

Washington State Department of Transportation should include passenger rail service in the SR 503 Corridor Study Plan in March. Rail travel is safer and provides equity to all citizens. To comment on SR-503: [engage.wsdot.wa.gov/sr-503-corridor-study](http://engage.wsdot.wa.gov/sr-503-corridor-study). **Comments end March 17.**

The Chelatchie Prairie Railroad parallels SR 503 from Vancouver to Yacolt. WSDOT is currently welcoming public comments for a study to improve transportation opportunities for SR 503 in Clark County. This concept study could use federal IJIA funding for a cost-benefit analysis and economic analysis. Regional Rail could reduce the 143,000 autos crossing the Columbia River. And reduce travel time to Portland by 50% compared to MAX light rail. The Cascades/AMTRAK trains travel from Vancouver to Portland in fifteen minutes. MAX light Rail from Vancouver to Portland would take 35 minutes. To combat global warming SW Washington needs Regional Passenger Rail service.

**Clark County RR**

**State Highway 503**

Chelatchie Prairie



Yacolt



Battle Ground



Brush Prairie



Hazel Dell



Vancouver



Portland

Yacolt



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