

1 of affected municipal park land by the voters of the Municipality of Anchorage, the Alaska
2 Railroad Corporation is authorized to convey the corporation's entire interest in

3 (1) approximately 4.5 acres of railroad utility corridor between railroad
4 mileposts 133 and 134, within Township 15 North, Range 2 West, Sections 13 and 24, Seward
5 Meridian, to the Municipality of Anchorage in exchange for the conveyance of approximately
6 13.6 acres of land in the same vicinity to the corporation by the Municipality of Anchorage;

7 (2) approximately 5.1 acres of railroad utility corridor between railroad
8 mileposts 133 and 134, within Township 15 North, Range 1 West, Sections 18 and 19, Seward
9 Meridian, to Richard and Carol Drebert, Harry and Simone Thomson, and Richard Moore or
10 their personal representatives, successors, or assigns; each to receive that portion of the
11 railroad utility corridor immediately adjacent to their respective parcels of land.

12 (b) The conveyances described in this section are made for the purpose of realignment
13 of railroad track to improve operating efficiency and enhance safety.

14 (c) The land conveyed by the Municipality of Anchorage to the Alaska Railroad
15 Corporation shall be held and managed by the corporation in accordance with AS 42.40.

16 (d) This section constitutes legislative approval under AS 42.40.285(1) for the Alaska
17 Railroad Corporation to convey its entire interest in the land described in (a) of this section.

18 **Article 2. Potter Station to Girdwood.**

19 * Sec. 5. The uncodified law of the State of Alaska is amended by adding a new section
20 to read:

21 **FINDINGS AND POLICY REGARDING CHUGACH STATE PARK.** (a) The
22 legislature finds that

23 (1) the Seward Highway within the Chugach State Park from Potter Station to
24 Girdwood is the sole highway link between the Kenai Peninsula and the rest of this state, an
25 interstate highway on the national highway system, and a national scenic byway;

26 (2) the Seward Highway within the Chugach State Park is affected by
27 avalanches and other potential operational problems;

28 (3) relocation or widening of the Seward Highway to avoid some of the
29 operational problems will require relocation of some adjacent railroad and utility facilities; and

30 (4) relocation of railroad facilities within the Chugach State Park will allow
31 some areas of the railroad track to be straightened.

1 (b) It is the policy of the state that relocation or widening of the Seward Highway or
2 relocation of railroad facilities within the Chugach State Park is appropriate and may be
3 accomplished without significantly adversely affecting the purposes for which Chugach State
4 Park was established.

5 * Sec. 6. The uncodified law of the State of Alaska is amended by adding a new section
6 to read:

7 **CHUGACH STATE PARK LAND TRANSFERS AND CONVEYANCES.** (a)
8 Notwithstanding AS 41.21.120 - 41.21.125, the commissioner of natural resources may, for
9 the purpose of relocation or widening of all or portions of the Seward Highway or relocation
10 of railroad facilities within the Chugach State Park, and upon a finding by the commissioner
11 that any grant or conveyance for that purpose would not significantly adversely affect the
12 purposes for which the Chugach State Park was established,

13 (1) grant a highway easement to the Department of Transportation and Public
14 Facilities;

15 (2) convey a property interest in land to the Alaska Railroad Corporation to
16 allow relocation of the Alaska Railroad;

17 (3) grant utility easements; and

18 (4) receive land or interests in land in exchange for land or interests in land
19 granted or conveyed under (1), (2), or (3) of this subsection.

20 (b) A grant or conveyance made under (a) of this section may not exceed the interest
21 needed to relocate or widen the Seward Highway or relocate railroad facilities within the
22 Chugach State Park and to construct, repair, and maintain the relocated or widened highway
23 and the relocated railroad or utility.

24 (c) A property interest conveyed to the Alaska Railroad Corporation under (a)(2) of
25 this section shall be held and managed by the corporation in accordance with AS 42.40.

26 (d) Land or an interest in land received by the commissioner under (a)(4) of this
27 section shall be designated as part of Chugach State Park.

28 * Sec. 7. The uncodified law of the State of Alaska is amended by adding a new section
29 to read:

30 **ALASKA RAILROAD LAND TRANSFERS AND CONVEYANCES.**
31 Notwithstanding AS 42.40.285, the Alaska Railroad Corporation may, for the purpose of the