Alaska Railroad 2010 Program of Projects



he Alaska Railroad Corporation (ARRC) has budgeted approximately \$43.1 million in new spending for capital improvements in 2010. Fact sheets with detailed project descriptions are also available online at www.AlaskaRailroad.com.

Federally-funded Projects

ARRC receives federal grant funding for capital infrastructure improvements and capital rehabilitation. Funding has been received from the Department of Defense (DOD), Federal Railroad Administration (FRA), Federal Transit Administration (FTA), Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), Transportation Security Administration (TSA), Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), U.S. Forest Service (USFS) as well as other federal agencies. Most FTA, FHWA and FEMA funded projects require 9% to 25% matching funds from the Alaska Railroad. In 2010 ARRC expects to receive continuing FTA formula funding to support an estimated \$14.3 million program of federally-funded capital activities. The Alaska Railroad is contributing 9% of this amount.

Although ARRC receives no direct funding from the state for capital or operating expenses, the State of Alaska Division of Homeland Security has provided the match for FEMAfunded disaster assistance projects that resulted from the 2008 Nenana area flooding. ARRC is also providing support to the Matanuska-Susitna Borough and the City of Seward to execute State of Alaska funded capital projects.

Internally-funded Projects

In addition to the match for federal funds, ARRC internal funds (funds generated by corporate freight, passenger and real estate revenues) support ARRCs ongoing expense activities as well as an annual capital program. In 2010, internal funds will provide \$19.1 million toward capital improvements and capital rehabilitation activities.

Bond-funded Projects

In 2006, ARRC sold \$76.1 million in revenue bonds with another \$89 million bond sale in 2007. These funds are primarily used to accelerate track rehabilitation efforts. About \$9.7 million will be spent in 2010. Bonds are repaid with FTA formula fund appropriations.

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