

Port MacKenzie Rail Extension Project 2014 Annual Report

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## List of Acronyms/Abbreviations

ACHP	Advisory Council on Historic Preservation
	Alaska Department of Natural Resources
	Area of Potential Effects
	Alaska Railroad Corporation
BLM	Bureau of Land Management
	Environmental Impact Statement
	Iditarod Dog Sledding Historic District
	Memorandum of Understanding
MSB	Matanuska-Susitna Borough
NEPA	National Environmental Policy Act
NHPA	National Historic Preservation Act
NHT	National Historic Trail
NRHP	National Register of Historic Places
PA	Programmatic Agreement
PMRE	Port MacKenzie Rail Extension
ROW	Right-of-way
	State Historic Preservation Officer
STB	
USACE	U.S. Army Corps of Engineers

# 1 Introduction

The Alaska Railroad Corporation (ARRC), in partnership with the Matanuska-Susitna Borough (MSB), has undertaken construction of the Port MacKenzie Railroad Extension (PMRE) project. In a November 2011 decision, the Surface Transportation Board (STB), the lead Federal agency for the project, approved a license allowing ARRC to construct and operate approximately 35 miles of new rail line connecting the Port MacKenzie District to a point on ARRC's existing main line near Houston, Alaska. Construction of the PMRE project has been broken into segments, allowing for construction over multiple seasons. That authorization was issued after completion of an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS), and is subject to environmental mitigation conditions including a Programmatic Agreement (PA)<sup>1</sup> executed by the STB, the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation (ACHP), and the Alaska State Historic Preservation Officer (SHPO). A Memorandum of Understanding (MOU), developed in accordance with the PA, was implemented between the MSB, Knik Tribal Council (KTC), and ARRC (collectively defined as the "Working Group") with input from the STB and SHPO to outline the objectives and tasks assigned to the Working Group.

This document was prepared in accordance with Stipulation VII of the PA (also Stipulation 3 through 7 of the MOU), which requires ARRC to prepare an annual report on the progress of implementation of PA stipulations, including the actions of the Working Group. This *Annual Report* focuses on the period from January through December 2014.

### 2 Timeline/Milestones

PA Stipulation (VII.A.1) requires that the *Annual Report* include a timeline under which work will be completed, milestones met for the Undertaking, and any proposed timeline and/or milestone changes. The following section includes a discussion of timelines and milestones focused on the tasks under the PA and associated cultural resource milestones in relation to milestones for the Undertaking.

#### 2.1 Timeline for Completion of Work

A summary of the timeline for implementation and completion of PA stipulations is included in Table 2-1.

Tasks	Task Deadline	Task Status
Develop Memorandum of	No later than 45 days after STB	Executed (12/5/2011)
Understanding (MOU)	licensing of Alternative	
Develop Iditarod Dog Sledding Historic	Within 60 days after STB	Conducted workshops
District (IDSHD) Workshop	licensing of Alternative	(6/28/2011, 7/7/2011, 1/11/2012)
		and open house (10/27/2011)
Develop IDSHD Workshop Summary &	Within 60 days after IDSHD	• Draft (3/1/2012)
Implementation Plan	Workshop	• Final (11/21/2012)

 Table 2-1: Timeline of Implementation of PA Stipulations, 2011-2014

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Programmatic Agreement Among Surface Transportation Board, Advisory Council on Historic Preservation, and Alaska State Historic Preservation Officer Regarding the Alaska Railroad Corporation Construction and Operation of a Rail Line Extension to Port MacKenzie, Alaska. Docket No. FD 35095. May 25, 2011.

Tasks	Task Deadline	Task Status
Delineate Area of Potential Effect (APE)	No later than 60 days after STB licensing of Alternative	Final (12/30/2011)
Revisions of Proposed Final APE	Within 30 days of ARRC's receipt of license/permit altering APE (if needed)	<ul> <li>Revised APE (Segment 5; 3/9/2012)</li> <li>Revised APE (Segment 6; 8/15/2012)</li> <li>Revised APE (Segment 1; 8/20/2013)</li> <li>No revisions to APE in 2014</li> </ul>
Develop Curation Policy and Agreement	Prior to ground-disturbing activity	<ul> <li>Draft (2/8/2012)</li> <li>Final (3/9/2012)</li> </ul>
Develop Annual Training Curriculum	Annually	<ul> <li>Draft (11/23/2011)</li> <li>Final (1/25/2012)</li> </ul>
Conduct Annual Training	Annually	<ul> <li>2012 training (1/25/2012)</li> <li>2013 training (3/14/2013)</li> <li>2014 training (3/18/2014 and 3/19/2014)</li> </ul>
Identification & Evaluation of Potential Historic Properties in APE	Information submitted within 30 days of investigating any sites in final APE	<ul> <li>Segment 1, Section 6 Borrow Site, Alsop Haul Road survey and report (final 3/20/2012)</li> <li>Segment 6 survey and report (final 8/15/2012)</li> <li>Segment 5 survey not needed (memo to STB/ SHPO 7/27/2012)</li> <li>Segment 3 &amp; 4 (final 12/3/2012)</li> <li>Port MacKenzie Tower Site and Reddane Connector/Alsop Haul Road survey and report addendum (final 9/30/2013)</li> <li>Segment 2 survey and report (final 11/19/2013)</li> <li>Little Susitna River Bridge (ANC-00085) consultation (correspondence 12/2013, ongoing)</li> <li>None completed in 2014</li> </ul>
Prepare and Review Unanticipated Discovery Reports	Within 72 hours of discovery	None completed in 2011-2014
Prepare Annual Report	Annually	<ul> <li>Submitted for 2011-2012 (1/30/2013)</li> <li>Submitted for 2013 (1/31/2014)</li> <li>Submitted for 2014 (on or about 2/06/2015)</li> </ul>

#### 2.2 Milestones for the Undertaking, 2014

The following are 2014 milestones for the PMRE project:

- Construction is substantially completed for Segments 1, 3, and 6 and is underway for Segment 4
- All necessary rights-of-way (ROW) has been acquired for Segments 1, 3, 4, and 6. ROW negotiations for Segments 2 and 5 are ongoing.
- The northernmost portion of Segment 2, located outside the Port MacKenzie Agricultural District, was added to the Segment 3 contract for construction
- Permit revisions/renewals include: Section 404 modification (POA-2007-1586-M3) for Segment 4, Title 16 fish habitat permit amendments, and temporary water use permits for Segment 4. The project is in full compliance with the terms and conditions of all permits issued to date.
- A public open house event was held on March 19, 2014 in Houston, Alaska.

### 2.3 Proposed Timeline and Milestone Changes

There are no anticipated timeline/milestone changes that will affect implementation of PA stipulations. The timeline/milestones for 2015 for the Undertaking are as follows:

- Continue construction: construction of Segments 1 and 3 is substantially complete; construction of Segment 4 is underway and on schedule; and construction of Segment 6 is complete
- Continue construction of Segment 4 bridges
- Continue design of rail facilities and Segment 2
- Continue to acquire project ROW and easements in Segments 2 and 5; a schedule is unknown, and construction in these segments is on hold pending these easements and additional funding
- Eagle nest survey in 2015
- Continue to acquire/modify permits as needed
- Continue public outreach efforts

### **3** Description of Tasks Accomplished During 2014

### **3.1** Contractor Training

Per PA Stipulation IX, ARRC conducted annual training for on-site supervisory-level employees and contractors. The Working Group developed a Contractor Training Powerpoint presentation and binder in 2011. Training materials were sent to Working Group members, STB, SHPO, and Tribes listed in PA Attachment A-2 for preview and comment prior to finalizing the materials. The binder was updated in 2014.

Training for contractors was held on March 18 and 19, 2014. The twenty-one attendees included supervisory-level contractors/employees. Working Group members and SHPO representatives were invited to the training, and MSB and KTC representatives attended. A binder of training materials was provided to each attendee with the intent that this material would be provided to employees/contractors who did not attend the training in person. The presentation was given by a Secretary of Interior-qualified archaeologist employed by HDR, Inc. (HDR). The sign-in sheets

identifying the employees, contractors, and Working Group members who attended the annual training are included in Appendix A.

#### 3.2 Iditarod Dog Sledding Resources

The PA identified mitigation measures to address possible effects to the Iditarod Dog Sledding Historic District (IDSHD), which would be bisected by the PMRE project. The IDSHD (ANC-03326/TYO-00203) was found eligible for the National Register of Historic Places (NRHP) in 2010. Stipulation V of the PA (*Treatment of the Iditarod Dog Sledding Historic District*), as well as Mitigation Measures 92 and 93 in the ROD for the Final EIS, identified mitigation for adverse effects to the IDSHD that were addressed through preparation of the *Workshop Summary and Implementation Plan* (*Implementation Plan*). This document, which included a provision for additional documentation of the IDSHD, was finalized in November 2012.

Additional consultation among the Working Group and SHPO following final submittal of the *Implementation Plan* indicated that the IDSHD property, and recommended additional documentation, would be better suited to a multiple property approach. As part of this multiple property approach, the ARRC and SHPO consulted to revise the scope of work and goals for this supplemental documentation.

A draft document, *Port MacKenzie Rail Extension Project Multiple Property Documentation: Iditarod Dog Sledding Properties in the Point MacKenzie Area, 1967-1978*, is in progress. Milestones for Iditarod Dog Sledding Multiple Property (IDSMP) document development are as follows:

- 11/19/2012 Final Implementation Plan
- 11/20/2013 ARRC, Working Group, and SHPO discussion regarding IDSHD and scope of work
- 12/4/2013 IDSHD/IDSMP scope of work revision
- 12/30/2013 IDSMP pre-submittal draft IDSMP document to SHPO and Working Group for review
- 1/16/2014 SHPO comments received on pre-submittal draft IDSMP document
- 4/19/2014 Revised pre-submittal draft IDSMP document to SHPO and Working Group
- 4/23/2014 SHPO reports no further substantive comments and recommends submitting draft IDSMP document to SHPO and STB for formal review
- 5/15/2014 Formal submittal of draft IDSMP document to SHPO, STB, and Working Group
- 6/17/2014 STB comments received on draft IDSMP document
- 6/17/2014 SHPO request for extension of comment period (extended to 6/30/2014)
- 7/2/2014 SHPO comments received on draft IDSMP document
- 9/18/2014 Request for SHPO and STB review of ARRC's response to comments on draft IDSMP document (due by 10/10/2014)
- 11/18/14 Meeting with SHPO and STB to discuss ARRC's response to comments on draft IDSMP document
- 11/26/14 SHPO response due regarding scope of work issues
- 12/11/14 Additional comments received from SHPO on draft IDSMP document

• 12/18/14 - Meeting with SHPO to discuss additional comments on the draft IDSMP document

It is anticipated that the IDSMP document will be finalized in early 2015.

#### **3.3** Area of Potential Effect (APE)

Per PA Stipulation II, ARRC submitted the proposed final APE to STB and SHPO in December 2011. The direct APE includes a 200-foot ROW (100 feet on either side of the rail centerline) and other ground disturbance areas that may be outside the 200-foot ROW (e.g., staging areas, cut and fill areas, material sources, etc.). In addition, an indirect APE includes an area of one mile maximum<sup>2</sup> on either side of the rail centerline.

Due to the likelihood of additional changes, ARRC proposed a revised approach to STB and SHPO for dealing with future modifications to the APE in 2012. Modifications that are within the overall APE (i.e., including direct and indirect effects) will only result in a change from indirect to direct effects, and a request for modification and approval of a revised APE is not necessary. ARRC will notify STB and SHPO of any changes in designation from indirect to direct effects, and provide an updated APE map in the *Annual Report*.

Changes to the APE since the December 2011 APE include:

- Segment 6: Added areas of direct APE within Township 18 North, Range 3 West, Sections 17 and 20
- Segment 2: Shifted the direct APE to the east in Township 15 North, Range 4 West, Sections 18 and 19
- Segment 2: Reduced the footprint of the Terminal Reserve area in Township 15 North, Range 4 West, Sections 19, 30 and 31
- Segment 2/Reddane Avenue: Removed the southwest portion of the former Alsop Haul Road; the APE now only includes a connector road between the existing Reddane Avenue and the Alsop Pit in Township 15 North, Range 4 West, Section 32
- Segment 2: Shifted the direct APE to the east in Township 14 North, Range 4 West, Sections 7 and 8
- Segment 1: Change from indirect to direct effects in Township 14 North, Range 4 West, Section 26

There were no changes to the APE in 2014.

#### 3.4 Surveys

No cultural resources surveys were conducted in 2014.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> The APE for indirect effects may be less than the proposed one-mile maximum in areas where views are impeded by dense vegetation or topography.

#### 4 Progress of the Undertaking

The progress of the Undertaking is summarized as follows:

- Final project design is underway.
- MSB and ARRC have acquired all necessary project ROW for Segments 1, 3, 4 and 6; ROW negotiations for Segments 2 and 5 are ongoing.
- Construction for Segments 1, 3, 4, and 6 is underway.
- In cooperation with the MSB, local trails groups, and the Alaska Mental Health Trust Land Office, ARRC awarded a contract for vegetation clearing and signage related to trail realignments along the new rail line. This was completed in 2014.
- On October 5, 2012, Cook Inlet Keeper, Sierra Club, and Alaska Survival filed a legal challenge in the U.S. District Court for the District of Alaska against the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) for issuing a Section 404 permit (POA 2007-1586) for the PMRE project. A decision on cross-motions for summary judgment was published by the Court on March 4, 2014. The Court upheld the USACE's permitting decision, but requested additional research and response from USACE, ARRC, and the MSB regarding the wetland's functional assessment for the project. The Court issued a final ruling on May 27, 2014 in favor of the USACE in respect to all claims and that disposed of all remaining challenges to the project. The legal challenge for the PMRE project is now closed.
- A portion of Segment 2 situated outside of the Point MacKenzie Agricultural District was added to Segment 3 to expedite the construction of the approximately 1.2-mile segment that falls outside of restrictive State of Alaska agricultural covenants.
- Phasing and schedule will be dependent upon funding, ROW and easement acquisition, and permit acquisition.

No significant changes are anticipated to the Undertaking.

#### 5 Effectiveness of the Programmatic Agreement (PA)

During 2014, there were occasions that afforded ARRC, STB, SHPO and PA parties opportunity to assess the effectiveness of the PA. These included: consultation regarding the IDSMP document,<sup>3</sup> contractor training, and PA reporting and consultation requirements. No issues or deficiencies were identified as a result of implementation and use of the PA. No amendments or changes to the PA are needed at this time.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> While this document is not required by the PA, it is a measure agreed to in the *Workshop Summary and Implementation Plan* (Stipulation V of the PA).

#### 6 Anticipated Upcoming Efforts for Identification, Evaluation, Mitigation, and Protection of Historic Properties

ARRC and the Working Group anticipate that upcoming efforts will include:

- Iditarod Dog Sledding Multiple Property (IDSMP) document finalize document per the *Implementation Plan*
- Contractor training Update training materials as appropriate and conduct cultural resource training for contractors as construction contracts warrant
- Continued consultation Continue coordination with the Working Group, with STB and SHPO, and with other PA parties, as appropriate

#### 7 Consultation and Updated Contact List

Consultation adhered to the standards required in the PA and Working Group MOU. Consultation within and among the Working Group, SHPO, and STB is ongoing. Per the PA (Stipulation III.D.2), KTC is the point of contact for all Tribes who were concurring parties to the PA. MSB is the Certified Local Government for the project area, and the MSB representative for the Working Group acts as a point of contact for the MSB Historic Preservation Commission, which includes members from local historic preservation groups that have an interest in the project area.

Consultation for the IDSMP documentation will use the same consulting party list as that used for the IDSHD workshops and open house (Appendix B).

Section 106 materials are posted on the project website as appropriate (<u>http://www.portmacrail.com/library.html</u>).

An update to the contact lists in PA Attachments A.2 and A.3 is included in Appendix C.

# **Appendix A: Contractor Training Attendees**



**Cultural Resources Contractor Training** 

March 18, 2013, 10:00 am – 12:00 pm PMRE Project Office, 12900 W. Creek Frontage Rd., Wasilla, Alaska

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**Cultural Resources Contractor Training** 

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# Appendix B: Iditarod Dog Sledding Multiple Property (IDSMP) Consulting Parties and Contacts

Note: This list is based on the IDSHD consulting party list (see Sections 3.2 and 7)

Name	Organization
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Kyle Kidder	ADNR
Lesli Schick	ADNR
Shina duVall	ADNR/SHPO
Summer Rickman	ADNR/SHPO
Judy Bittner	ADNR/SHPO, Iditarod Historic Trail Alliance
Bob Chlupach	Aurora Dog Mushers Club
Bud Smyth	Aurora Dog Mushers Club
Carol Tyler	Aurora Dog Mushers Club
Larisa Meyers-McCoin	Aurora Dog Mushers Club
Vern Cherneski	Aurora Dog Mushers Club
Margaret Billinger	Big Lake Chamber of Commerce
Dan Mayfield	Big Lake Trails
Cathy Mayfield	Big Lake Trails
Mike Donald	Big Lake Trails
Cole Donald	Big Lake Trails
Richard Gaffey	Big Lake Trails
Vern Halter	Dream a Dream Dog Farm
Kathy Chapoton	Happy Trails Kennels
Martin Buser	Happy Trails Kennels
Ramey Smyth & Becca Moore	Homestretch Kennel
Ralph Buzard	Houston Running
Kevin Keeler	Iditarod National Historic Trail Administrator, Bureau of Land
	Management (BLM)
Terry Langholz	Iditarod Trail Blazers
Chas St. George	Iditarod Trail Committee
Darrell Davis	Iditarod Trail Committee
Greg Bill	Iditarod Trail Committee
Joanne Potts	Iditarod Trail Committee
Mark Nordman	Iditarod Trail Committee
Kevin Kastner	Iron Dog
Richard Plack	Jr. Iditarod Trail Manager
Kelley Griffin	Knik Dog Mushers Association
Jon Brautigan	Knik Dog Mushers Association, Iditarod Trail Blazers
Harry Caldwell	Knik Dog Mushers Association, Knik 200 Organization
Barb Redington	Knik Dog Mushers Association
Richard Porter	Knik Tribal Council
Jaik Campbell	Mat-Su Trails Council
Bruce Paulsen	MSB
Heather Ralston	MSB
Sue Allen	Northern Lights 300 Dog Race
Helen Hegener	Northern Lights Media
Cim & Corinne Smyth	Perseverance Springs Farm
Toby Riddell	Point MacKenzie Community Council

Name	Organization
Bruno & Joan Bryner	Willow Dog Mushers Association
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Donna Quante	Willow Dog Mushers Association
Erin McLarnon	Willow Dog Mushers Association
Robert Sexton	Willow Dog Mushers Association
Sue Morgan	Willow Dog Mushers Association
Vic Stanculescu & Tina Owen	Willow Dog Mushers Association
Steve Charles	Willow Trial Committee
Bill Johnson	
Chris Kosinski	
Cindy Bettine	
Dan & Alice Huttunen	
Elaine & Gene Martin	
Ellen Halverson	
Frank Sihler	
Jim Clemensen	
Joe Meehan	
Kathie Smith	
Kevin Saiki	
Lynn McCoin	
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Roxann Dayton	
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Scott Lanene	
Sharon Berg	

Appendix C: Updates to Contact Lists in PA Attachments A.2 and A.3

## **A.2.** Tribes and Alaska Native Organization Contact List [UPDATED] Federally Recognized Tribes and Tribal Groups

Gary Harrison, Chief **Chickaloon Village Traditional Council**  *Send information to:*  **Rick Harrison, Acting Executive Director** P.O. Box 1105 Chickaloon, AK 99674-1105 Phone: 907-745-0707 (General) Phone: 907-745-0749 (Direct) Fax: 907-745-0709 rickh@chickaloon.org *Other contact:* Administration, cvadmin@chickaloon.org

#### Lee Stephan, President

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#### Mike Tucker, President

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### **Alaska Native Regional Corporations**

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### **Alaska Native Village Corporations**

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#### Michaelene Stephan, President

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#### **A.3.** Dog Mushing Organizations/Other Interested Groups Contact List [UPDATED] Dog Mushing Organizations

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#### Wasilla-Knik-Willow Creek Historical Society

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