

Joint Intermodal Terminal Overview

The Burlington Northern and Santa Fe Railway Company (BNSF) operate the Port's newly built Joint Intermodal Terminal, which is known as Oakland International Gateway.

This facility will benefit the community by taking more than 20,000 truck moves a year off Interstate 80. This 85-acre, near-dock facility has the capacity to accommodate 250,000 containers per year and is capable of expanding to meet future growth.

Oakland International Gateway also features 13,300 feet of loading and unloading track that can accommodate 410 40-foot containers at a time. The facility also contains an additional 10,100 feet of storage and support tracks and parking for 1,245 containers. Total construction cost for the facility is \$38 million, with \$22.1 million coming from federal grants through ISTEA and TEA-21 funding.

Oakland International Gateway will tie into BNSF's rail network by way of trackage rights and specific access conditions approved by the Surface Transportation Board (STB) to BNSF as part of the 1995 Union Pacific/Southern Pacific Merger Settlement Agreement.

This facility will provide the shipping community additional capacity on the West Coast. It also creates a direct link to BNSF's rail network—as opposed to trucking cargo 12-miles via the highways to their intermodal facility in Richmond.

The Port of Oakland, celebrating its 75th anniversary, is the fourth largest container port in the country. Established in 1927 as an independent department of the City of Oakland, the Port spans 19 miles of waterfront and more than 900 acres of maritime terminal facilities. Port facilities include 10 major container terminals covering almost 575 acres; the Metropolitan Oakland International Airport which covers an area of over 2,500 acres; 1,100 acres of commercial, industrial, recreational and other land; 950 acres of underdeveloped land; and about 9,700 surface acres of water area.

Through its subsidiary, The Burlington Northern and Santa Fe Railway Company, BNSF operates one of the largest rail networks in North America, with 33,000 route miles of track covering 28 states and two Canadian provinces. BNSF is an industry leader in Web-enabling a wide variety of customer transactions. The railway moves more intermodal traffic than any other rail system in the world, is America's largest grain-hauling railroad, and hauls enough coal to generate more than 10 percent of the electricity produced in the United States.

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