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RE: Alaska Railroad Northern Rail Extension

Dear Sirs:

The Fairbanks North Star Borough (FNSB) requests inclusion as a Cooperating Agency for development of the Alaska Railroad Corporation Northern Rail Extension Project - Environmental Impact Statement.

The FNSB is pleased to hear that the Alaska Railroad is advancing the Northern Rail Extension Project and feel that since the entire project is within Borough boundaries we may be able to bring some expertise to the process, especially within our Land Management and Community Planning Divisions including our Stormwater Management, Air Quality, and Floodplain Programs.

Thank you again for the opportunity to request the Borough being named as a cooperating agency for this important project. The FNSB looks forward to continuing our productive relationship with the Alaska Railroad and the Surface Transportation Board. The FNSB point of contact for this action is Bob Shefchik, Chief of Staff, bshefchik@co.fairbanks.ak.us, 907-459-1305.

Sincerely,

Jim Whitaker, Mayor

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