

# Washington Rail Facts

- **Going the distance.** In Washington alone, 30 freight railroads operate across 3,032 miles of track.
- **Supporting jobs.** As of 2017, Washington freight railroads and their suppliers employed 7,420 people; nationwide, freight rail supported about 1.1 million jobs.
- **Connecting markets.** The most common commodities originating from Washington markets are, in carloads/year: intermodal (651,700), lumber, wood products (26,400), petroleum (17,100), farm products (14,000), and pulp and paper (12,800).
- **Powering state economies.** Spending by Class I railroads in 2017 generated nearly \$220 billion in U.S. economic activity and \$26 billion in state and federal tax revenues, according to a Towson University study.
- **Preserving infrastructure, cutting congestion.** Freight railroads take 6.5 million truckloads off Washington roads annually.
- **Reducing pollution.** Moving freight by rail instead of trucks reduces greenhouse gas emissions by an average of 75 percent.

- BNSF
- CN
- CP
- CSX
- KCS
- NS
- UP
- Short Line/Regional
- Multiple Owners

