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Railroad to Hold Public Meeting Regarding Freight Rail Realignment

Representatives to Take Public Comment and Answer Questions

ANCHORAGE, Alaska – The Alaska Railroad Corporation (ARRC) will hold a public meeting on July 12 on a realignment project in the Fairbanks area. The freight rail project will take the next step on potential alignments conceptualized in previous studies. These previous studies considered new rail alignments through south and west Fairbanks and potential upgrades to the existing rail alignments.

The realignment project is designed to increase public safety by eliminating at-grade road/rail crossings. In addition to the safety enhancements, the project will improve local rail freight service to the local refinery and help increase speed of service through Fairbanks to Ft. Wainwright and Eielson AFB.

The ARRC will have representatives on hand to answer questions and to take public comment. The purpose of the public meeting is to advance to a design stage and develop additional alternatives as necessary. The Alaska Railroad is providing initial funding for this project.

The public meeting will take place on Wednesday, July 12, 2006 from 4:00 - 6:30 pm at West Valley High School, 3800 Geist Road.

ARRC is a self-sustaining, state-owned Corporation that operates without state subsidy, serving a number of rail belt communities from Seward to North Pole.

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