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Subject: RE: SR 503 Corridor Study Online Open House

Mr. Rowe,

Thank you for your comments and for taking the time to participate in the SR 503 Online Open House. I wanted to follow up with you regarding your question as to whether WSDOT would seek funding through the federal Bipartisan Infrastructure Law to study the use of the [Chelatchie Prairie Railroad](#) for passenger rail service.

Because the Chelatchie Prairie Railroad is privately owned, operated, and maintained, we're unable to conduct a study into how the Chelatchie Prairie Railroad is used. Additionally, because Clark County is the owner of the railroad, WSDOT would need the support and approval from the [Clark County Railroad Advisory Board](#) and the [Clark County Council](#) before any study can be conducted. Currently, we're not aware of any discussions surrounding the need for such a study, and suggest you connect with the aforementioned groups to share your questions/comments.

As a part of the SR 503 Corridor Study, WSDOT is looking into how alternative modes of transportation can be supported throughout the study area. These modes of interest include walking, biking, rolling, and using public transportation (in this case, bus service provided by C-TRAN). While these modes of transportation are currently used in varying degrees through the study area, if deemed necessary and recommended in the SR 503 Corridor Plan, improvements to facilities supporting these modes of transportation could be implemented at a reasonable cost.

We appreciate you taking the time to provide us with your comments, and hope we've been able to answer your question. If you have any other questions related to the [SR 503 Corridor Plan](#), please feel free to reach out.

Sincerely,

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