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## Up opens \$100-million Dallas intermodal facility

Union Pacific opened its \$100-million, 360-acre state-of-the-art intermodal facility near Dallas that will increase by more than five times the railroad's international container capacity in the Dallas/Fort Worth Metroplex, while improving processes and efficiencies.

UP's new Dallas Intermodal Terminal was designed to handle 365,000 over-the-road trailers or ocean-going containers annually.

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Features include: one track for receiving and departure of trains; four tracks with capacity to handle 76 double-stack railcars for unloading; five tracks to stage railcars for unloading; four cranes guided by Global Positioning System technology that allow for more efficient and safer lifting of trailers and containers on and off the railcars; "Damage-Free" technology that automatically provides easier handling of containers and reduces potential damage; more than 4,000 parking places for trailers and containers; advanced technology, coordinating all movement of railcars, trucks and trailers and containers at the facility; technology that decreases truck processing from four minutes to as little as 30 to 90 seconds; and a state-of-the-art security system.

Begun in June 2004, the new facility has additional space for future expansion based on customer demand.

In another project, UP has completed a four-year, \$16-million project to install new, high-reflective crossbuck warning signs at more than 18,000 railroad crossings across its 23-state system. UP also installed emergency notification signs at these crossings.

Each crossing's unique Department of Transportation number is included on the sign, along with the toll-free number for UP's Response Management Communication Center. Through the first eight months of this year, RMCC received 1,381 calls from motorists who were able to report a problem and their location based on information provided on the signs.

The safety initiative also included private crossings. Private crossing, stop and emergency notification signs were installed at all locations except crossings that allow agriculture producers to go from one field to another.

Also, the railroad has started construction on a \$4.8-million project to extend a siding near the Portland/Gresham, Ore., city limits as part of the City of Portland's East Columbia to Lombard Connector Project.

Crews are constructing more than 7,000 feet of track and connecting it to an existing passing track known as Hemlock. The length of the completed siding project will be almost 9,900 feet. The project began on September 12 and is scheduled to be completed by the first of February.

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