



*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