



Ohio Rail Development Commission

VISION, MISSION,
GOALS AND
OBJECTIVES

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ORDC'S VISION is for Ohio to have the best rail system in the world. ORDC will implement programs and policies that foster a globally integrated, safe, reliable rail system that creates and retains jobs and maximizes the public benefit to Ohio's communities and industries.

ORDC'S MISSION is to plan, promote and implement the improved movement of goods and people faster and safer on a rail transportation network connecting Ohio to the nation and world. The mission is to be accomplished through a coordinated freight and passenger rail system which is an integral part of a seamless intermodal transportation network contributing to Ohio's quality of life and economic development. (adopted 1994)

GOAL: *Economic Development*

Support a fully integrated, well-managed transportation system that drives business growth, prosperity, job creation and retention

OBJECTIVES:

- Preserve and enhance existing rail lines and corridors
- Provide rail access to retain existing and attract new businesses
- Provide Ohio's communities and industries with transportation options, connectivity and opportunities





GOAL: *Funding*

Secure funding for rail projects supporting a transportation network that provides a public benefit to Ohioans

OBJECTIVES:

- Identify public benefit of all rail projects
 - Identify financial resources for rail projects and programs
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GOAL: *Safety*

Work with the railroads, the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio and the Ohio Department of Transportation to maintain a safe rail system

OBJECTIVES:

- Increase number of locations with warning devices
- Increase number of at-grade crossings closed
- Reduce derailments

GOAL: *Environmental Benefits*

Support sustainable rail programs and projects that enhance Ohio's environment

OBJECTIVE:

- Improve environmental quality, especially in terms of air quality



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GOAL: *Balanced Transportation Policy*

Increase support for rail

OBJECTIVE:

- Educate and inform Ohio citizens and decision-makers about the public and private benefits of rail
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GOAL: *Efficient Railways*

In partnership with the private railroads, create a fast, frequent and reliable rail network that connects Ohio to the national transportation system

OBJECTIVES:

- Improve on-time performance
- Preserve, maintain, expand and modernize Ohio's rail system, including main lines and branch lines
- Preserve existing tracks and rail rights-of-way for future use
- Improve access to global and domestic markets through seamless intermodal connectivity
- Provide improved transportation choices for Ohio communities and industries