North Pole Road/Rail Crossing Reduction Project FONSI

Attachment 2
Public Notice Materials Regarding EA Availability

News Release
Newspaper Ad Release
Postcard Mailing
Alaska Railroad announces public meeting, comment period for
North Pole Road/Rail Crossing Reduction Project – 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 an 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

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This is a corrected version.

Please note that the previous press release listed a “Draft Environmental Assessment”
The hotel is accessible to people with disabilities. If you need assistance (including language) to participate, contact the ARRC Legal Dept at 265-2461 or zappasj@akrr.com. For hearing impaired, call via Alaska Relay Service — inside Alaska dial 711; outside Alaska dial TTY 1-800-770-8973 or voice 1-800-770-8255. Printed materials can be made available in alternate formats upon request. ARRC is an Equal Opportunity corporation. The POP meets public participation requirements of Section 5307 of the Urbanized Area Formula Program (49 U.S.C. 5307).
The Alaska Railroad Corporation (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 a meeting to discuss the EA findings and to consider the project’s economic, social and environmental impacts in relation to community goals and objectives. The proposed project will:

- Close nine (9) at-grade (road and rail at the same level) crossings within the City of North Pole, including the Richardson Hwy crossing.
- Construct a road-over-rail grade-separated Richardson Hwy crossing.
- Reduce train traffic at three (3) crossings along the spur track.
- Realignment of the track along the Tanana River Flood Control levee.
- Acquire land for the new realigned right-of-way prior to construction.

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**PUBLIC COMMENT DEADLINE:** Wednesday, April 25, 2012

Comments may be submitted by mail or email. See instructions on back.

**PROJECT PUBLIC MEETING**

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