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Alaska Railroad announces public meeting, comment period for North Pole Road/Rail Crossing Reduction Project - Draft 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 a Draft 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

The ARRC is an Equal Opportunity Corporation. If you need special assistance in order to participate in any ARRC service, program, or activity, please contact the Alaska Railroad Corporation; P.O. Box 107500; Anchorage, AK 99510; Attention: Legal Department, zappasj@akrr.com, (907) 265-2461; via Alaska Relay Service for hearing impaired – dial 7 11 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. The POP meets public participation requirements of Section 5307 of the Urbanized Area Formula Program (49 U.S.C. 5307).

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