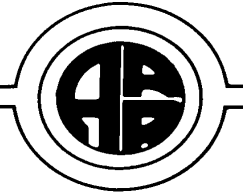


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Alaska Railroad schedules Seward open house to discuss proposed capital project plans for 2004

Note: Event time has changed from that previously reported

ANCHORAGE, Alaska – The Alaska Railroad (ARR) invites the public to an open house on Friday, February 13, from 3:30-6:30 p.m., at the Alaska Railroad Passenger Dock Terminal in Seward. The venue provides an opportunity to review and comment on a proposed Program of Projects (POP) for 2004.

The open house will showcase continuing and proposed capital improvement projects that are in various stages – from conceptual planning to construction. Alaska Railroad personnel will be on-hand to explain projects that are located all along the Railroad system from Seward to Fairbanks, with an emphasis on Seward-area projects, including:

- Seward Port Security Enhancements
- Siding, Track and Bridge Improvements
- Collision Avoidance System

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).

People unable to attend the open house may visit www.AlaskaRailroad.com for project information. Written comments may be e-mailed to 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 (907) 265-2671 or External Affairs Director Wendy Lindskoog at (970) 265-2498.

The terminal is 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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