

Seward Marine Terminal Expansion Planning Project

Project Scope

More than 130,000 people and two million tons of freight move through the Alaska Railroad Corporation's (ARRC) marine facilities in Seward, Alaska. The Seward Marine Terminal Expansion project, also known as *Railport Seward*, will consider the current and anticipated long-term needs at the ARRC's Seward Marine Terminal. Three studies – Passenger Traffic, Freight Traffic and Transportation Connectivity – will result in a Master Plan that supports development strategies to ensure this regionally and nationally significant port continues to meet current and future demand.

The studies will gather input from stakeholders to identify efficiency and capacity improvement opportunities, to serve as the basis for the resulting



development strategies presented in the Master Plan. The Master Plan is anticipated to include, but not be limited to, improvements or additions

to existing and future marine and land-based infrastructure, mainline and/or yard rail configuration, road connectivity, and real estate utilization.

Project Purpose and Benefits

The purpose of the Master Plan is to ensure this regionally and nationally significant port:

- responds to the assessment that the west dock is nearing the end of its useful life
- continues to meet current and future demand
- identifies opportunities to improve efficiency and capacity



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Project Status

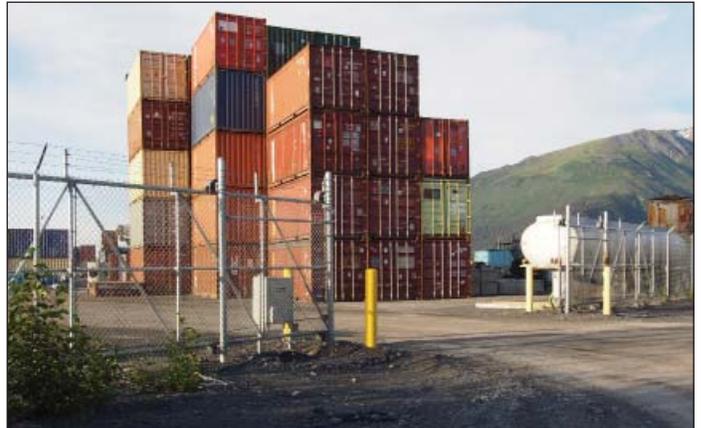
In the last quarter of 2015, more than 100 stakeholder engagement meetings were held to set a course for each of the three studies funded in this planning project. Meetings with stakeholders will continue through the first quarter of 2016. Once the studies are complete, engineered design alternatives will be assembled for presentation at a public meeting in Seward in August of 2016.



The railroad owns three dock facilities next to the Seward Harbor. Dock uplands are located within the Alaska Railroad land reserve.

Project Costs

Total project cost is \$3 million. The Seward Marine Terminal Expansion Planning Project is funded by a generous TIGER VI (National Infrastructure Investments) grant from the United States Department of Transportation (USDOT), Maritime Administration (MARAD). The MARAD-administered grant is in the amount of \$2.5 million. The Alaska Railroad is providing the \$500,000 required local match.



East Dock uplands are secured by a fence and gate. Uplands offer direct vehicle access to Port Avenue.

In the last quarter of 2015, many meetings were conducted with stakeholders.

Far Right: Project Manager Christina Hendrickson listens to a Seward resident.

Right: An internal stakeholder meeting with Alaska Railroad Marketing employees.



The terminal building sits on the north (land) side of the West Dock. This view is from the water end of the dock.



The West Dock currently serves as an intermodal terminal. The dock structure is nearing the end of its useful life.