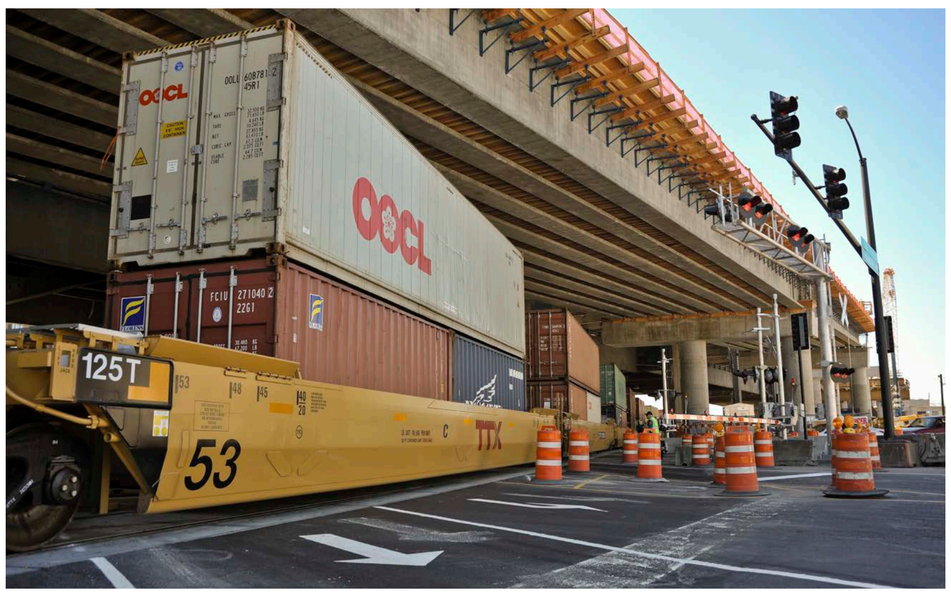
Freight Rail in Washington State

Class I Railroads: BNSF and UP

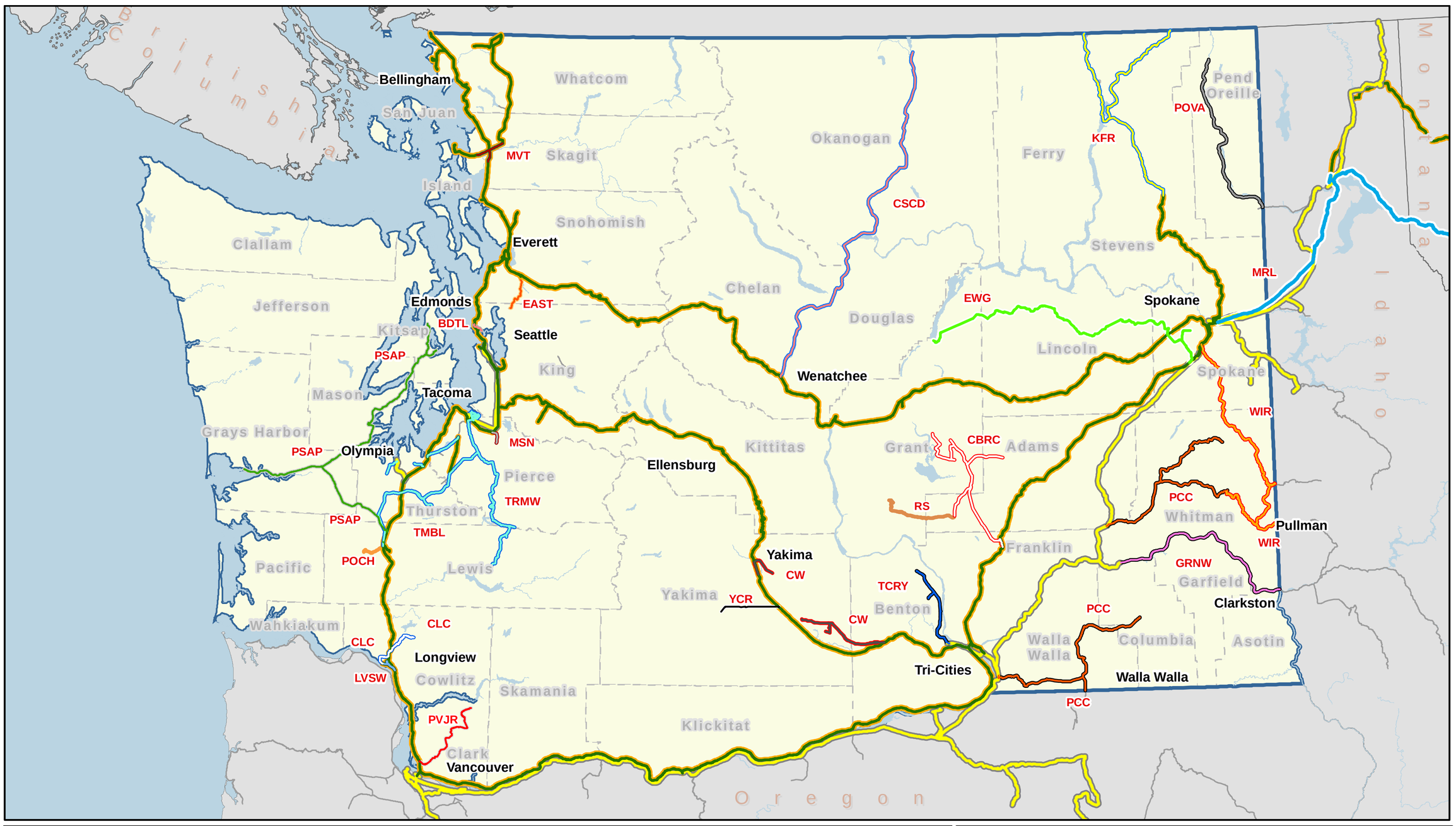
1. Privately owned enterprises.
2. Fund their own system improvements.
3. Own the majority of the rail infrastructure.
4. Occasionally partner with the public sector on capital projects (grade crossings, etc.).

Short-line and switching or terminal railroads:

1. 25 throughout Washington.
2. 40% of rail mileage in the state.
3. 50% is publicly owned (by mileage).
4. WSDOT funding programs:
   - Freight Rail Assistance Program
   - Freight Rail Investment Bank



Freight Rail System in Washington



Legend

Class II Railroads
- Montana Rail Link (MRL) *In WA Trackage Rights Only

Class III Railroads

Local Short-Line Railroads
- Cascade and Columbia River (CSCD)
- Central Washington (CW)
- Chehalis-Centralia (POCH)
- Columbia and Cowlitz (CLC)
- Columbia Basin (CBRC)
- Eastern Rail (EAST)
- Eastern Washington Gateway (EWG)
- Great Northwest Railroad (GRNW)
- Kettle Falls International (KFR)
- Palouse River & Coulee City (PCC)
- Pend Oreille Valley (POVA)
- Portland Vancouver Jct (PVJR)
- Puget Sound & Pacific (PSAP)
- Royal Slope Line (RS)
- Washington and Idaho (WIR)
- Yakima Central (YCR)

Switching/Terminal Lines
- Ballard Terminal (BDTL)
- Longview Switching Co (LVSW)
- Meeker Southern (MSN)
- Mt Vernon Terminal (MVT)
- Tacoma Rail (TMBL/TRMW)
- Tri-City & Olympia (TCRY)

Other Rail Lines
- BNSF Railway
- Union Pacific Railroad
- Other Active Rail Lines

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