

# Rail

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No. 6 on a list of eight specific Oregon Shipping Group projects is to “enhance shortline railroad capabilities, especially in regard to the following: Portland and Western Rail Line; Coos Bay Rail Link; and a possible Albany and Eastern Railroad link to the Willamette Valley Railroad.”

Mannix, a Salem business lawyer, told the Stayton council that after shipping in the Port of Portland was compromised, Oregon Shipping Group formed to advocate and develop a vision for improving the state’s ship-

ping capabilities for imports and exports.

“In that context, especially because of our agricultural economy, our farmers need to be able to ship their product (throughout the) United States and to the rest of the world,” he said.

In looking at Oregon’s shipping infrastructure, Mannix said a part of the process was examining 24 short-line railroads to see how they could be better utilized in the quest to fortify overall shipping.

He added that railroads can help serve as an alternative to roads and a less-expensive and environmentally sensitive alternative for moving freight, the latter realized by using less fuel and producing fewer carbon

emissions.

Mannix also expressed a vision of extending the Willamette Valley Railroad south of Stayton where it could potentially connect with the Albany Eastern rail, “creating more of a circuit for railroad capability.”

The line did connect to the south more than a half century ago, crossing the North Santiam River south of West Stayton.

It also connected in Salem via the down defunct Geer spur that forked on rural State Street just west of Howell Prairie Road.

Currently, the line’s only connection with the valley’s Union Pacific mainline is in Woodburn.

Harrington said he and Mannix also plan to meet

with civic leaders in Woodburn and Aumsville to discuss the railway. Other entities with an interest include Oregon Department of Transportation.

“It was in meetings with ODOT rail division representatives that (Oregon Shipping Group) learned about the capabilities of the Willamette Valley Railway and needs for rehabilitation of portions of that rail line,” Harrington said. “(We) understand ODOT to be supportive of rehabilitating and enhancing the capabilities of the Willamette Valley Railway.

“ODOT has some conceptual plans for making such a connection,” Harrington said of the south link to Albany Eastern. “I

do not recall discussing the connection through West Stayton...but we believe all ideas should be on the table at this point and welcome further discussion.”

Other railroads Oregon Shipping Group has examined include the Coos Bay Rail that links that coastal inlet to the Willamette Valley, and the Portland and Western Railroad, which services much of the west side of the valley, including Independence, Corvallis and McMinnville, and also runs to Astoria.

The bottom line is fortifying Oregon’s infrastructure for trade is a boon to the economy; fortifying the railways is a significant part of that.

“Most businesses

which ship large quantities of goods by truck would potentially be able to take advantage of a restored Willamette Valley Railway service,” Harrington said. “Marion County is planning on conducting an analysis of the Willamette Valley Railway as to the economic benefits it could provide should it be restored.

“I believe the goal is to begin that study in July and to wrap it up before the end of this year. Good rail connections are a positive factor for businesses and industries looking for new locations with rail access.”

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## JOHN F. KENNEDY HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES

Graduation ceremonies were at 2 p.m. June 10 at Kennedy High School.

**Graduates:** 53

**Valedictorians:** Gabriela Cortes Cortes, Alyssa Eklund, Rebecca Pranger, Jack Suing, Brett Traeger, David Wright

**Salutatorians:** Noe Jines Garcia, Bishop Mitchell  
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Skyler Bizon  
Lewis Butsch  
Jena Clausen  
Cruz Contreras  
Gabriela Cortés Cortés

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Freddie Diaz  
Alyssa Eklund  
Cody Ellsworth  
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Sarah Therkelsen  
Cody Thomas  
Brett Traeger  
David Wright

## SILVERTON HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES

Graduation ceremonies were at 7 p.m. June 8 at Silverton High School.

**Graduates:** 318

**Valedictorians:** Darren Buckley, Alexandria Cross, Leah Doeden, Aiden Edsinga, Julie Golan, Marcus Hemshorn, Elizabeth Hoke, Kylie Lulich, Megan Mannion, Desiree Sinn, Samantha Sinn, Malinda Stadel, Alina Stratton, Robyn Traber, Madison Ulven

**Salutatorians:** Kayce McLaughlin, Brice Shippen



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**Graduates make their entrance during the commencement ceremony on Thursday at Silverton High School.**

Darren Buckley  
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Nathan Butsch  
Nathaniel Capener  
Ian Cardwell  
Hosea Catterall  
Jasmine Celio Espinoza  
Fedora Cherepanov  
Afanasy Chernishoff  
Marc Childs  
Marah Christenson  
Lance Cline  
Hayden Clippell  
Cheyanne Cobb  
Emily Cock  
Giselle Cortes  
Ethan Crofts  
Alexandria Cross  
James Curths  
James Dahl  
Laura Dahl  
Hannah Daly  
Dakota Daniels  
Timothy Davidson  
Jaiden Davis  
Perry Davis  
Andrew de la Rosa  
Maxwell Deckelmann  
Atreu DeHut  
Jessica Dennis  
Marie Therese Dettwyler  
Emily Dillon  
Elizebeth Disney

Leah Doeden  
Grace Drescher  
Alisa Drew  
Breeanna Drew  
Connor Duerst  
Andrew Dummer  
Riley Dunagan  
Morgan Dunn  
Reece Eastlick  
Aiden Edsinga  
Christian Epping  
Erica Escobar  
David Espe  
Abraham Espinavarró  
Grecia Esteban Arias  
Anthony Eubank  
Ethan Evans  
Kylie Farmen  
Tessa Faulhaber  
Manuel Fernandez  
Jorge Flores  
Dillon Fogarty  
Jesse Franklin  
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Gricela Garcia Rodriguez  
Jennifer Garcia-Ramirez  
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Ryan Gorsline  
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Dustin Gubbels

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Kara Heneveld  
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