The Role of Previous Studies

The Fairbanks Area Rail Line Relocation draws on several previous studies and environmental documentation efforts. Reconnaissance studies began in 2001, and additional environmental studies were initiated as recently as 2010.

**Funding Legend**
- Yellow: Alaska Railroad
- Blue: Department of Defense via Federal Railroad Administration
- Beige: Federal Transit Administration and Alaska Railroad match
- Pink: Federal Highway Administration and Alaska Railroad/local match
- Gray: No funding identified

**2001 - 2002**
- **Fairbanks to North Pole Realignment Phasing Report**
  - Funding: Alaska Railroad
  - Recommends the alignment be split into two logical phases, each with independent utility.

**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.

**2006**
- **South Fairbanks Railroad Realignment Study**
  - Funding: FHWA/ARRC
  - The next step on Phase 2 from the 2002 Phasing Report — Public involvement & planning regarding a realignment around Fairbanks.

**2005 - 2006**
- **Eielson Branch Rail Realignment Env. Assessment Development**
  - Funding: DOD/FRA
  - Phase 1 from 2002 Phasing Report — Analyzes realignment between Fairbanks & North Pole, including Ft. Wainwright (DOD funded).

**2007 - 2008**
- **Fairbanks Area Rail Line Relocation Alternative Analysis**
  - Funding: FHWA/FTA/ARRC
  - Previously known as Fairbanks-North Pole Rail Realignment
  - Public involvement, concept plans and alternative analysis of rail line relocation. Includes a north end public transport/transit study.

**2007-08 (on hold)**
- **Fort Wainwright Rail Realignment**
  - Funding: DOD/FRA
  - Ft. Wainwright segment of Eielson Branch Rail Realignment (EBRR) becomes a separate project with independent utility. EBRR funding transfers to FWW due to military benefit. FWRR is on hold; funding may transfer to another project.

**Phase I / 2010-2012**
- **Moose Creek to Richardson Hwy MP 9**
  - EA for “North Pole Road/Rail Crossing Reduction” project. FHWA funded.

**Phase II**
- **Richardson Hwy MP 9 to 3-Mile Gate**

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