Role of Previous Studies

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### Funding Legend

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

### Funding Summary

- **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.

- **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.

- **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.

- **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 - 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.

### Previous Studies

- **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.

- **2005 - 2006**
  - **Moose Creek to Richardson Hwy MP 9**

- **2007 - 08/On hold**
  - **Richardson Hwy MP 9 to 3-Mile Gate**
  - **3-Mile Gate to beyond (NW of) Chena River**

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