

North Pole Road/Rail Crossing Reduction Project FONSI

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Alaska Railroad Corporation News Release

DATE: March 21, 2012
FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

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--- CORRECTION ---

Alaska Railroad announces public meeting, comment period for North Pole Road/Rail Crossing Reduction Project – EA *April 5 meeting provides venue for presentation, discussion, questions*

ANCHORAGE, Alaska – The Alaska Railroad (ARRC) and Federal Railroad Administration (FRA) announce the availability of an Environmental Assessment (EA) of the North Pole Road/Rail Crossing Reduction project. The public is invited to attend an open house-style meeting to discuss EA findings and to consider the project's economic, social and environmental impacts in relation to community goals and objectives:

**4:30 - 6:30 p.m. • Thursday, April 5, 2012 • Presentation at 5:30 p.m.
Hotel North Pole • 449 N. Santa Claus Lane**

As proposed, the project will:

- Close 9 at-grade (road and rail at the same level) crossings within the City of North Pole, including the Richardson Highway crossing
- Construct a grade-separated crossing over Richardson Highway
- Reduce train traffic at 3 crossings along the spur track
- Realign the track along the Tanana River Flood Control Levee
- Acquire land for the new realigned right-of-way

A project fact sheet and the EA are available online at www.AlaskaRailroad.com -> Projects -> Fairbanks/Interior Projects. For more information or to request a hard copy of the EA, contact Jeanette Greenbaum at (907) 265-2440, or email GreenbaumJ@akrr.com. Printed copies of the EA are also available for public review at:

- Fairbanks North Star Borough Office — 809 Pioneer Road, Fairbanks
- North Pole City Office — 125 Snowman Lane, North Pole
- North Pole Library — 601 Snowman Lane, North Pole
- Fairbanks Library — Noel Wien Library, 1215 Cowles Street, Fairbanks

The public is welcome and encouraged to provide comments on the EA beginning now through the comment deadline Wednesday, April 25. Comments may be submitted by:

- **Mail** — Alaska Railroad Capital Projects (North Pole Project), PO Box 107500, Anchorage, AK 99510-7500
- **Email** — public_comment@akrr.com or Fax — (907) 265-2365

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This is a corrected version.

Please note that the previous press release listed a "Draft Environmental Assessment"

ARRC is an Equal Opportunity Corporation. If you need special assistance in order to participate in any ARRC service, program, or activity, please contact ARRC; P.O. Box 107500; Anchorage, AK 99510; Attention: Ann Courtney, courtneya@akrr.com, 265-2461; via Alaska Relay Service for hearing impaired – dial 711 anywhere inside Alaska, OR dial toll-free from anywhere outside the state 1-800-770-8255 (voice); 1-800-770-8973 (TTY). Upon request, printed materials can be made available in alternate formats.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING AND PUBLIC COMMENT FOR NORTH POLE ROAD/RAIL CROSSING REDUCTION PROJECT ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT



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PUBLIC COMMENT DEADLINE: April 25, 2012

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Presentation at 5:30 p.m.

This project has been developed in accordance with the following special purpose regulations including Sections 4(f) of the Dept. of Transportation Act; 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act; 7 of the Endangered Species Act, and the Executive Orders 11988 (Floodplain Management); 11990 (Wetlands Protection); 12898 (Environmental Justice); 11593 (Protection and Enhancement of the Cultural Environment); and 13112 (Invasive Species).

The hotel is accessible to people with disabilities. If you need assistance (including language) to participate, contact the ARRC Legal Dept at 265-2461 or zappasj@akrr.com. For hearing impaired, call via Alaska Relay Service — inside Alaska dial 711; outside Alaska dial TTY 1-800-770-8973 or voice 1-800-770-8255. Printed materials can be made available in alternate formats upon request. ARRC is an Equal Opportunity corporation. The POP meets public participation requirements of Section 5307 of the Urbanized Area Formula Program (49 U.S.C. 5307).

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- Construct a road-over-rail grade-separated Richardson Hwy crossing
- Reduce train traffic at three (3) crossings along the spur track
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WAYS TO PARTICIPATE



There are several ways to review and provide comment on the environmental assessment:

- Attend the Public Meeting at the Hotel North Pole on April 5, 2012.
- To download a project fact sheet or the EA visit www.AlaskaRailroad.com -> Projects -> Fairbanks/Interior Projects. Printed copies are available for review at the North Pole City office, North Pole Library, Fairbanks North Star Borough office & Noel Wien Library (Fairbanks)
- Email comments to public_comment@akrr.com
- Mail written comments to:
Capital Projects (Public Comment)
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Anchorage, AK 99510-7500
- Fax written comments to:
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