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Re: DEIS for Port Mackenzie Rail 
David Navecky to: Ruaro, Randall P (GOV)

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From: David Navecky/STB
To: "Ruaro, Randall P (GOV)" <randall.ruaro@alaska.gov>

Randy -

I'm sorry I missed your call. I left a voice mail message with your assistant.

The Surface Transportation Board has not yet issued the Final EIS or Record of Decision for the proposed Port MacKenzie rail extension. The Office of Environmental Analysis (OEA, formerly SEA or Section of Environmental Analysis) is still collecting the data necessary to address public comments received on the Draft EIS. A schedule has not been set for issuing the Final EIS, but it is some months away.

I cannot speak for the three-member Board, which will issue the Final Decision (our agency's Record of Decision), but such decisions are typically issued in a matter of a few weeks to a few months after a Final EIS is issued. The timing of a decision varies with the Board's docket and complexity of the project.

That said, we are aware of the state's high-level of interest in this project, and we are working to issue the Final EIS as promptly as possible.

Please let me know if you have any additional questions.

Thanks,

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Subject DEIS for Port Mackenzie Rail

Dear Mr. Navecky:

Can you advise as to the status of the NEPA process for the Port Mackenzie rail project? Specifically, I was wondering if the Final EIS had been issued or a record of decision. If not, if you have any ideas on the timeline, that would be great.

Thanks,

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