

BARSTOW INTERNATIONAL GATEWAY PROJECT

PROJECT OVERVIEW

BNSF Railway plans to invest more than \$4 billion to construct a state-of-the-art master-planned rail facility in Southern California – and the first being developed by a Class 1 railroad. This facility will help reduce highway congestion, transform the regional economy, and unlock critical efficiencies to meet our nation’s supply chain demands.

The Barstow International Gateway will be a new integrated rail facility on 4,500+ acres on the west side of Barstow, consisting of a rail yard, intermodal facility and warehouses for transloading freight from international containers to domestic containers.

The facility will allow the direct transfer of containers from ships at the Ports of Los Angeles and Long Beach to trains for transport through the Alameda Corridor onto the BNSF mainline up to Barstow.

Once the containers reach the Barstow International Gateway, they will be processed at the facility using clean-energy powered cargo-handling equipment, and

then staged and built into trains moving east via BNSF’s network across the nation. Westbound freight will similarly be processed at the facility to more efficiently bring trains to the ports and other California terminals.

PROJECT BENEFITS



ECONOMY

- Brings thousands of direct and indirect jobs to High Desert communities and reduces commute times for hundreds of local employees
- Keeps the Ports of Los Angeles and Long Beach competitive by locating the first integrated rail and transload complex within 130 miles
- Supports a robust, reliable, and efficient supply chain that American families and businesses rely on



ENVIRONMENT

- Significantly reduces port and highway congestion and expedites the transportation of goods from the Ports of Los Angeles and Long Beach via rail, the most environmentally-efficient way to move freight
- Reduces environmental and safety impacts on communities in Los Angeles and the Inland Empire by reducing inefficient truck trips



COMMUNITY

- Strategically located near primarily undeveloped land not adjacent to urbanized areas which will minimize potential community impacts
- Moves freight off the roads and onto rail, alleviating highway congestion on Southern California freeways and reducing the costs taxpayers incur for road maintenance



Conceptual – Subject to Change



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PROJECT NEED

The Ports of Los Angeles and Long Beach are the largest in the nation and account for nearly 30% of all goods entering the United States. The ports' import and export value is nearly \$100 billion per year and one in nine jobs across Southern California are connected to the San Pedro Bay ports.

E-commerce soared during the COVID-19 pandemic and products that Americans rely on daily require a reliable supply chain. Although the goods movement industry has worked hard to keep up with demand, there are still significant challenges. Currently, most international cargo arrives in 40-foot containers that are trucked from the ports to warehouses in Los Angeles or the Inland Empire. Once the containers arrive at the warehouses, they are unloaded, sorted, and re-loaded onto 53-foot domestic containers that are either transported by truck to a railyard in Los Angeles, where they are transferred onto trains, or are simply trucked across the country. This process creates inefficiencies and unnecessary truck trips within the Los Angeles Basin and Inland Empire that can impact supply chain distribution, the environment, and communities surrounding ports and warehouses.

The Barstow International Gateway will allow cargo to be transported by rail directly from the ports through the Alameda Corridor to Barstow and processed efficiently between the intermodal rail facility and the on-site transload warehouse facilities, without generating additional on-road truck trips. The transload warehouses will expedite repackaging and processing of goods into domestic containers for further transport via rail across the country.



IN CALIFORNIA

2023 Employees: 3,100+
2023 Combined Payroll: \$339M
Route Miles: 913

ABOUT BNSF RAILWAY

BNSF Railway is one of North America's leading freight transportation companies. BNSF operates approximately 32,500 route miles of track in 28 states and also operates in three Canadian provinces.

BNSF's shipments help feed, clothe, supply, and power American homes and businesses every day. BNSF and its employees have developed one of the most technologically advanced and efficient railroads in the industry. We work continuously to improve the value of the safety, service, energy, and environmental benefits we provide to our customers and the communities we serve.



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