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SURFACE TRANSPORTATION BOARD
Section of Environmental Analysis
ARRC NORTHERN RAIL EXTENSION PROJECT
Environmental Impact Statement

COMMENT FORM

Your input is an important element in the scoping phase of this project. To help us incorporate your views and suggestions, please provide your comments below and mail to the address preprinted on the back of this form. Please write legibly. You may attach additional sheets if necessary.

Please include your name and address so that we can add you to our mailing list if you would like to receive subsequent information on the project. Thank you for taking the time to provide us with your comments.

Comment deadline is: January 13, 2006.

Comments may be submitted today,
or sent to:

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Case Control Unit
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What potential environmental issues and impacts are you concerned about?

THE PROPOSED ROUTES FOR THE NORTHERN RAIL EXTENSION HAVE SIGNIFICANT HUMAN & ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT. I AM OPPOSED TO ALL THREE ROUTES AS THEY NEGATIVELY IMPACT THE FARM COMMUNITY AND FARMING OPERATIONS. CROSSINGS ON THE FARM ROAD WILL CAUSE SAFETY CONCERNS. CROSSINGS THROUGH FARMLAND WILL BE UNMARKED & HAZARDOUS TO LAND OWNERS USING THEM. THE PROPOSED ROUTES GO THROUGH PRIVATE PROPERTY AND UNIQUE FARM AREA NO WHERE ELSE FOUND IN THE BOROUGH. THE BIGGEST QUESTION WE HAVE IN THE FARM COMMUNITY IS WHY HAVE THESE ROUTES BEEN CHOSEN WHEN THERE ARE LITERALLY THOUSANDS OF ACRES AVAILABLE ACROSS THE TANANA RIVER. THE ROUTES ALL CROSS THE RIVER AT SOME POINT. I SUGGEST YOU CROSS THE RIVER AS SOON AS POSSIBLE BEFORE THERE IS ANY HUMAN & PRIVATE PROPERTY IMPACT. PLEASE REFER TO THE EILSON FARM COMMUNITY LETTER TO DAVID NAVECKY. AS FARMERS WE SUPPORT THE RAILROAD BUT NOT THE CURRENT PROPOSED ROUTES.