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Alaska Railroad schedules Public Meeting in Wasilla to review Environmental Assessment of South Wasilla Track Realignment project

Meeting is 4:30 – 7:00 pm October 18 at Evangelo's

ANCHORAGE, Alaska – The Alaska Railroad (ARRC) invites the public to a meeting on October 18, 4:30 to 7:00 p.m., at Evangelo's Restaurant, 2530 E. Parks Highway in Wasilla. The meeting provides an opportunity to review and comment on the newly-released Environmental Assessment (EA) of the Railroad's South Wasilla Track Realignment.

The project would improve safety and efficiency of railroad operations by straightening approximately four miles of mainline track in the southeast portion of Wasilla. The project area is bound by the Parks Highway to the north, and extends diagonally southeast to northwest to encompass ARRC mileposts 154 to 158.

The EA describes the alternatives considered and assesses potential environmental, social and economic impacts of the proposed project. The EA document is available for public review at the following locations:

- Alaska Railroad Headquarters Building – 327 Ship Creek Avenue in Anchorage
- Loussac Library, 3600 Denali Street in Anchorage
- Wasilla Public Library, 391 Main Street in Wasilla
- Wasilla City Hall Planning Department, 290 E. Herning Street in Wasilla
- Matanuska-Susitna Borough Planning Division, 350 E. Dahlia in Palmer
- On the Alaska Railroad Web site – www.alaskarailroad.com/projects

The public meeting will offer an opportunity for the public to ask questions of the project team. Public comment on the EA will be accepted through November 2, 2005. Comments may be submitted in writing or orally (via a court reporter) at the public meeting, or they may be submitted afterward by sending to ARRC Capital Projects, P.O. Box 107500, Anchorage, AK 99510-7500.

Evangelo's is accessible to individuals with disabilities. To request arrangements for special needs, or for more project information, contact ARRC Public Involvement Officer Stephenie Wheeler at 265-2671, leave a message on the Project Hotline at 265-2449, or call via the Alaska Relay Service at 1-800-770-8973.

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