



Alaska Railroad Corporation

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Alaska Railroad Corporation Releases 2006 Annual Report

ANCHORAGE, Alaska – The Alaska Railroad Corporation (ARRC) released its 2006 Annual Report today, posting earnings of \$10.4 million on total revenues of \$148.9 million.

"The Alaska Railroad had another solid year," said Governor Bill Sheffield who chaired the Alaska Railroad Board during 2006. "Safety, infrastructure and technology comprised the focus of our planned investments this year and we met most of our ambitious goals in each area."

Among the report's highlights is the best overall safety record in Railroad history. Passenger revenues surpassed the budget and overall corporate assets grew considerably. In addition, for the first time, the railroad issued tax exempt revenue bonds.

"2006 capped a very successful five-year plan," said Pat Gamble, ARRC President and CEO. "As we review the progress of the past five years, we have already started to compile the lessons learned for our next five year plan. Executing a well planned operations and investment strategy increases benefits to our customers, the State of Alaska and the bottom line."

The Alaska Railroad is a state-owned corporation, wholly self-sustaining without benefit of state subsidy. Revenue generated by the railroad covers all operating costs including employee wages and benefits. The railroad generates revenue through year-round passenger and freight service to communities from Seward to Fairbanks and through its management of Real Estate holdings along the railbelt.

An electronic copy of the annual report is available on the ARRC web site at:

<http://www.akrr.com/arrc190.html>

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