Role of Previous Studies

The Fairbanks Area Rail Line Relocation project and its associated phases draw on several previous studies and environmental documentation efforts that began in 2000, with additional environmental studies initiated as recently as 2007.

Funding Legend

- Alaska Railroad
- Department of Defense via the Federal Railroad Administration
- Federal Transit Administration and Alaska Railroad match
- Federal Highway Administration and local/Alaska Railroad match
- No funding identified

2000 - 2001

Fairbanks Bypass Realignment Reconnaissance Study

Funding: Alaska Railroad

Look at feasibility of realigning track south and east of Fairbanks, Ft. Wainwright and North Pole.

2001 - 2002

Fairbanks to North Pole Realignment Phasing Report

Funding: Alaska Railroad

Recommends the realignment be split into two logical phases, each with independent utility.

2006

South Fairbanks Railroad Realignment Study

Funding: FHWA/ARRC

Next step on Phase 2 from the 2002 Phasing Report — Public involvement and planning regarding a realignment around Fairbanks.

2005 - 2006

Eielson Branch Realignment Environmental Assessment

Funding: DOD/FRA

Phase 1 from 2002 Phasing Report — Analyzes realignment between Fairbanks and North Pole, including Ft. Wainwright (DOD funded).

2007 - 2008

Fairbanks Area Rail Line Relocation Alternative Analysis

Previously known as Fairbanks - North Pole Rail Realignment

Funding: FHWA/FTA/ARRC

Public involvement, concept plans and alternative analysis of rail line relocation. Includes a north end public transportation study.

2007 - 08/On hold

Fort Wainwright Rail Realignment

Funding: DOD/FRA

Fort segment of the Eielson Branch Rail Realignment (EBRR) becomes separate project with independent utility. EBRR funding is funneled to FWRR due to military benefit. FWRR is later put on hold. Funding may transfer to Northern Rail Extension.

Phase I

Moose Creek to Richardson Hwy MP 9

Phase II

Richardson Hwy MP 9 to 3-Mile Gate

Phase I

3-Mile Gate to beyond (NW of) Chena River

2010-2011

North Pole Road/ Rail Crossing Reduction Environmental Assessment

Funding: FHWA/FRA

FMATS & ADOT/PF transfer funds to pursue Phase 1 — Chena River Floodway to Richardson Hwy MP 9.