



Rail Consolidation Fact Sheet

- The Burlington Northern-Santa Fe tracks running through the heart of Fresno have been identified as the number one source of traffic congestion in our city. The tracks are responsible for a number of traffic jams on the major east-west arteries through Fresno and also pose a big safety hazard.
- It's estimated that consolidation could cost as much as \$400 million. **AB 1094** will seek state funding for the consolidation project through a variety of sources.
- There are several potential sources of funding for the consolidation project. That includes two funding sources through the California Transportation Commission. One of those sources is funding the Alameda Corridor project, a major rail consolidation effort in Los Angeles.
- Another potential or possible source of funding is the Governor's own Traffic Congestion Relief Program which the State Legislature approved last year.
- The State of California can and does fund major rail consolidation projects. The Alameda Corridor project in the Los Angeles Port area is a good example of this. State funding has been used to put an existing rail line in a trench setting – with a series of overpasses for vehicle traffic.