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BNSF announces \$3.9 billion spending plan

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BNSF Railway Company has announced a planned 2012 capital commitment program of approximately \$3.9 billion, a \$400 million increase over its 2011 capital spend of \$3.5 billion.

The largest component of the capital plan is spending \$2.1 billion on BNSF's core network and related assets. The Fort Worth-based railway also plans to spend approximately \$1.1 billion on locomotive, freight car and other equipment acquisitions.

The program also includes about \$300 million for federally mandated positive train control (PTC) and \$400 million for terminal, line and intermodal expansion and efficiency projects. BNSF's expansion and efficiency projects will be primarily focused on coal routes to improve velocity and throughput capacity and the new intermodal facility at Kansas City.

"Investment in BNSF's rail freight infrastructure is an investment in American jobs and competitiveness. It will ensure our infrastructure remains strong and improve the efficiency of our operations," said Matthew K. Rose, BNSF chairman and CEO, in a news release.

BNSF Railway is one of North America's largest freight transport companies, operating on 32,000 route miles of track in 28 states and two Canadian provinces.

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