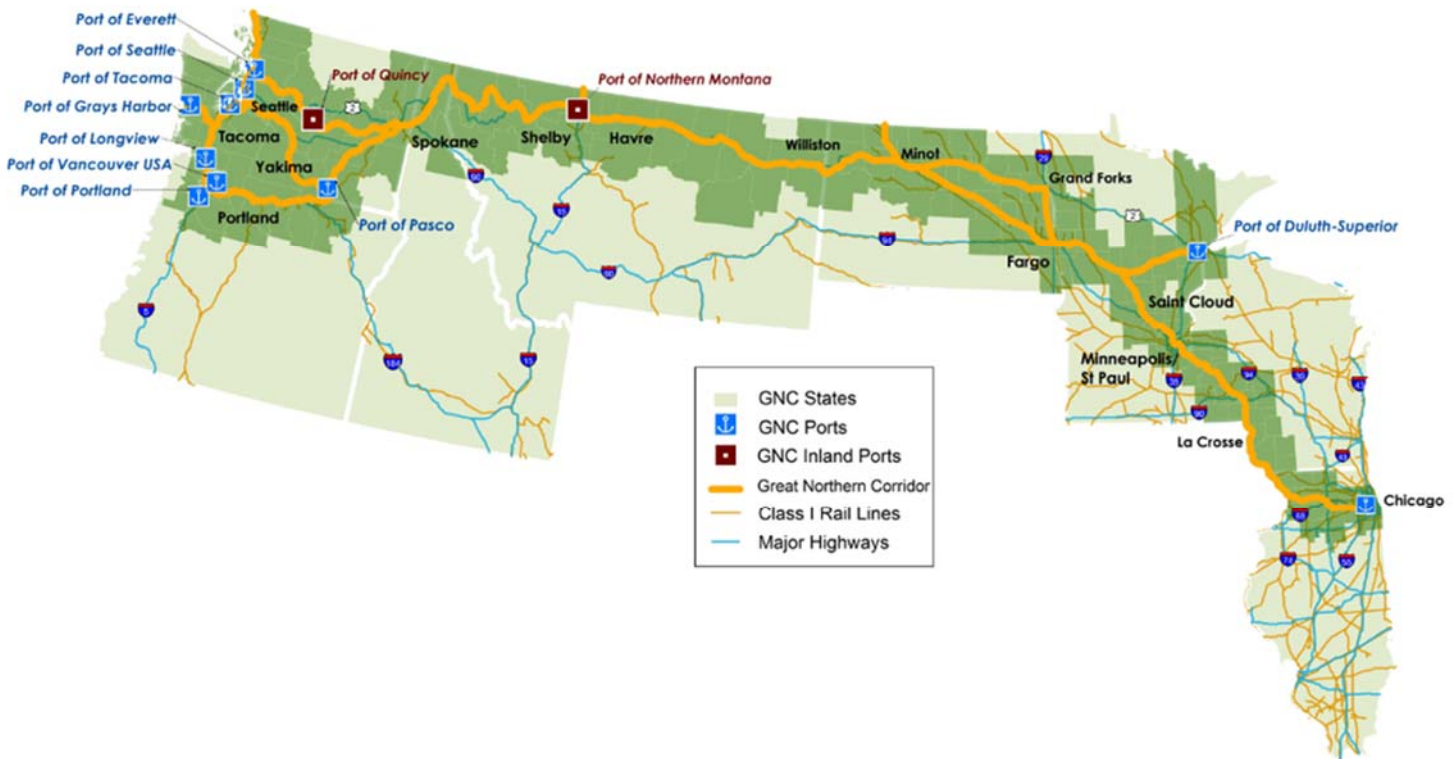


Great Northern Corridor

The Great Northern Corridor (GNC) stretches from Chicago to the ports on the Pacific Northwest Coast. This multimodal corridor consists of highways, rail and ports. It represents an east-west artery of commerce that supports the movement of people and goods, bringing economic vitality to more than 38 million Americans across eight North Central and Pacific Northwestern states. This corridor includes thousands of manufacturers, ranchers, farmers, miners, timber and lumber businesses, energy companies and travelers that rely upon the multimodal transportation options that are provided by the Corridor. Recently, the GNC was identified at the federal level as an example of the importance of rail corridors in maintaining connectivity for both freight and passengers on the national rail network.

The GNCC represents a variety of rural and urban economies that all depend on the Corridor for freight transportation to regional, national, and international markets.

The GNC intersects counties along the Corridor with high concentrations of businesses, including both urban and rural areas. The GNC serves as an economic engine for its member states, its cities, regional economies, and the nation. This Corridor also provides a critical connection to move people that support many local businesses and enhances personal mobility.

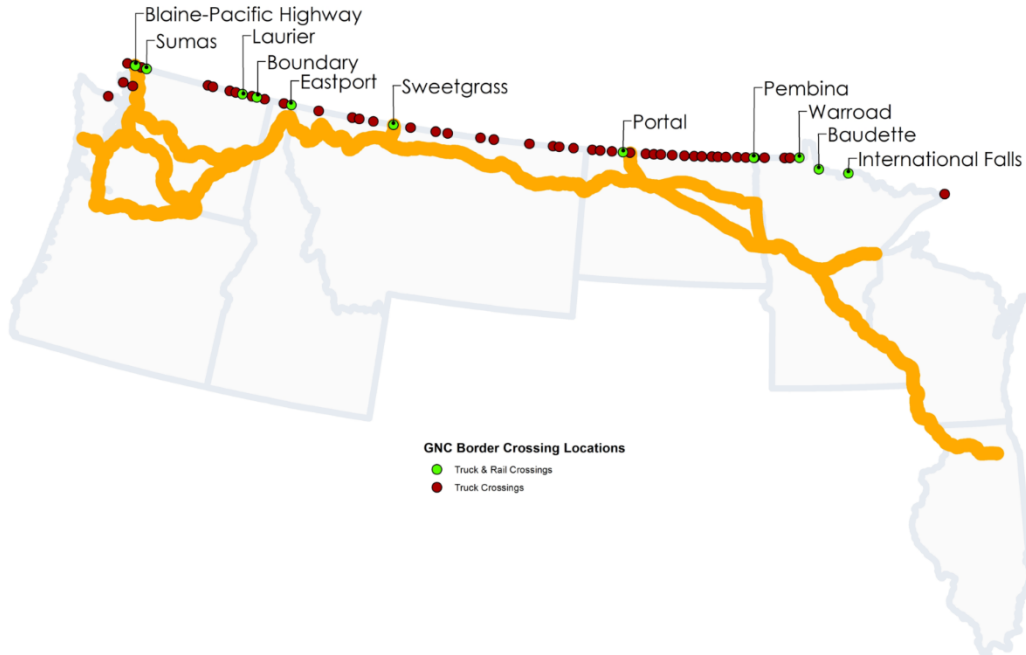


2014 Domestic Trade between the 8 GNC States accounted for 54% of their respective interstate cargo, valuing

\$385 Billion

Equaling 377 million tons of cargo traded between the GNC states

As of 2015, there were 54 ports of entry across the international border, from Washington to Minnesota, reporting commercial trade activity: Washington (15), Idaho (2), Montana (12), North Dakota (18), and Minnesota (7).



The GNC is an artery of transportation and commerce across northern states forming an important trade conduit between the Midwest and Pacific Northwest. While the GNC parallels the Canadian border across its entire length, intersecting roadways and rail lines facilitate the exchange of goods and services with America's largest trading partner. In 2014, Canada was the top export and the top import market for six of the eight Great Northern Corridor Coalition (GNCC) states. In 2014, the GNCC states exported more than \$54 billion in merchandise to Canada and imported over \$91 billion in merchandise from Canada.

Member Benefits

The Great Northern Corridor Coalition provides a corridor-wide focus to achieve improved mobility of goods and people between the eight states and international destinations for the benefit of all members

GNCC services and products include:

- ✓ Corridor-wide project development, prioritization and advancement
- ✓ Advocacy and support for federal discretionary grant programs: INFRA, TIGER
- ✓ Unified advocacy on corridor freight matters and projects
- ✓ Information sharing: best practices, lessons learned, strategic planning
- ✓ Public and stakeholder education
- ✓ Support to smaller communities along the corridor for project advancement, economic development, etc.
- ✓ Serve as a "trusted advisor" and resource partner on issues impacting the corridor and stakeholders
- ✓ Advancement of economic development projects across the corridor
- ✓ Market Corridor Gateways, Inland Ports and Terminals
- ✓ Research

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