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Public invited to 5 Open House events to review and comment on Port MacKenzie Rail Extension Project

MAT-SU BOROUGH, Alaska – The Matanuska-Susitna Borough and the Alaska Railroad invite the public to an open house on the Port MacKenzie Rail Extension Project. Five open houses will be held the first week of October in Wasilla, Big Lake, Houston, Willow and Knik.

Please take time to learn about this joint effort to build a \$300 million-dollar rail line connecting Port MacKenzie to the existing rail. Where it connects has not been decided yet. It will be at a point somewhere between Meadow Lakes and north of Willow.

New technical data is being gathered. More than one alignment is being studied. Project staff will be on-hand for questions on exhibits and to take comments. All open houses are 6:00 to 8:00 p.m., with a presentation at 7:00 p.m. The Open Houses are:

- **WASILLA, OCTOBER 1** at Lake Lucille Inn
- **BIG LAKE, OCTOBER 2** at Big Lake Elementary School
- **WILLOW, OCTOBER 3** at the Willow Area Community Center
- **KNIK, OCTOBER 4** at Knik Elementary School
- **HOUSTON, OCTOBER 5** at Houston Middle School

The project web site is www.portmacrail.com, (Port-Mac-Rail-Dot-Com) or call Borough Public Affairs Director Patty Sullivan at 745-9577. That's www.portmacrail.com.

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