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SB 142 Fact Sheet

Illinois Street Reconstruction Project

Problem

- Traffic delays are longer than acceptable at 7 intersections¹;
- A 3X higher than expected accident rate at First Avenue and Cushman Street;
- Poor sight distance at the Church Street approach due to road curvature;
- Pedestrian accidents at First Avenue and Cushman Street;
- Confusing lane configuration.

The Illinois Street Reconstruction project improves safety and

- Reduces traffic delays at intersections;
- Improves pedestrian or bicycle facilities along Illinois Street;
- Replaces the pavement which is in poor condition;
- Upgrades drainage along the length of Illinois Street;
- Improves sight distance problems at some intersections and approaches
- Increases roadway illumination;
- Supports downtown and Chena Riverfront development;
- Corrects confusing lane configurations that do not meet driver expectations.

This bill provides the Alaska Railroad Corporation (ARRC) the legislative approval it needs to exchange, donate, sell or otherwise convey its interest in land.

It is anticipated DOT&PF will need approximately 5 acres of various ARRC parcels in order to complete the Illinois Project.

DOT&PF needs title to this property **this year** to meet the federal right of way requirements that are needed prior to Federal Highway Administration(FHWA) approval to construct. Construction will occur in 2010.

DOT&PF does not need a fiscal note as right-of-way costs are already factored into project costs.

ARRC supports this bill.

¹ Illinois Street and Doyon, Church, and Charles Streets, Illinois and College Road, Barnette Street and Second, Third and Fourth Avenues