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## ***NEWS RELEASE***

### **Alaska Railroad hosts public meeting on South Wasilla Track Realignment on July 23 in Wasilla**

***Public opportunity to learn and comment about the track-straightening effort***

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ANCHORAGE, Alaska – The Alaska Railroad Corporation (ARRC) is hosting a public meeting July 23 to present the proposed South Wasilla Track Realignment project and solicit comments and issues from the public.

**OPEN HOUSE PUBLIC MEETING  
4:30 to 6:30 p.m. • Wednesday, July 23, 2003  
Lake Lucille Inn • Frontier Room  
1300 Lake Lucille Drive • Wasilla**

ARRC, in cooperation with the Federal Transit Administration (FTA), plans to straighten curves along the mainline track between ARRC mileposts 154-157. The project area is southeast of the Seward Meridian and Parks highways in Wasilla. (See map below).

The project is part of a larger ARRC effort to reduce track curvature and improve safety features along the track between Girdwood and Wasilla. The purpose of straightening track is to eliminate at-grade crossings, improve operating efficiency and increase train speed, while reducing derailment risks and maintenance costs. Straighter track allows trains to travel safely at higher speeds, which shortens passenger train transit times, as well as improves freight efficiency.

The meeting is open house format, with informal presentations by project staff at 5:00 and 6:00 p.m. People are encouraged to attend any time between 4:30 and 6:30 p.m.

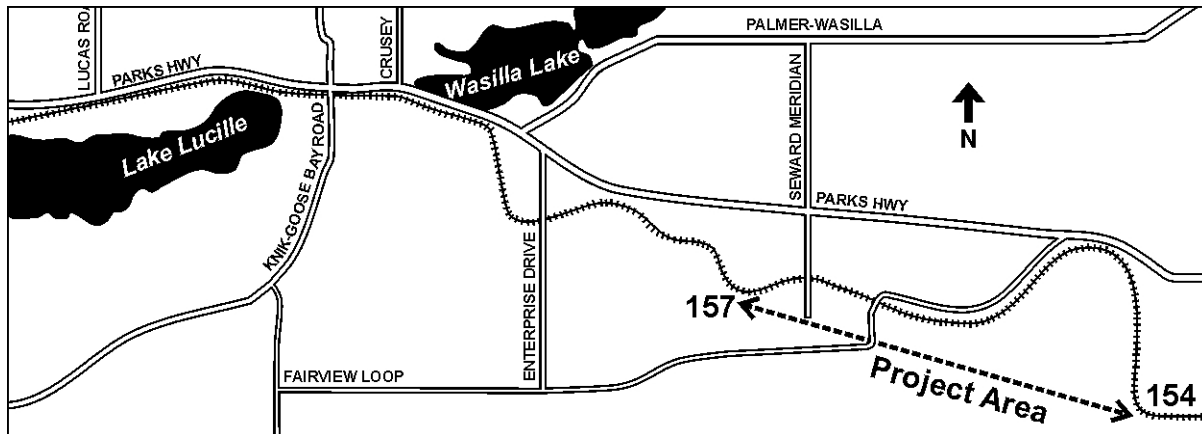
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Additional project details can be found on the ARRC web site – [www.alaskarailroad.com](http://www.alaskarailroad.com) - on the Project Page. Three inter-related fact sheets cover various aspects:

- Anchorage-to-Wasilla Track Realignments (big picture)
- Wasilla Intermodal Planning (regional picture)
- South Wasilla Track Realignment (project specific)

Comments will be accepted during the public meeting, or may be submitted to the ARRC via the following means:

- Call Public Involvement Officer Stephenie Wheeler at 265-2671
- Call the Project Hotline at 265-2449
- E-mail to [public\\_comment@akrr.com](mailto:public_comment@akrr.com)
- Write Capital Projects, PO Box 107500, Anchorage, AK 99510
- Call TTY/TDD 265-2620 or ARS 1-800-770-8973



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