



# Safety, Teamwork, Excellence, and Pride

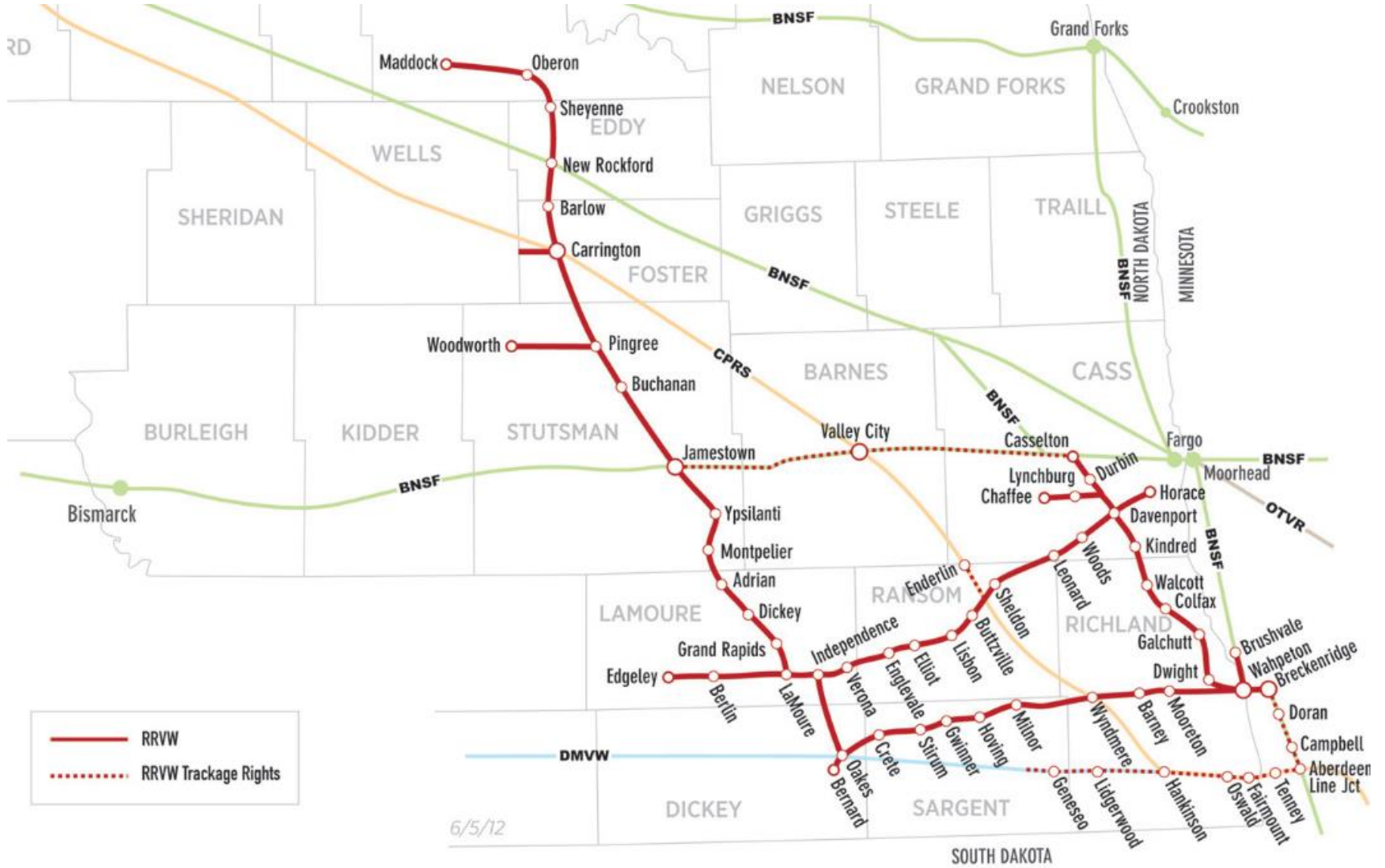


**North Dakota Public Service Commission**

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# Red River Valley & Western Railroad Company System Map



# Red River Valley & Western Railroad Company

## Overview

1	Total Miles of Track Operated:	627
2	Total Miles of Track Owned/Maintained:	512
3	Annual Carloads Handled*:	61,501
4	Carload Mix:	Grain, Fertilizer, Ethanol, Sugar, Corn Syrup, Steel, Aggregates
5	Owned Locomotives:	22
6	Owned Rail Cars:	345
7	Total Team Members:	115
8	Annual Railcars Repaired*:	2,683
9	Headquarters Location:	Wahpeton, ND



**Red River Valley & Western Railroad Company - Safety**

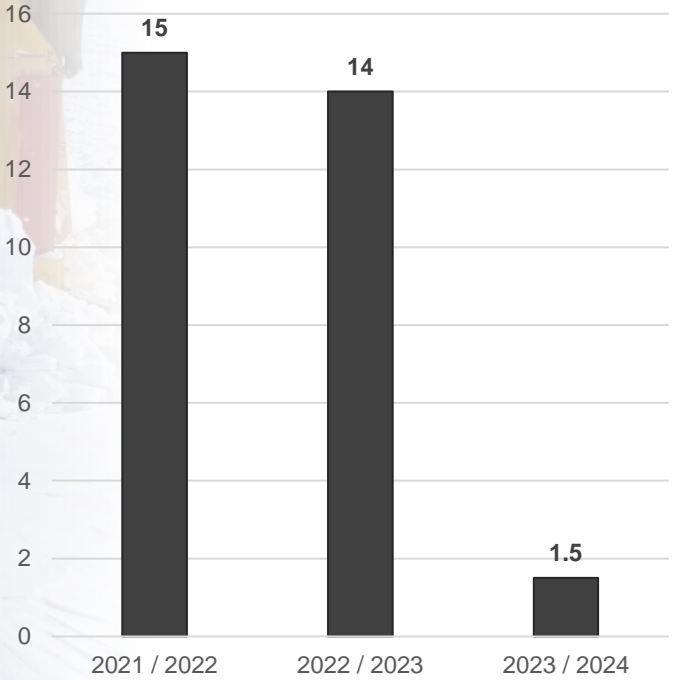
	<u>2021</u>	<u>2022</u>	<u>2023</u>	<u>2024 YTD</u>
<b>Federal Railroad Administration (FRA) Reportable Injuries:</b>	1	0	0	0
<b>Federal Railroad Administration (FRA) Reportable Incidents:</b>	1	1	1	0

- RRVW was awarded the American Short Line and Regional Railroad Association President’s Award for safety in 2023.
- 2022, 2023, and 2024 were the three safest years in the 37-year history of the RRVW.

# Red River Valley & Western Railroad Service



Winter Weather Service Interruptions



# RRVW Service Design Overview

RRVW offers three primary service designs for the movement of freight. These service designs are: (1) unit, (2) manifest, and (3) local. The carload mix by service type is as follows:

- Unit: 48%
- Manifest: 32%
- Local: 20%

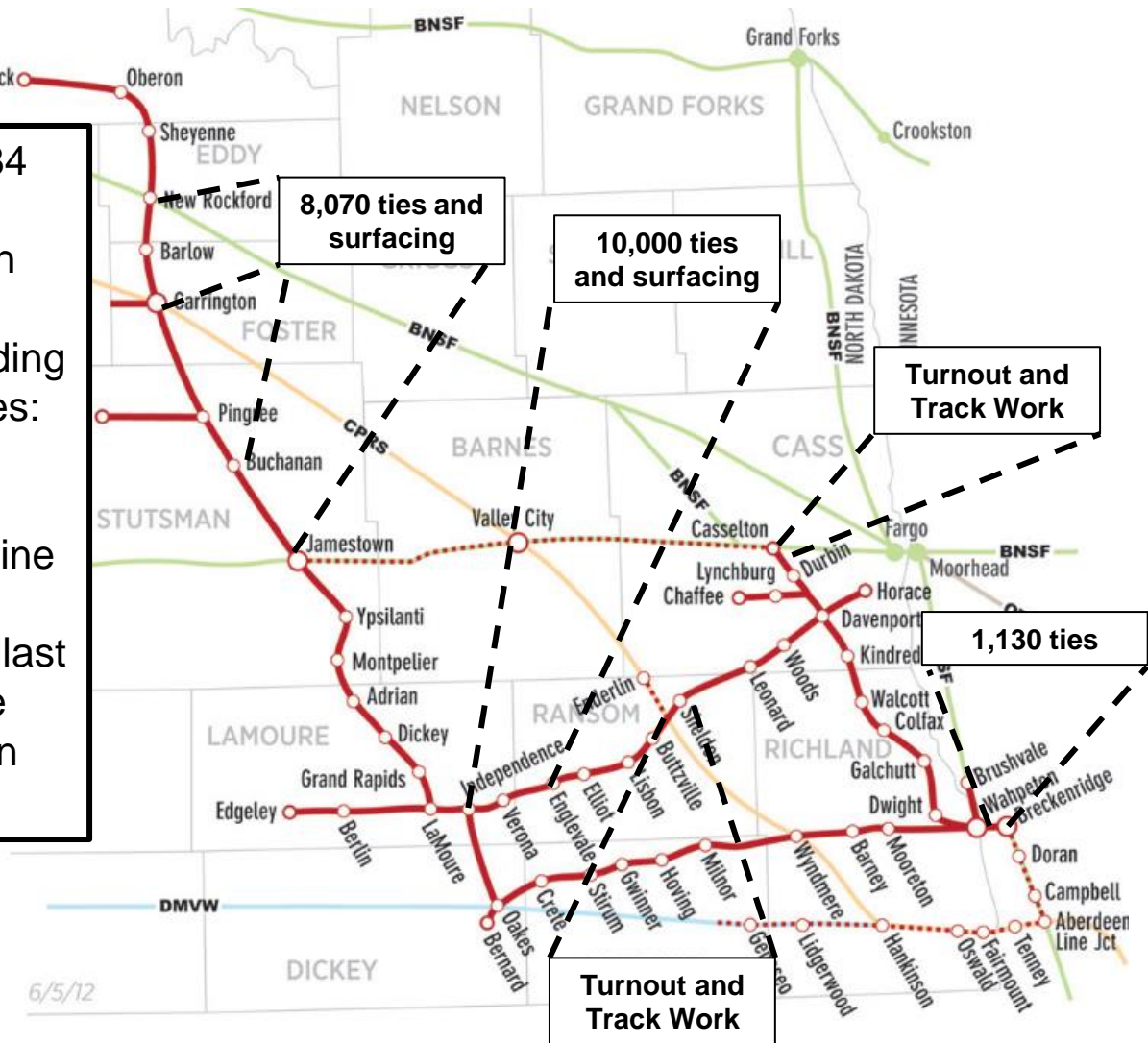


Load and hold is part of the manifest service design.

# Red River Valley & Western Railroad 2024 Planned Infrastructure Investment

RRVW plans on investing \$8.84 million back into the track equipment and infrastructure in 2024 to continue to improve safety and reliability (not including the CRISI Grant). This includes:

- Routine maintenance
- Replacing 19,200 ties
- Surfacing 75 miles of mainline track
- Applying 16,000 tons of ballast
- Annual bridge maintenance
- Ultrasonic rail flaw detection
- Geometry inspection



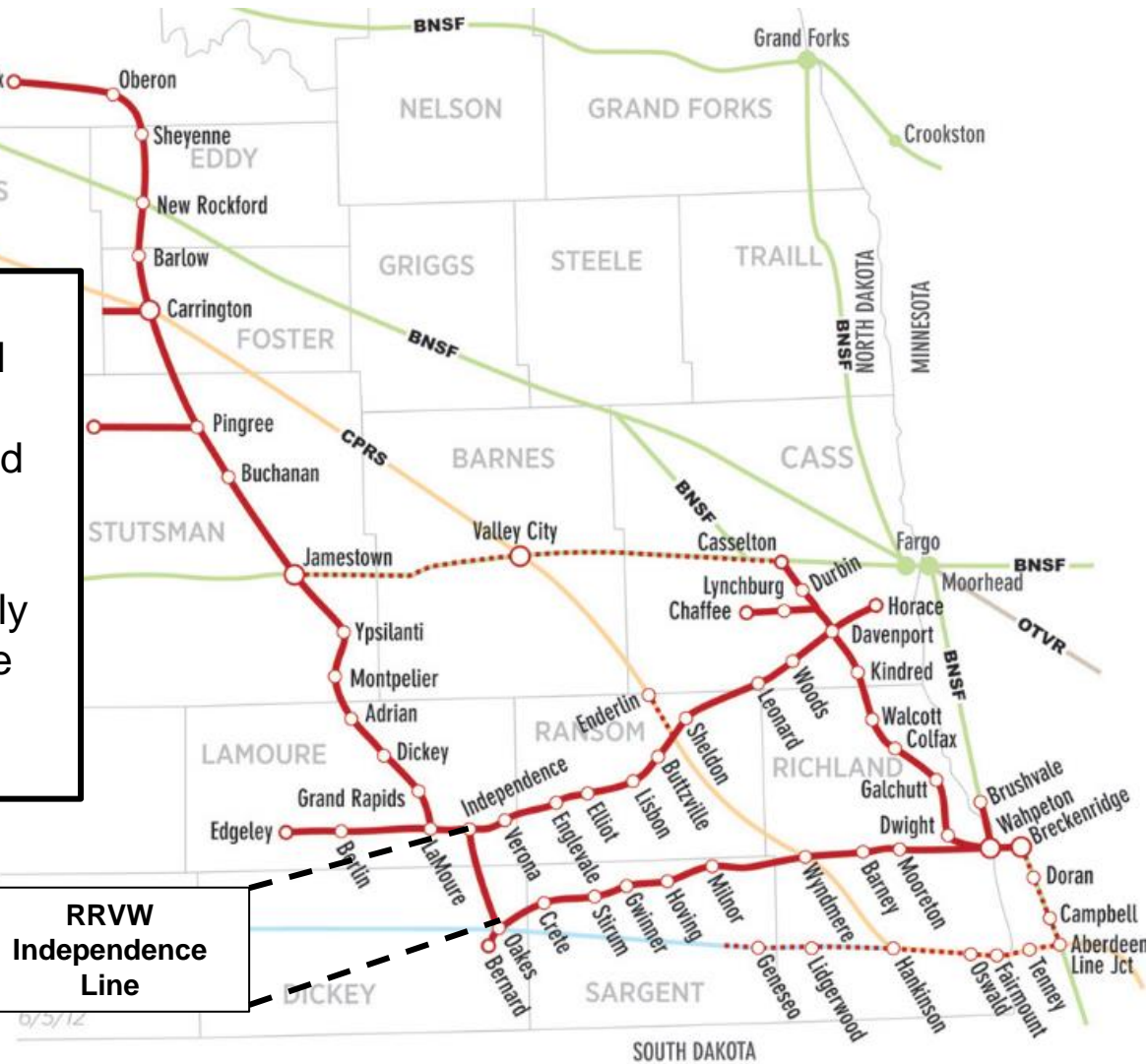
The RRVW network is maintained to FRA Class 2 standards which allows the railroad to run at 25 mph.

# ND DOT / RRVW was awarded a \$9.621 million CRISI grant project in 2022

The CRISI grant project will replace ~15 miles of jointed rail with continuous welded rail (CWR) between Oakes, ND and Independence, ND.

Grant obligation occurred in July of 2023 with a project start date expected to occur in the Spring/Summer of 2024.

**RRVW  
Independence  
Line**

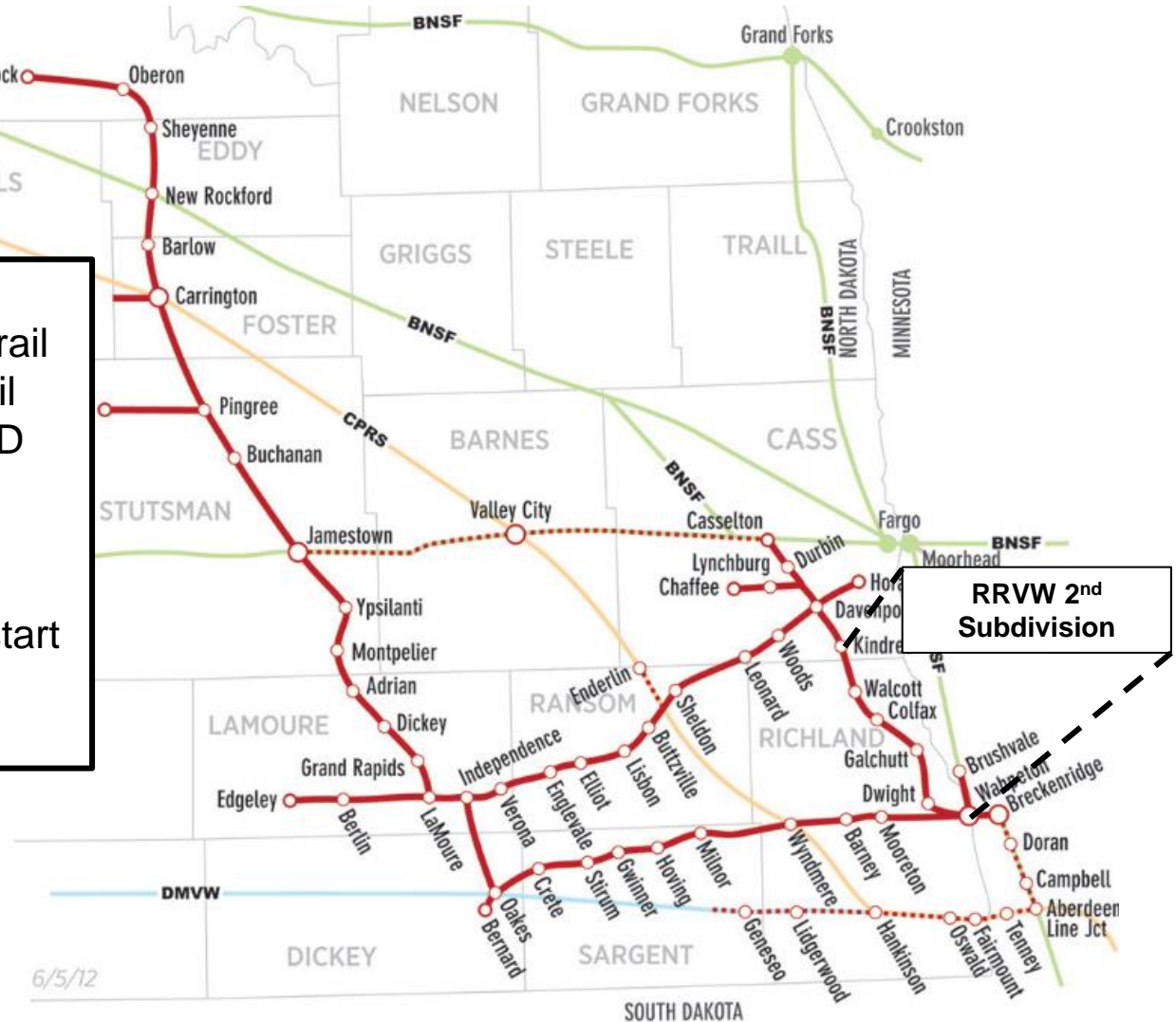




# RRVW was awarded a \$14.716 million CRISI grant project in 2023

The CRISI grant project will eliminate ~33 miles of jointed rail creating continuous welded rail (CWR) between Wahpeton, ND and Kindred, ND.

Grant obligation occurred in March of 2024 with a project start date expected to occur in the Spring/Summer of 2025.



**RRVW 2<sup>nd</sup> Subdivision**

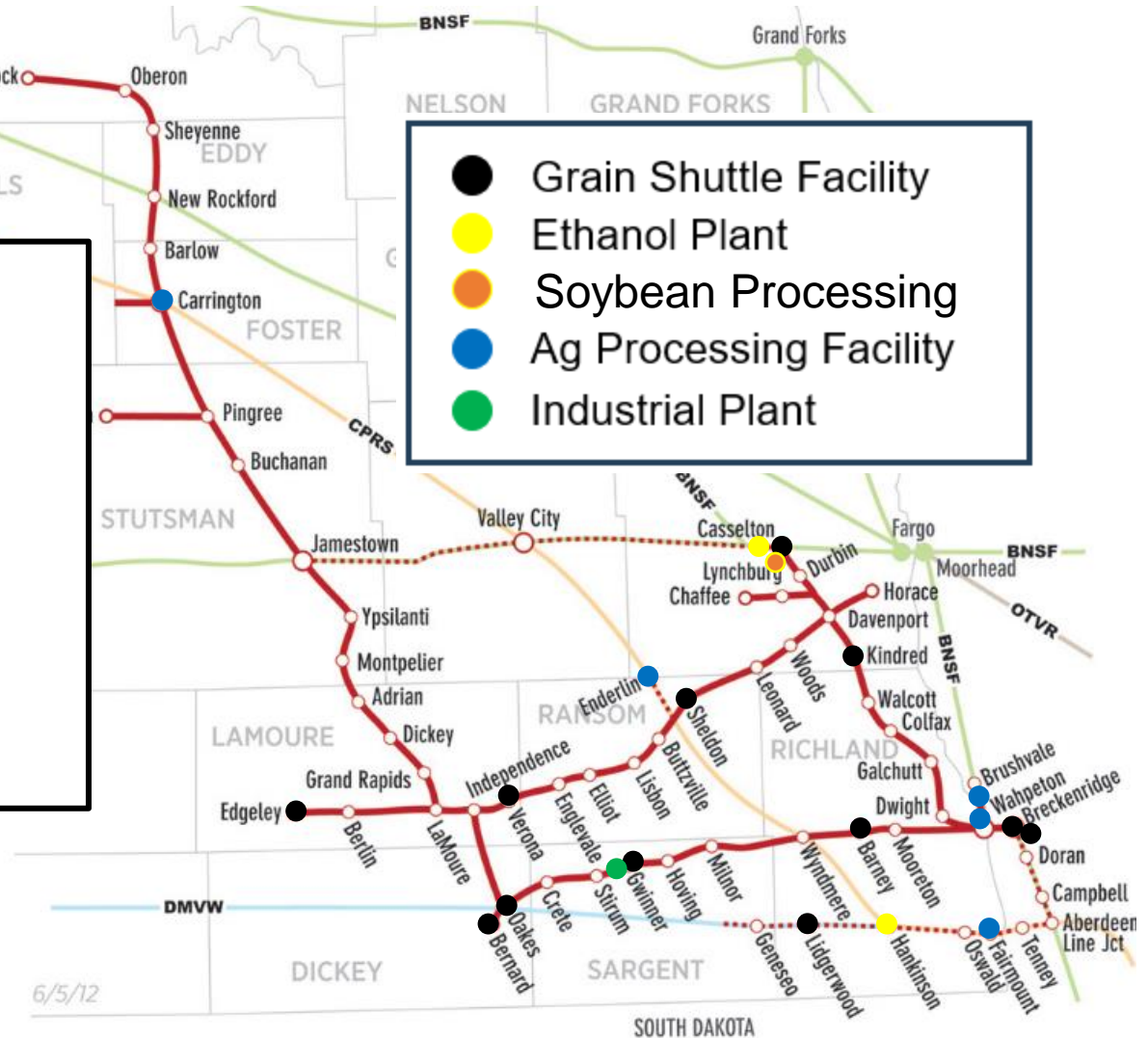
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# Red River Valley & Western Railroad Summary Customer Information

In total, RRVW serves ~70 customers in ~50 different communities which includes:

- 12 Grain Shuttle Facilities
- 2 Ethanol Plants
- Soybean Processing Plant
- Corn Syrup Plant
- Sugar Plant
- Pasta Plant
- Flour Mill
- Bobcat Plant

- Grain Shuttle Facility
- Ethanol Plant
- Soybean Processing
- Ag Processing Facility
- Industrial Plant



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RRVW is hiring additional resources to support a new shuttle facility and a new agriculture processing facility that will come online in 2024.

# ND short line railroads formed a Coalition in 2023 to focus on freight rail network preservation



# North Dakota short line railroads play a key role in supporting rural communities



Small railroad companies delivering Big service to rural North Dakota



1. North Dakota's short line railroads are small and local job creators that serve hundreds of North Dakota rail customers. In total North Dakota's short line railroads move over 143,000 carloads annually which is the equivalent of 572,000 trucks.

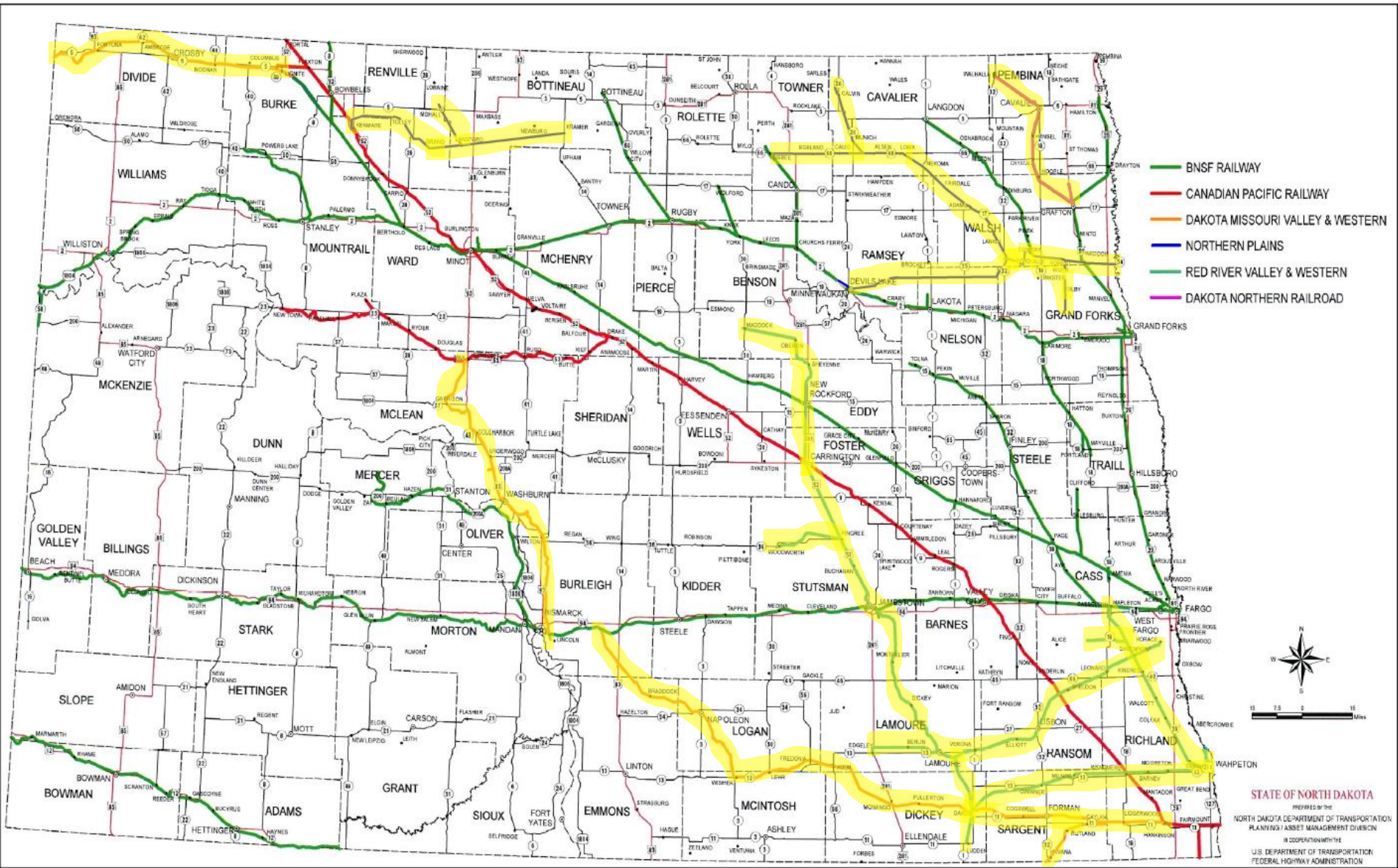
2. There are four short line railroads in North Dakota that operate a total of 1,330 track miles across the state. In total, North Dakota short line railroads operate ~40% of the states total mainline rail network.



3. According to the North Dakota State Rail Plan, only 51% of the short line track mileage can handle the industry standard 286,000 lb. railcars. This means that ~ 650 miles on mainline short line track is not up to modern standards.

4. Rail replacement is a 50-70 year investment which requires a significant capital expenditures, and the rail traffic on some of the lines does not justify the capital expense required to maintain the rail to adequate and modern standards.





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North Dakota Short Line Railroad Network

