



Oregon Department of Transportation



Cascades Service
AND
Connect Oregon

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Oregon's Investment in Rail

(capital only)

Cascades Corridor investment \$51m (94-08)

Freight rail grants & funds \$12.5m (00-03)

Connect Oregon I & II, \$102m (05-07)

State ARRA Highway Funds \$17m (09)

Connect Oregon III (09)

TOTAL \$183 million



Passenger Related Investment

\$71.6m since 1994

13 projects

Stations, track, CTC, &
equipment





Amtrak *Cascades*: Oregon Segment History



Trains

1887 Through West Coast service begins

1994 First *Cascades* round trip begins

2000 Second *Cascades* round trip begins



Buses

1994 Two round trip buses begin

2008 Third round trip bus begins



Amtrak *Cascades*: Oregon Segment Ridership



Trains

2 Round trips per day

Ridership up 18% since 2007

Ridership up 182% since 1995



Buses

3 Round trips per day

Ridership up 48% since 2007

Ridership up 281% since 1995



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