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BNSF Corridors of Commerce are **critical to our lives** and livelihood.

From California to Chicago, Canada to the Gulf Coast, and the Midwest to the Pacific Northwest, these Corridors carry the raw materials that provide power to our homes, food and clothing for our families, agricultural products that feed the world, and the goods that drive our economy. Corridors of Commerce create jobs, deliver safety and environmental benefits, and promote U.S. economic competitiveness and growth.

As the economy grows, so will demand for freight transportation. The U.S. Department of Transportation forecasts that freight rail demand will rise 88% by 2035 from 2005 levels. Capacity investment now is essential to meet projected demand and will prevent future strain on the nation's rail corridors and avoid a modal shift to the highway system.

For these reasons, BNSF is working together with public sector partners to expand and improve its vital Corridors of Commerce. Improvements to BNSF's Corridors will relieve chokepoints on the national rail system, enable greater economic growth, and improve the quality of life for our communities and our nation.

To learn more about the Corridors of Commerce visit www.corridorsofcommerce.com.



Every hour of every day, the wheels of the U.S. supply chain are in motion. Through a network of highways, railways, waterways and air, 43 million tons of goods, valued at \$29 billion, move from producers to consumers every day.

Carrying over 40% of U.S. freight ton-miles, rail is critical to the supply chain. It is uniquely able to move a large volume of goods efficiently with little environmental impact.

- Expanding rail capacity is less costly, quicker, and has less public impact than expanding highway capacity, making it more **affordable for the public**, which benefits from reduced public infrastructure costs and lower consumer prices.
 - » **Adding a highway lane mile can easily cost \$15 million on average, if not much more, and take as long as a decade, compared to \$3 - \$4 million on average, and relatively little time, for a typical mile of rail line**
- Because of the efficiencies inherent in rail transport, it is an ideal **solution for economic development**. Expansion in rail paves the way for jobs and economic growth.
 - » **According to the U.S. Department of Commerce, every \$1 invested in the rail system returns \$3 to the American economy; and every freight rail job supports another 4.5 jobs elsewhere in the economy**
- Freight rail transportation takes trucks off the road, thereby conserving fuel, decreasing emissions, improving congestion and safety, and making U.S. **communities more liveable**.
 - » **Just one BNSF train can take more than 280 trucks off our nation's highways, reducing greenhouse gas emissions by 75% for every ton of freight moved**