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ARRC studies options for North “C” Street Crossing as part of Ship Creek Intermodal Transportation Center project design

Public Invited to ITC Open House April 25 at Historic Anchorage Depot

ANCHORAGE, Alaska – The number of railroad tracks crossing North “C” Street will increase from one track to five to support greater activity associated with construction of the Alaska Railroad’s Ship Creek Intermodal Transportation Center (ITC). (“E” Street turns into North “C” Street as the road leads from downtown Anchorage down the hill into the Ship Creek basin; the tracks cross parallel to 1st Avenue, near the historic depot). The railroad has hired an engineering firm to consider design/construction alternatives for the crossing, including possible closure and traffic re-routing. Results of this analysis will be presented at:

Alaska Railroad Public Open House
Tuesday, April 25 – 4:30 to 6:30 p.m., *Presentation at 5:15 p.m.*
Anchorage Historic Depot at 411 W. First Avenue

The analysis includes the findings of a diagnostic team comprised of traffic engineers and transportation experts from the Municipality of Anchorage, Alaska Dept. of Transportation & Public Facilities, and the Railroad. The open house includes a formal 45-minute presentation beginning at 5:15 p.m., with a question-and-answer period to follow. The public is welcome to attend before the formal presentation to discuss the project one-on-one with project team members.

In addition to the North “C” Street crossing issue, the open house will provide an overall design update, to include details on depot renovations and facets of the departure lounge facility. On-hand will be the latest architectural renderings, along with material and color selections.

The Ship Creek ITC is following a phased approach to construction. The first phase, scheduled to begin in 2006, will relocate utilities and construct two additional tracks. Phase 2 includes construction of a service building and rehabilitation of the historic depot. Phase 3 includes construction of a new departure lounge over the tracks and a pedestrian sky bridge.

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About \$19.3 million is currently funded. This covers conceptual work, environmental study and documentation, preliminary and final design, and construction of the first phase. The total cost of the first three phases combined is estimated at \$60 million.

The Ship Creek ITC is one of several recent state-of-the-art facilities that the Alaska Railroad is pursuing. As ARRC modernizes its infrastructure, it is better equipped to meet future demand and to foster economic growth within and among Alaskan communities.

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