

Cascades Corridor and Passenger Rail Update

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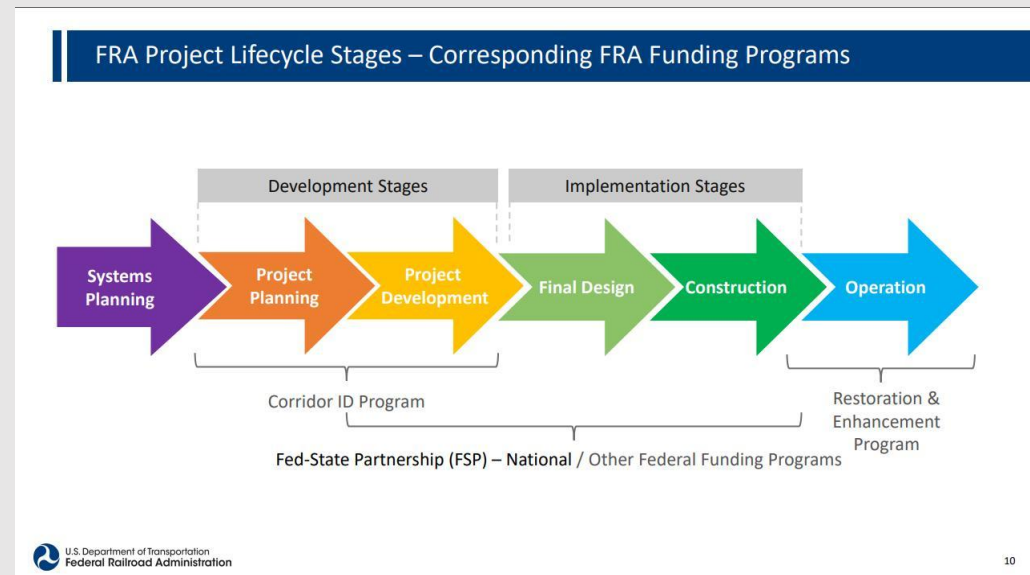


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- How ODOT is working with partners to improve passenger rail in Oregon
- Federal grant opportunities and applications
- Rail improvements made in the corridor
- Gaps and opportunities

Passenger Rail Improvements

- Complete corridor modeling with UP and the FRA
- Develop prioritized list of infrastructure and safe crossing projects
- Advance projects through FRA CID or Railway Highway Crossing Program
- Seek new grants for infrastructure additions and improvements



Federal Grant Opportunities and Applications

- CRISI planning grant application May 2024
- Federal-State Partnership for Intercity Passenger Rail grant requests due December 2024
 - Eugene Layover Siding
 - Willbridge Crossovers
- Portland Union Station
- Railroad Crossing Elimination Grant Program



Rail Improvements - Completed

- North Portland Junction
 - \$8.3 M - Connect Oregon
 - \$3.6 M - UP
- Peninsula Junction
 - \$242,290 – State
 - \$650,000 – Amtrak
 - \$427,148 – Federal (CRISI)



Peninsula Jct. curvature has been widened

Gaps and Opportunities

- Gaps and challenges
 - Lack of capital funds and match
 - Infrastructure is owned privately and shared with freight
- Opportunities
 - Federal grants available
 - Local and host railroad support
 - Ridership growth on Cascades

