



Fairbanks Freight Intermodal Improvements

PROJECT FACTS

Project Scope

The Alaska Railroad (ARRC), in conjunction with the Alaska Department of Transportation & Public Facilities (ADOT/PF), is improving the freight intermodal area of ARRC's Fairbanks Rail Yard. The project scope entails improvements to the Danby Street intersection area, including:

- Move and improve existing at-grade crossings to allow longer trains to be spotted without blocking truck departures.
- Construct a centralized trailer parking location (to accommodate up to 80 trailers) near the entrance and adjacent to Danby Street.
- Pave access to Danby Street.
- Pave and stripe the intermodal unloading area.
- Improve drainage to facilitate runoff and reduce ponding.

Future improvements call for installation of 100-foot high mast lighting at key operating areas in the yard. ARRC funds additional light towers annually.

Benefits

Danby intersection access improvements will enable faster pick-up and drop-off by truck operators, and will enhance safety and security of train/truck operations.

Project Status

- The project concepts were developed in 2005, 2006 and 2007.
- Final design and engineering began in 2008.
- ADOT/PF approved project final design and engineering in September 2009.
- Construction is scheduled to begin during spring 2010, with completion in 2010.
- ARRC seeks funding for future improvements.

Project Cost and Funding

Project budget is \$2 million, funded 91% by the Federal Highway Administration through a grant to ADOT/PF. ARRC and ADOT/PF are providing matching funds at 9% of the grant.

