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## **Alaska Railroad schedules open house to discuss proposed capital project plans for 2006**

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

ANCHORAGE, Alaska – The Alaska Railroad (ARRC) invites the public to a number of open house events throughout January 2006. These venues will provide an opportunity to review and comment on a proposed Program of Projects (POP) for 2006.

The Fairbanks Open House from 4:00-6:30 PM on Wednesday January 11, – 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 Interior-area projects, including:

- Northern Rail Extension (Eielson AFB to Ft. Greely)
- Eielson Branch Rail Realignment
- Nenena Rail Realignment
- Healy Canyon Safety Improvements
- Collision Avoidance System
- Track Rehabilitation
- Bridge Improvements

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 2006 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:

- **Seward** – 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Saturday, January 21 – ARRC’s Passenger Dock Terminal. The open house will be held in conjunction with Seward’s Winter Festival and Polar Bear Jump Off events. ARRC Project Open House emphasis will be on projects located in Seward and along the mainline leading from Anchorage to Seward.
- **Anchorage** – 4:00-6:30 p.m., Tuesday, January 24 - Alaska Railroad Historic Depot at 280 411 W. First Avenue. Emphasis will be on projects located in the Anchorage Bowl.
- **Wasilla** – 4:00-6:30 p.m., Thursday, January 26 – Evangelos Restaurant at 2530 E. Parks Highway in Wasilla. Emphasis will be on projects located in and around the Mat-Su Valley.

People unable to attend the open house events may visit [www.AlaskaRailroad.com](http://www.AlaskaRailroad.com) for project information. Written comments may be emailed 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 Public Affairs Officer Tim Thompson, 265-2695.

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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