

Goals and Objectives for ORDC

GOALS	OBJECTIVES
<p>1. Economic Development: Create a fully integrated, well-managed transportation system that drives business growth, prosperity and job creation</p>	<p>Work with ODOT, ODOD and other agencies to assist businesses locating or expanding in Ohio to have efficient rail access</p> <p>Provide incentives that improve access to rail service, highways, air and water ports and reduce transportation costs, capital expenditures and start-up costs</p> <p>Develop policies to balance the needs of existing industries with the transportation requirements of new growth sectors</p> <p>Provide an integrated, robust transportation system that supports Ohio's manufacturing base</p>
<p>2. Safety: Work with the railroads, PUCO and ODOT to maintain a safe rail system</p>	<p>Identify the most hazardous highway grade crossings and provide funding for warning devices and the Preemption Program</p> <p>Conduct public education safety campaigns</p> <p>Continue to meet Federal 130 Program requirements</p>

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<p>3. Environmental Benefits: Support freight and passenger transportation programs and projects that improve Ohio's environment and reduce its carbon footprint</p>	<p>Support responsible land use development and smart growth strategies along rail lines</p> <p>Incorporate green principles in future rail projects</p>
<p>4. Efficient Railways: Sponsor programs and projects that improve time reliability, access and seamless connections between rail and other transportation modes</p>	<p>Collect and analyze data and make recommendations to maintain a reliable rail system that ensures timely deliveries</p> <p>Preserve, maintain and modernize the rail system</p> <p>Preserve rights of way for future use</p> <p>Improve access to markets and seamless intermodal connectivity for freight and passenger services</p>

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<p>5. Improve Quality of Life: Provide Ohio's citizens and businesses with transportation options, connectivity and opportunities</p>	<p>Create a network of fast, frequent, and reliable passenger trains that connect Ohio's major cities while increasing transportation capacity for moving more freight by train</p>
<p>6. Invest in Rail Infrastructure:</p>	<p>Identify financial resources for rail projects and programs</p> <p>Determine what projects warrant public vs. private funding</p> <p>Develop funding strategies to finance rail projects through multi-agency authorities, public private partnerships and allowing public sector investments in private modal operations when clear public benefit can be demonstrated</p>