

## Denali Depot Improvements

### Project Scope

The Alaska Railroad Corporation (ARRC) is considering improvements to the Denali Depot and supporting facilities. This project includes recommendations for the depot and shelter structures, signage, fencing, level boarding platform, ADA accessibility, and parking areas. Facilities are within the ARRC's right-of-way and National Park Service land in Denali National Park, Alaska.

### Purpose and Need

The current facilities at Denali Depot are reaching the end of their useful life. The freeze-thaw ground cycle, over time, has jeopardized the foundational soundness of the depot and supporting facilities, fencing, signage, platform and parking areas. Benefits of a new facility includes:

- ADA accessibility for all facilities and level boarding on/off rail cars.
- Larger Depot facility to provide adequate

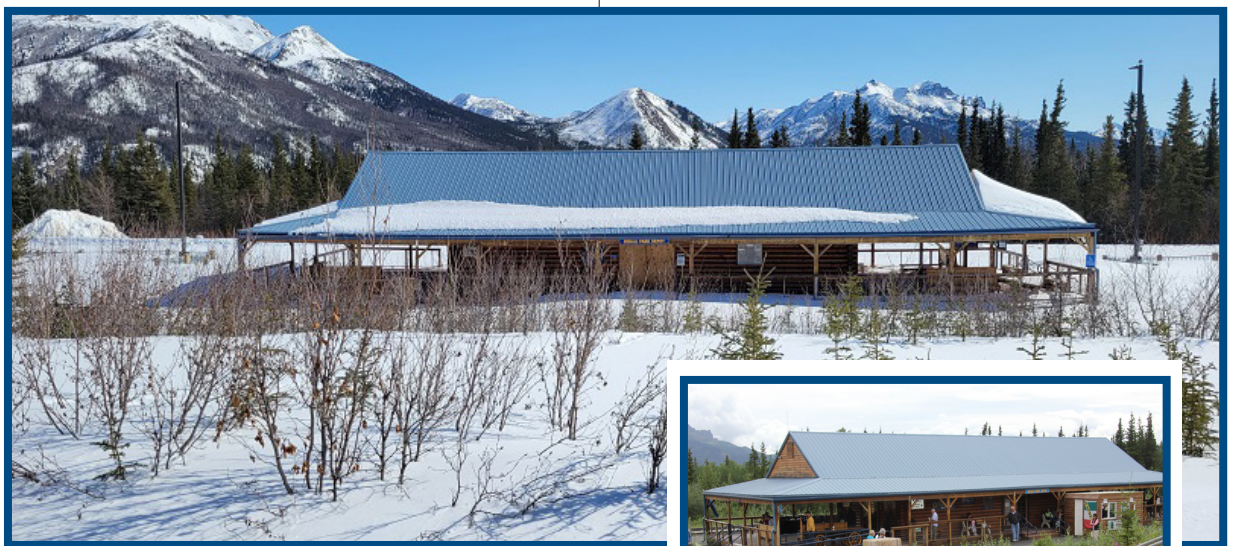
space and improve efficiencies in passenger operations.

- Larger covered shelters for baggage and passenger waiting areas.
- Improved signage and fencing for directing the flow of passengers and tour operators.
- Improved designated parking and bus loading areas.
- Reduction in facility maintenance costs.

The project will provide necessary improvements to one of the most popular destinations along the rail line.

### Status

- A contractor for O-15% design has been selected and will soon begin the Conceptual Design



*View of Denali Depot during winter and summer months.*

# PROJECT FACTS

Phase.

- The project will then continue to 30% design.
- Environmental documentation is required by National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) and will be submitted to the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) for review and approval.
- Upon NEPA approval, final design and permitting will be completed
- ARRC will solicit a construction contractor for construction.
- Construction is anticipated to begin in April 2028.
- Project completion is expected by October 2029.

## Cost and Funding

The project is expected to be funded by Federal Transit Administration (FTA) Formula Funds with a 20% match by ARRC. Funding is anticipated to support preliminary engineering, environmental documentations, final design, and construction.

## More Information

For more project information, email to [Public\\_Comment@akrr.com](mailto:Public_Comment@akrr.com).



*Existing shelter structure at Denali Depot.*



*Interior of Denali Depot.*



*Asphalt visibly sheds glass shards due to asphalt degradation.*