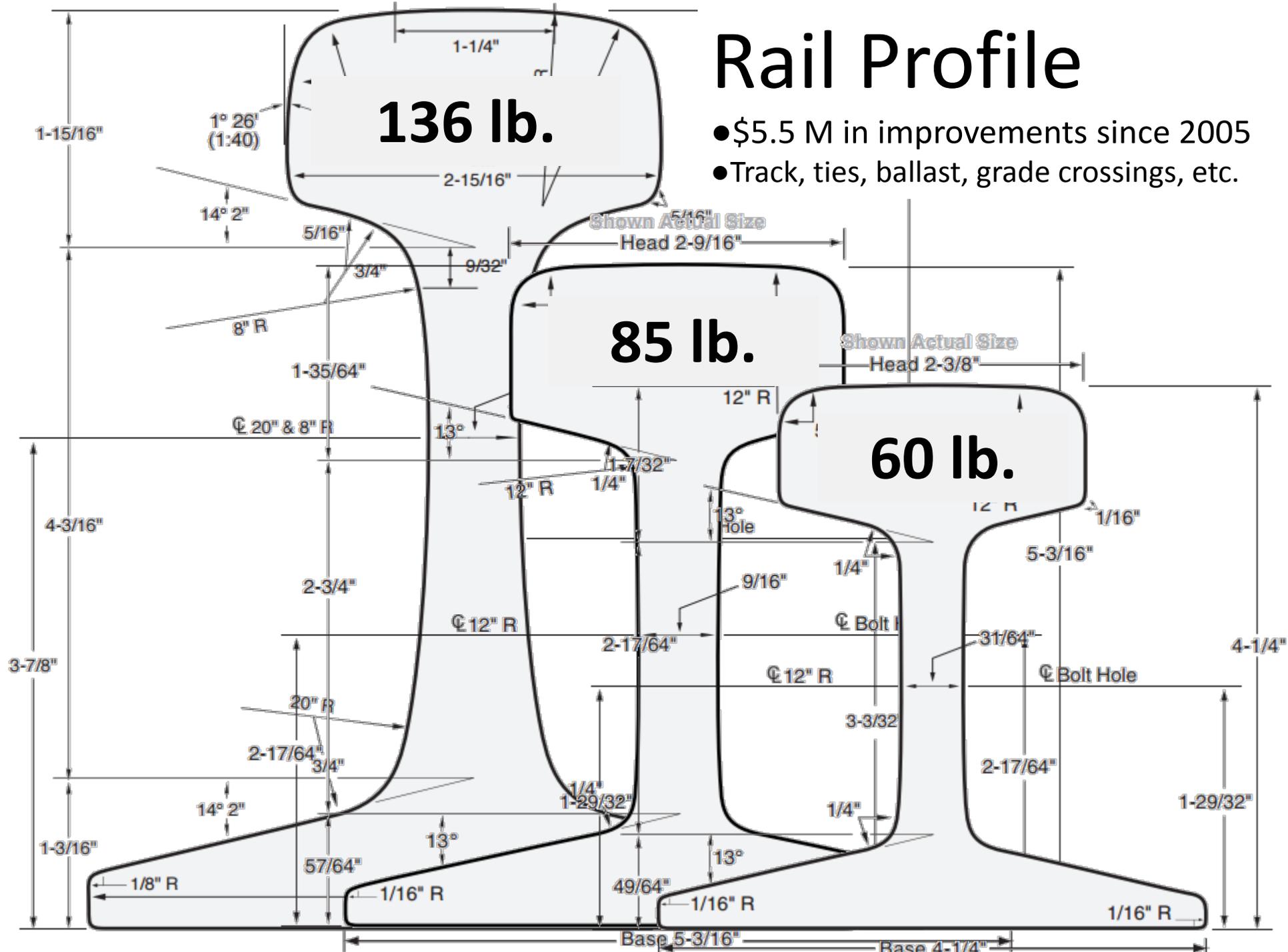
# Rail Profile

**136 lb.**

- \$5.5 M in improvements since 2005
- Track, ties, ballast, grade crossings, etc.

**85 lb.**

**60 lb.**



# Freight Service

## Customers:

- Bonneville Power
- Omega Industries
- Food Express
- Linde Gas
- Roadwise
- Truck Rail Handling
- Malarkey Roofing
- Lane Mountain Silica
- Canfield Transfer
- Andersen Dairy

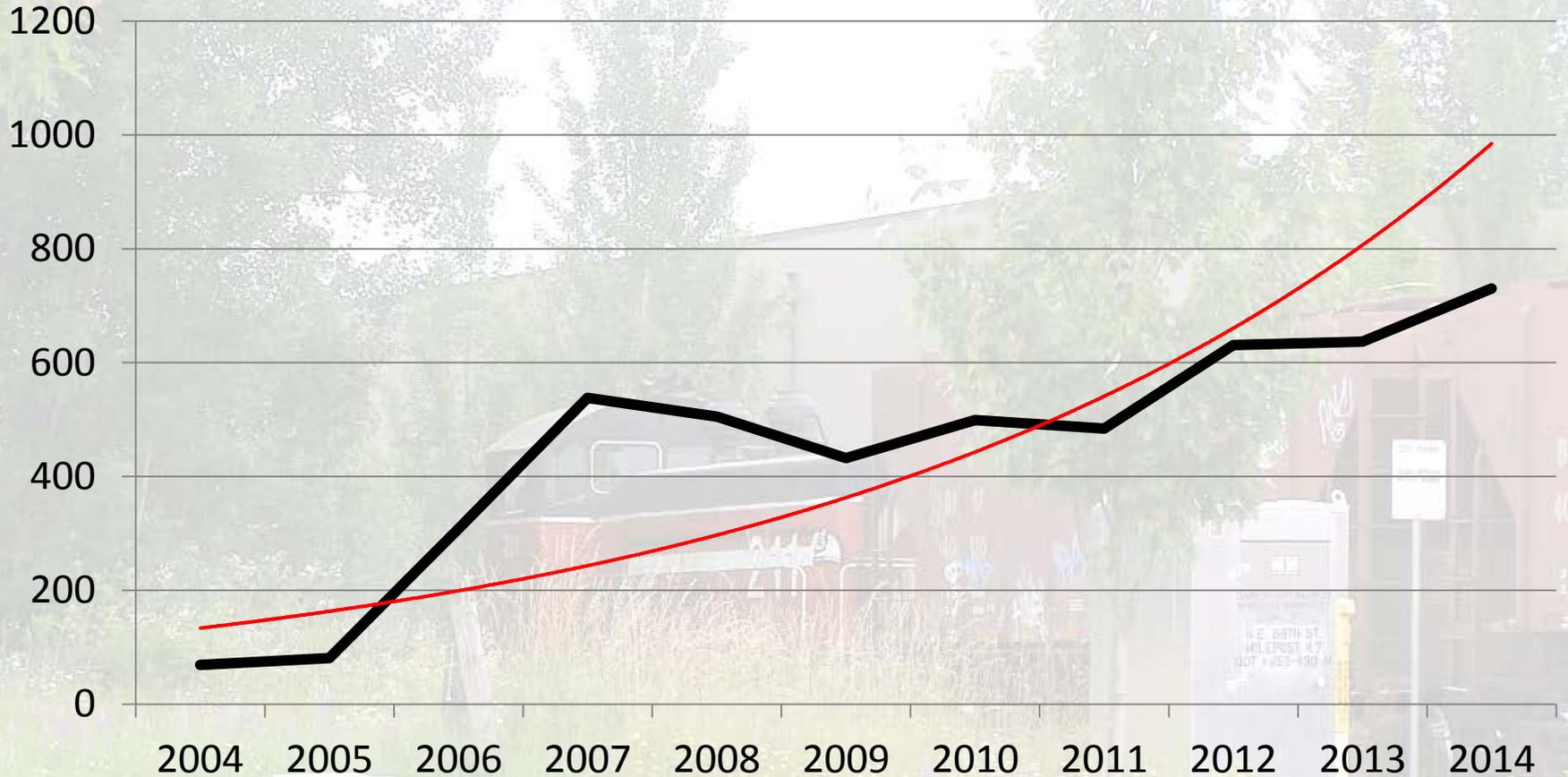
## Example Commodities:

- Sand & silicates
- Plastic pellets
- Railroad ties
- Steel rail
- Railroad track panels
- Industrial gases
- Electrical transformers
- Slag and aggregates



# Carload Volume Growth

Annual PVJR Carloads (with exp. trend)



# Industrial Land Development Readiness



- Focus on industrial corridors along railroad
  - Over 3,100 acres
  - Potential to generate over 12,000 direct jobs and over 23,000 indirect/induced jobs
  - Median annual wage \$39,803 (full-time jobs with benefits)
- Supportive of rural industrial land bank application – emphasize use of railroad asset

Areas of Study

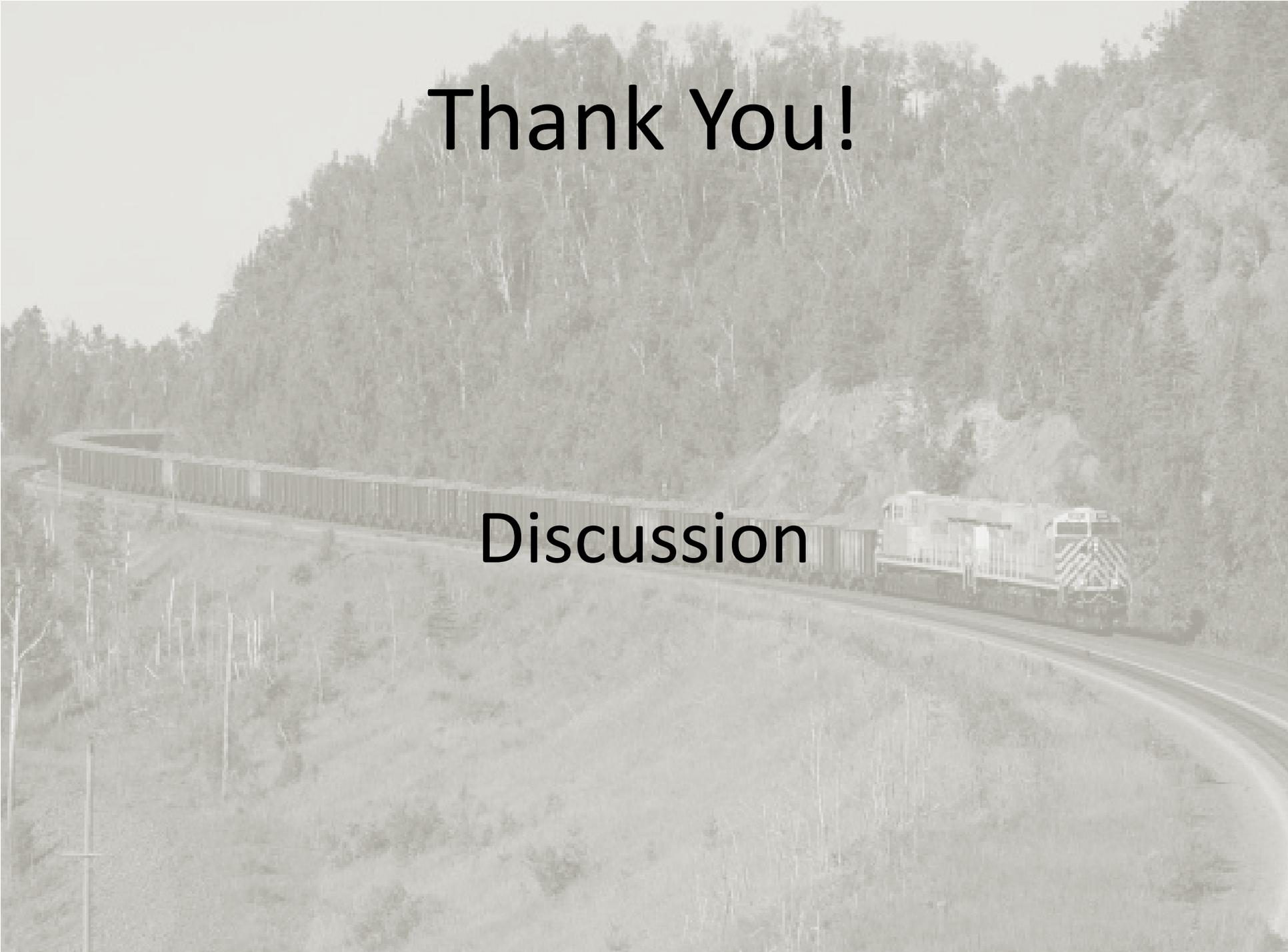
# Advisory Board Functions

- Monthly reporting from Portland-Vancouver Junction Railroad (PVJR) and Battle Ground, Yacolt and Chelatchie Prairie Railroad Association (BYCX)
- Provide expertise to county staff
  - Regulatory issues (FRA and UTC)
  - Railroad operations
  - Industrial development and land use (rural industrial land bank, St. Johns/Barberton area planning, site readiness project)

# Advisory Board Functions

- Development of capital funding requests
- Advancing capital funding requests with legislators at the state and federal levels





# Thank You!

## Discussion