

## MP 353.5 Slope Stabilization & Drainage Improvements

### Project Description

The Alaska Railroad Corporation (ARRC) proposes to construct drainage improvements in and around ARRC MP 353.5 to stabilize the slopes above and below the tracks. The area lies within the Healy Canyon, an erosion-prone area located between the Denali National Park entrance (MP 348) and Healy (MP 361). The project will identify improvements and enhance the drainage and slope stability by extending or re-grading ditches, lining ditches, rehabilitating existing structures and adding or realigning culverts.

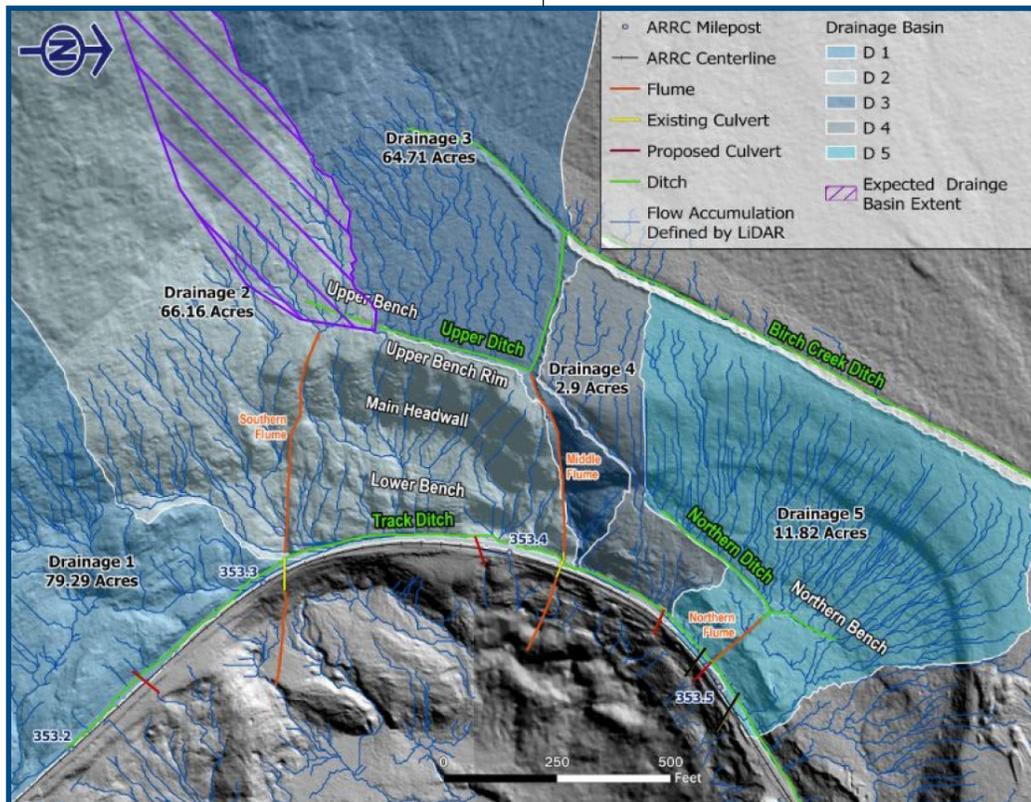
### Purpose and Need

The project's safety improvements include:

- Maintain the critical transportation corridor;
- Improve overall track stability and operating safety; and
- Reduce the cost of transportation operations and maintenance activities.

### Status

- Preliminary Engineering and Environmental



Identified drainage improvements from MP 352.2 to 353.5.

review is underway as of February 2026.

- Final design will be completed before permitting begins, and once permitting is underway, ARRC will proceed with soliciting a construction contractor to complete the work.
- Construction is anticipated to begin in 2027.
- Construction is anticipated to be complete in 2028.

## Cost and Funding

The project is 100% funded through final design with Federal Transit Administration (FTA) Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security (CARES) act funds.

## More Information

For more project information, email ARRC at [Public\\_Comment@akrr.com](mailto:Public_Comment@akrr.com). Additional project fact sheets are available online at [AlaskaRailroad.com](https://www.alaskarailroad.com) > Corporate > Projects.



**MP 353.5 showing an existing flume and retaining walls.**