



Caltrans District 4

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District 4 covers nine counties in the greater San Francisco Bay Area: Alameda, Contra Costa, Marin, Napa, San Francisco, San Mateo, Santa Clara, Solano, and Sonoma.

TRUCKING

Primary North-South Routes

I-880, US 101, I-680, SR-29

Primary East-West Routes

I-80 (western leg of a national freight corridor; route subject to multi-state coordination efforts), I-580, SR-12, SR-152, SR-4, SR-37

Trucking Issues

- Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) identified I-80 at I-580/I-880 (San Francisco-Oakland Bay Bridge approach), as among the worst freight bottlenecks in California's supply chain.
- Dray trucking in and around the Port of Oakland extending into the San Joaquin Valley contributes to roadway congestion, safety, environmental, and pavement issues for the surrounding communities.
- Major freight corridors experience high pavement damage in lanes used by trucks.

RAIL LINES

Class I Railroads

The two Class I railroads operating in District 4, **Union Pacific (UP) Railroad** and **BNSF Railway**, primarily provide double stack intermodal (container) or Trailer-on-Flatcar (TOFC) service over the Donner route and eastward to Chicago. BNSF serves the Port of Oakland customers via the Tehachapi route, which ties into their Transcon route serving Chicago, Kansas City, and Memphis.

Class II and III Railroads (Short Lines, Switching, and Terminal)

- **Oakland Terminal Railway (OTR)** is jointly owned by UP and BNSF Railway and operates 10 miles of switching track in Oakland.
- **Richmond Pacific (RPRC)** is a privately held company that operates 2.5 miles of track in the

Port of Richmond and interchanges with UP and BNSF Railway.

- **California Northern (CFNR)** operates 261 miles of track and interchanges with Northwestern Pacific Railroad Company. Most of the major commodities carried are food related, including tomato products, olives, rice, cheese, frozen foods, beer, wine and wheat.
- **Northwestern Pacific Railroad Company (NWP)** is an independently-owned short line company that operates freight service from the CFNR to Windsor, California over 61 miles of main line track.
- **Sierra Northern (SERA) Railway** has 105 miles of track and was formed through the 2002 merger of two short line railroads --the Sierra Railroad Company and the Yolo Short Line Railroad.
- **North Coast Railroad Authority (NCRA)** owns the NWP line from Korbel to Healdsburg, with an operating easement from Healdsburg to Lombard. The Federal Rail Authority (FRA) ordered freight operations on the NWP line to cease in 1998 due to track deterioration and highway crossing signals at below minimum requirements. Restoration of service on the NWP line requires rehabilitation to FRA Class I track standards and lifting FRA's executive order. After NCRA rehabilitated the rail line segment; the FRA, in May 2011, permitted freight trains to run on the 62 mile segment between Lombard (Napa County) and Windsor (Sonoma County).

Rail Projects

Trade Corridors Improvement Fund (TCIF)

- The **Richmond Rail Connector** project is an at-grade rail connection between the BNSF Stockton Subdivision and UP's Martinez Subdivision near San Pablo, just north of Richmond. The project is needed to accommodate and better serve both current and future freight traffic on the corridor while reducing the impacts to the local community. (TCIF Project #2 is under construction)

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- The **Outer Harbor Intermodal Terminal (OHIT)** project is critical to the transformation of the Oakland Army Base (OAB) Gateway Development Area into a world-class intermodal trade and logistics center. The construction of a new intermodal rail terminal capable of handling increased container cargo-based transfers is a key component of OHIT. (TCIF Project #3 is under construction)
- The **Marina Bay Parkway Grade Separation** project will resolve major traffic, health, and safety issues in the City of Richmond by constructing a roadway under crossing in place of an existing at-grade railroad crossing at Marina Bay Parkway between Regatta Boulevard and Meeker Avenue in Richmond. (TCIF Project #82 is under construction)
- Handles 99% of the containerized goods moving through Northern California.
- Occupies 20 miles of waterfront on the eastern shore of San Francisco Bay; 1,210 acres for maritime activities including 779 acres of container terminals.
- Seven container terminals, 18 deepwater berths, 36 container cranes with 30 able to handle Post-Panamax size.
- Intermodal rail service by UP and BNSF adjacent to marine terminal area.
- Primarily containerized cargo. One of the few West Coast ports where exports exceed imports.

AIR CARGO AIRPORTS

- **Oakland International (OAK)**—home of FedEx Express Super Hub, averages 200 flights per month and sorts 280,000 packages per day handling most markets in the Western United States, Canada, Hawaii, and Alaska. OAK handles 52% of regional air cargo. United Parcel Service (UPS) also operates out of OAK.
- **San Francisco International (SFO)**—around 66% of total cargo is international with over half transported in passenger carrier bellies. SFO handles over 40% of regional air cargo shipments.
- **Mineta San Jose International (SJC)**—the State's sixth largest air cargo airport handles just 6% of Bay Area air cargo, due to limited space and facility constraints.

Airport Issues

- Airports, such as SJC, may exchange cargo space for corporate executive traffic.
- SFO is expected to reach capacity before 2035.
- Cargo tons are forecasted to grow the fastest at SFO, due to forecast growth in international cargo demand.
- Bay Area air cargo (by tons) is expected to increase 92% by 2035 (SFO 127%, OAK 65%, SJC 65%).
- All-cargo flights are expected to increase 40% by 2035.
- SFO, like other major cargo gateways, is experiencing erosion in their market share.

SEAPORTS

Port of Oakland

- Bay Area's principal international, water-trade gateway. A great majority of trade is with Asia.

Port of San Francisco

- Specializes in non-containerized cargoes (dry/liquid bulk, and break-bulk, and project).
- Offers six berths and on-dock rail.
- Processed over 1.2 million tons of cargo in 2012.

Ports of Richmond, Redwood City, and Benicia

- The Port of Richmond handles bulk liquids, dry bulk materials, metals, vehicles (over 600,000 processed in 2014), and break-bulk cargoes.
- The Port of Redwood City on South San Francisco Bay handles dry bulk, neo-bulk, and liquid bulk cargoes.
- The Port of Benicia is privately owned and operated by AMPORTS, an automobile processor; UP provides rail service.

Other Private Terminals

- Privately owned terminals trade in petroleum products, raw sugar, bay sand, and other products.

Port Issues

- Growth in Port of Oakland's containerized cargo is expected to generate substantial truck and rail traffic. North-south rail capacity at the port is beginning to become bottlenecked. Better port access routes are needed.
- The Port of Oakland tries to create a balance with the multitude of recreation, conservation, commercial fishing, and environmental protection requirements.
- Diesel engine emissions from marine vessels and harbor craft, trucks, locomotives, cargo-handling equipment, transport refrigeration units, off-road diesel equipment, and drayage trucks contribute to air pollution and quality-of-life issues within neighboring communities.
- Increased incompatible land uses adjacent to the Port could restrict operations and expansion.

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