

# Alaska Railroad Corporation



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## **Alaska Railroad schedules open house to discuss proposed capital project plans for 2004**

### ***Four events provide ample opportunity to participate: Anchorage, Fairbanks, Seward and Wasilla***

ANCHORAGE, Alaska – The Alaska Railroad (ARRC) invites the public to an open house on Tuesday, January 6, from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m., at ARRC's Historic Rail Depot (Ship Creek), 411 West First Avenue. The venue provides an opportunity to review and comment on a proposed Program of Projects (POP) for 2004.

The Anchorage Open House – the first of four such events – will showcase continuing and proposed capital improvement projects that are in various stages – from conceptual planning to construction. Project managers will be on-hand to explain projects that are located all along the Railroad system from Seward to Fairbanks, with an emphasis on Anchorage-area projects, including:

- Anchorage Train Whistle Noise Reduction Systems
- Anchorage Operations Center
- Anchorage Rail Capacity Improvements MP 110 – MP 114
- Ship Creek Intermodal Facilities and Pedestrian Amenities
- Anchorage-to-Wasilla Track Track Realignment & Improvements
- North Ship Creek Yard Expansion

Since 1996, the Railroad has received federal funding to repair and improve an aging mainline track, to modernize signal and safety equipment, to build new facilities, and to offer valuable new services. Many projects proposed in 2004 are funded all or in part by the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) or the Federal Railroad Administration (FRA).

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Alaska Railroad Project Open House events are also scheduled in:

- **Fairbanks** – 4:30-6:30 p.m., Friday, January 9 - Alaska Railroad Depot at 280 N. Cushman. Emphasis will be on projects located in Interior Alaska.
- **Wasilla** – 4:00-6:30 p.m., Tuesday, January 13 – Best Western Lake Lucille Inn – 1300 W. Lake Lucille Drive. Emphasis will be on projects located in and around the Mat-Su Valley.
- **Seward** – 1:00-7:00 p.m. Friday, February 13 – ARRC’s Passenger Dock Terminal. Emphasis will be on projects located in Seward and along the mainline leading from Anchorage to Seward.

People unable to attend the open house events may visit [www.AlaskaRailroad.com](http://www.AlaskaRailroad.com) for project information. Written comments may be e-mailed to [public\\_comment@akrr.com](mailto:public_comment@akrr.com) or mailed to Alaska Railroad Capital Projects, P.O. Box 107500, Anchorage, AK 99510-7500.

For more information, call Public Involvement Officer Stephenie Wheeler at 265-2671 or External Affairs Director Wendy Lindskoog, 265-2498.

Open House locations are accessible to individuals with disabilities. If special accommodations are needed, please contact the Railroad by calling TTY/TDD 265-2620, voice 265-2494, or via the Alaska Relay Service (ARS) TTY 1-800-770-8973 or voice 1-800-770-8255.

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