



# Fairbanks Depot Second Track

## PROJECT FACTS

### Project Scope

In 2005, the Alaska Railroad (ARRC) completed a new depot and intermodal facility in Fairbanks on a 32-acre site adjacent to its operations yard. The facility features a state-of-the-art train depot, additional bus parking and safe transfer areas to ensure smooth and safe movement of passengers making travel connections on trains, buses, taxis and automobiles. The project also included a 3,300-foot balloon track constructed in the Railroad industrial area between Driveway and Illinois streets to allow easier train turnarounds.

In 2009, ARRC began constructing a second passenger track, which was part of the original intermodal project scope. This second staging track will be 3,000 feet long, and parallel to the existing track next to the depot.

### Project Benefits

- The second passenger track will provide staging for passenger trains, reducing the need for switching and moving trains. Passenger coaches that overnight in Fairbanks can connect to commercial power on the second track instead of moving to shops on the other side of the yard. This asset will save time, cost and equipment wear-and-tear.
- When not used for passenger operations, second track can be used to facilitate freight train movement.

### Status

- Environmental analysis and documentation required by the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) was completed in spring 2009.
- Construction and installation began in fall 2009 and will be completed in 2011.

### Project Cost and Funding

- The original depot construction and site development was \$24 million, funded by the Federal Transit Administration (FTA), Federal Railroad Administration and ARRC.
- The 2009-2011 track budget of \$1.2 million is funded 100% by the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 through a grant administered by FTA.



*The second track is placed before ballast is poured.*

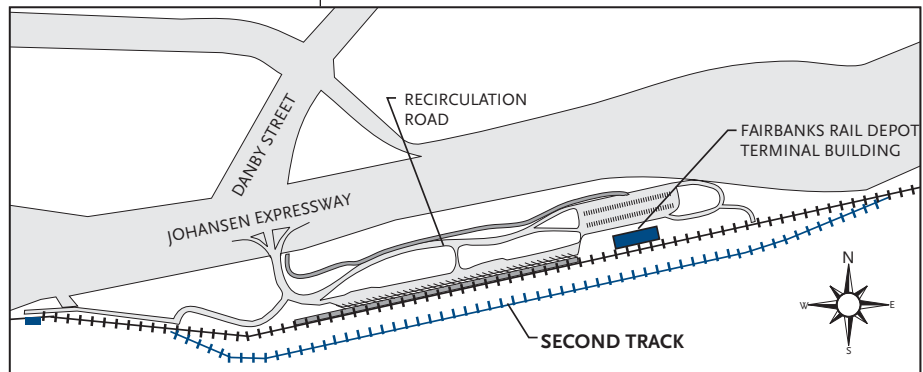
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*The second track will be parallel to the existing Fairbanks Depot passenger track.*