

Anchorage Road/Rail Crossing Upgrades

Background

The Alaska Railroad (ARRC) typically issues a permit to allow a roadway or pathway to cross the railroad tracks. The entity (often a state or local government) that requests a permit essentially owns the crossing and is responsible for its upkeep. Each year, ARRC works with the agencies that manage and maintain roadways that cross the track. ARRC and agencies – including the Alaska Department of Transportation & Public Facilities (ADOT/PF) and Municipality of Anchorage (MOA) Public Works

Maintenance & Operations Division – regularly review the at-grade (road and rail at the same level) crossings for maintenance actions needed by both trains and vehicle traffic. As maintenance needs are identified, the agencies work together to fund and execute crossing surface upgrades which may include rebuilding the track, updating the surface panels, repaving the approaches, and re-stripping the crossing pavement markings.



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Crossing upgrade work is scheduled for Sitka Street and Spar Avenue in the Ship Creek industrial area.

Current Crossing Upgrades

In 2026, one road/rail crossing upgrade is planned in the Anchorage area:

- **68th Avenue:** Located just east of C Street on 68th Avenue, the road crosses three sets of tracks, including the mainline. The Alaska Railroad is partnering with the Municipality of Anchorage to completely rebuild the crossing with new track and new crossing panels
- **Funding:** The 68th Avenue project is funded by Municipality of Anchorage (MOA) bonds.
- **Spenard Road:** Located west of the Spenard Road and Lois Drive intersection, this road-rail crossing is a high traffic area that crosses the mainline. The Alaska Railroad is partnering with the Municipality of Anchorage to completely rebuild the crossing with new track and new crossing panels.
- **Funding:** The Spenard Road project is funded by MOA bonds
- **Sitka Street:** Located at the intersection of Sitka Street and Spar Avenue in the Ship Creek industrial area, this road-rail crossing crosses a spur rail line. The Alaska Railroad is partnering with the Municipality of Anchorage to completely rebuild the crossing with new track and new crossing panels.
- **Funding:** The Sitka Street project is funded by MOA bonds.
- **Pease Avenue:** Located on Joint base Elmendorf-Richardson just inside the Post Road Gate, the road crosses two sets of tracks, including the mainline. The Alaska Railroad is partnering with Joint Base Elmendorf-Richardson to completely rebuild the crossing with new track and new crossing panels.
- **Funding:** Pease Avenue Crossing is funded by the Department of War.
- **Artillery Road:** Located on Joint base Elmendorf-Richardson near Eagle River, the road-rail crossing is over the mainline. The Alaska Railroad is partnering with Joint Base Elmendorf-Richardson to completely rebuild the crossing with new track and new crossing panels.
- **Funding:** Artillery Road Crossing is funded by the Department of War.

More Information

For more project information, email Public_Comment@akrr.com.



Crossing at 68th Ave in Anchorage.



Crossing at Spenard Road in Anchorage.



Crossing at Pease Ave on Joint Base Elmendorf-Richardson.



Crossing at Artillery Road on Joint Base Elmendorf-Richardson.