

BNSF Railway Delivers for Eastern Nebraska

After a public bidding process, Omaha Public Power District (OPPD) selected BNSF Railway (BNSF) to be the utility's coal transportation provider. Beginning on January 1, 2021, BNSF will transport coal to OPPD's power plants in North Omaha and Nebraska City.



- BNSF connects Lincoln industries and consumers to the rest of the world, **provides high-paying jobs in the Lincoln community and helps drive economic development in Eastern Nebraska.**
- **Railroads are the most efficient way to move freight by land - one BNSF train can move one ton of freight nearly 500 miles on a single gallon of diesel.**
- BNSF has a strong record of safety. The railroad believes all accidents are preventable and works every day to operate safely through the communities it serves. Since 1980, **BNSF and the rail industry have reduced the rate of accidents and grade crossing collisions by 80%.**

BNSF Railway is a cornerstone of the Lincoln community:

- On July 26, BNSF celebrated its **150th anniversary in Lincoln.**
- In 2019, BNSF **employed approximately 4,300 employees in Nebraska** with a payroll of more than **\$376 million.** 
- More than **1,500 of those employees work out of Lincoln and Lancaster County** at our Hobson Yard, our Havelock Shops and Wheel Plant and our Heartland Division Headquarters. Our Lancaster County payroll is more than \$100 million.

On January 1, 2021, BNSF will begin operating trains along the Arbor Line that runs through South Lincoln along Highway 2, Bennet, Palmyra, Unadilla, Syracuse, Dunbar to Nebraska City.



What to expect:

- BNSF and OPPD will be upgrading signals and performing track maintenance.
- Throughout this year the community can expect to see an effort to inform Lincoln, Lancaster County and communities along the route about the new train service and rail safety.
- BNSF expects, on average, one train per day traveling from Lincoln to Nebraska City and back to serve OPPD facilities.

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- BNSF funds the vast majority of its own infrastructure.
- BNSF has **invested more than \$500 million in its Nebraska infrastructure** since 2016.
- BNSF owns more than \$120 million worth of property in Lancaster County and is **one of the county's largest taxpayers.** 