

# Great Northern Corridor Multistate Planning & Development Study

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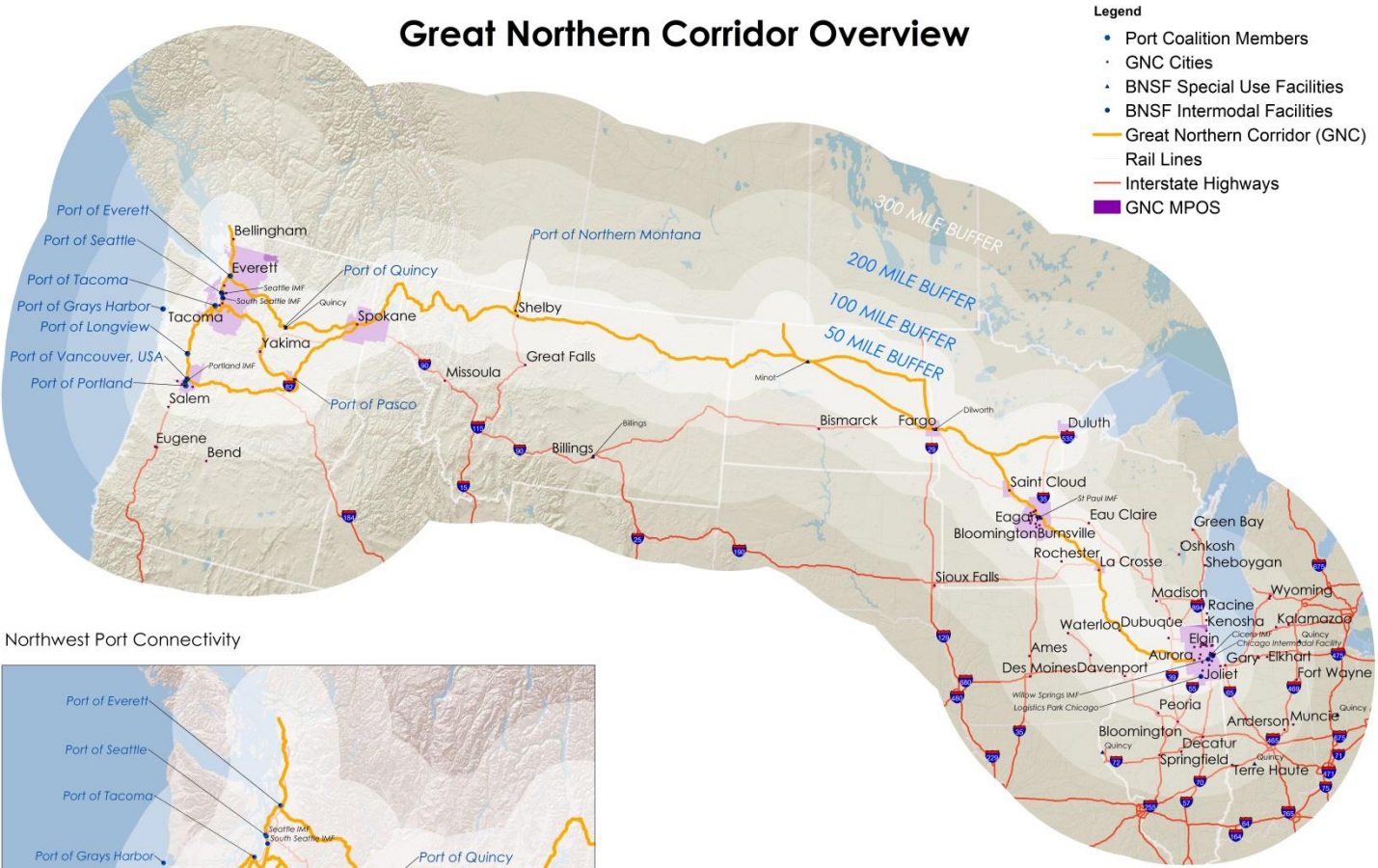
# Great Northern Corridor Coalition & Multistate Corridor Operations and Management (MCOM) Grant

# GNC and MCOM Overview

- Corridor (GNC) <http://greatnortherncorridor.org/>
  - Chicago to PNW rail and highway freight corridor
  - Supply chain for raw materials and finished goods
- Funding mechanism (MCOM)
  - FHWA MCOM grant
  - Participation and contributions from coalition

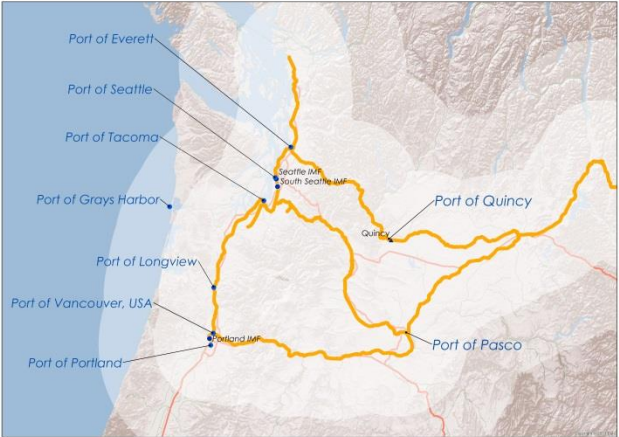
MCOM 1 – \$398,910    MCOM 2 – \$546,200

## Great Northern Corridor Overview



- Legend**
- Port Coalition Members
  - GNC Cities
  - BNSF Special Use Facilities
  - BNSF Intermodal Facilities
  - Great Northern Corridor (GNC)
  - Rail Lines
  - Interstate Highways
  - GNC MPOS

Northwest Port Connectivity



# Vision

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.

# Great Northern Corridor Facts

- A strategic link between 8 States and 3 Canadian Provinces, ports, BNSF railway with 3,331 rail route miles
- Serves areas with over 27 million Americans and nearly 12.5 million jobs - \$1.45T GDP
- Provides access to the nation's vast rail network, vital multimodal connections and the global marketplace
- Over 221.3 million tons of freight in 2013
- Moved 91 million tons of construction materials, building products, manufactured goods, energy-related products

# 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.

# Objectives

- Assess transportation infrastructure to determine critical components along the Corridor
- Identify
  - relevant freight performance measures
  - corridor bottlenecks/chokepoints through 2035 based on current and projected demand
  - potential innovative operations and technology solutions for corridor improvements
  - Scope and sequence of current and potential corridor improvements to develop and implement projects



# Objectives

- Estimate and refine project costs based on actual stakeholder data
- Enhance and expand communications and outreach with existing and potential member organizations;
- Report initiatives, outcomes and successes to a broader constituency; and
- Assess broad potential environmental impacts of proposed corridor improvement activities, consistent with state and federal environmental requirements.

# Coalition Membership

## **Project Supporters**

- Support the study
- May be invited to participate in outreach and/or study activities

## **Funding Partners**

- Have pledged cash or in-kind support
- Participate in study and stakeholder outreach activities

# Coalition Partners

Idaho DOT

Illinois DOT

Minnesota DOT

Montana DOT

North Dakota DOT

Oregon DOT

Washington State DOT

Wisconsin DOT

BNSF Railway

Washington Public Ports  
Association

Port of Everett

Port of Grays Harbor

Port of Longview

Port of Northern Montana

Port of Pasco

Port of Portland

Port of Quincy

Port of Seattle

Port of Tacoma

Port of Vancouver, USA

# MCOM II Status

- MCOM 1 - completed Jan 2015
- MCOM 2 - Kick off contract with consultant within 30 days
- Conduct study over next 18 months
- Publish final report

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