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Alaska Railroad schedules open house in Fairbanks to discuss proposed capital project plans for 2005

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

ANCHORAGE, Alaska – The Alaska Railroad (ARRC) invites the public to an open house on Thursday, January 13, from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m., at the Fairbanks Rail Depot, 280 N. Cushman Street. The venue provides an opportunity to review and comment on a proposed Program of Projects (POP) for 2005.

The open house 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 system-wide and Interior-area projects, including:

- Fairbanks Intermodal Facility, Depot and Loop Track
- Ft. Wainwright-to-North Pole Rail Realignment
- Nenana Rail Realignment
- Eielson AFB-to-Fort Greely Rail Extension
- Track Rehabilitation and Bridge Improvement programs
- Collision Avoidance System

Alaska Railroad Project Open House events are also scheduled in:

- **Anchorage** – 4:30-6:30 p.m., Thursday, January 6 - Historic Railroad Depot at 411 W. First Avenue. Emphasis will be on projects located in the Anchorage area.
- **Wasilla** – 4:00-6:30 p.m., Wednesday, January 19 – Evengelos Restaurant – 2530 E. Parks Highway in Wasilla. Emphasis will be on projects located in and around the Mat-Su Valley.
- **Seward** – 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Saturday, February 12 – ARRC's Passenger Dock Terminal. Emphasis will be on projects located in Seward and along the mainline leading from Anchorage to Seward.

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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 2005 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 Stephanie Wheeler at 265-2671 or Public Affairs Officer Tim Thompson, 265-2695.

The depot 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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