

Port of Seward Capacity and Resiliency Project

The Alaska Railroad Corporation (ARRC) Seward Marine assets include three operating terminals: Material Loading Facility, Passenger Terminal, and Freight Dock Cargo Terminal.

ARRC is advancing the Seward Freight Dock Expansion and Corridor Improvements “Expansion” Project which includes the lengthening (Phase 1), widening (Phase 2 & 3), and dredging (Phase 4) of the Freight Dock, and the construction of Freight Dock Road.

Project Scope

The Port of Seward Capacity and Resiliency Project incorporates Phases 2 and 3 of the Freight Dock Expansion, which will widen the dock from 200 to approximately 300 feet along its entire length.

Occurring entirely within ARRC’s land reserves, expansion will improve freight intermodal operations (ship-to-train, ship-to-truck or ship-to-barge). This widening project will increase terminal capacity, improve loading and unloading efficiency, reduce ship delays and enhance safety.

Project Purpose

Project goals include:

- Improve safe and efficient use of the dock.
- Support separation of freight and passenger operations.
- Improve efficiency for staging, transloading and loading/offloading ships.
- Improve National Military and Security Preparedness.
- Expand terminal and vessel service to accommodate growing freight cargo.
- Expand Alaska’s Maritime Resiliency.
- Improve essential transportation services to Alaska’s rural communities.

Project Background

Constructed between 2000 and 2002, the Freight Dock was originally 200 feet wide by 620 feet long with a riprap and armor rock fill slope on the east side. ARRC widened a section of the dock from 200 feet to 320 feet in 2017.

In 2017, ARRC completed an extensive Seward Marine Terminal Master Plan, supported by three studies, including Passenger Traffic, Freight Traffic



Seward Freight Dock with Passenger Dock in the background.

