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## New Self-Propelled Passenger Railcar Visits Alaska Railroad

Colorado Railcar, the manufacturer of a new generation of self-propelled passenger railcar, will demonstrate its product on the Alaska Railroad during late July and early August. Known by the technical name Diesel Multiple Unit (DMU), the railcar may prove useful as Alaskans seek future transportation options.

“We’re excited to show off this new commuter railcar of the future for Alaskans,” Tom Janaky, Colorado Railcar’s Vice-President of Sales, said. “We feel this self-propelled passenger railcar can play a valuable role in strengthening Alaska’s surface transportation network, as well as relieving traffic congestion on the Glenn Highway.”

One advantage of DMU equipment is its utilization of “push-pull” technology, which allows a train to reverse direction quickly, an important factor in shuttle and commuter rail operations. This equipment also provides very fuel-efficient performance, is extremely environmentally friendly, and meets federal safety standards for passenger operations on freight railroads.

“The Alaska Railroad is pleased to welcome Colorado Railcar and its new equipment to Alaska,” Pat Gamble, ARRC President & CEO, said. “This type of railcar has great potential as we look to expand passenger services and take advantage of the new Bill Sheffield Alaska Railroad Depot at Ted Stevens Anchorage International Airport.”

Public displays of the self-propelled passenger railcar include:

<b>Date</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Address</b>	<b>Time</b>
Friday, July 25	Palmer Depot	North Valley Way	4 p.m. – 7 p.m.
Saturday, July 26	Wasilla Depot	415 E. Railroad Ave.	10 a.m. – 4 p.m.
Sunday, July 27	Wasilla Depot	415 E. Railroad Ave.	10 a.m. – 2 p.m.
Monday, July 28	Anchorage Depot	411 W. First Avenue	4 p.m. – 7 p.m.
Tuesday, July 29	Anchorage Depot	411 W. First Avenue	10 a.m. – 6 p.m.
Friday, August 1	Seward Cruise Ship Terminal	913 Port Avenue	11 a.m. – 6 p.m.
Monday, August 4	Fairbanks Depot	280 North Cushman	2 p.m. – 6 p.m.
Thursday, August 7	Talkeetna Depot	Talkeetna Road	9 a.m. – 11 a.m.
Saturday, August 9	Girdwood Depot	Brudine Road	1 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.

Public displays are accessible to individuals with disabilities. If special accommodations are needed, please contact the railroad by calling 907-265-2695, TTY/TTD 265-2620, or via the Alaska Relay Service (ARS) 1-800-770-8255, TTY/TTD 1-800-770-8973.

Colorado Railcar representatives will attend the public displays to provide more information about their products. Further information is also available on the web at:

*<http://www.coloradorailcar.com>*