



# Alaska Railroad Corporation *News Release*

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## Whittier Update: Passenger Service to Continue

*With partial road opening, fee for rail travel begins Monday May 11*

ANCHORAGE, Alaska – The Alaska Railroad Corporation (ARRC), at the request of the Alaska Department of Transportation (DOT), will continue passenger shuttle services until further notice between Portage and Whittier while DOT crews continue clearing the rock slide blocking full road access into Whittier. With the partial road opening, special freight arrangements for Whittier are no longer available.

Shuttle and bus service will continue to be free of charge through Sunday, May 10. With partial road access available, passengers will be charged, beginning Monday, May 11, \$12 for train travel from Portage to Whittier. There will be no charge from Whittier to Portage. Passengers requiring bus service between Anchorage and Portage will be charged \$10 each-way (bus+train = \$22 one-way/\$32 round-trip.)

The passenger train baggage car can accommodate small cargo loads but by law, hazardous materials (such as flammables) cannot be transported on a passenger or baggage car. To comply with regulatory requirements and to ensure adequate space on passenger trains, reservations are *mandatory*. Whittier residents and businesses have priority.

More information can be found at the following:

- **Passenger Reservations: (907) 265-2494 or 1-800-544-0552 (7:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., Mon – Sat)**
- **Conditions and Schedule Updates: 1-800-478-4340 (recorded)**
- **[www.AlaskaRailroad.com](http://www.AlaskaRailroad.com) click on Whittier Access or [www.dot.alaska.gov/comm/jcc-pgh/](http://www.dot.alaska.gov/comm/jcc-pgh/)**

Whittier **PASSENGER** Service Schedule  
effective May 8, 2009

	Bus Service		Train Service	
<b>Morning</b>	Depart Anchorage	7:30 a.m.	Depart Whittier	8:00 a.m.
	Arrive Portage	8:45 a.m.	Arrive Portage	8:45 a.m.
	Depart Portage	9:00 a.m.	Depart Portage	9:15 a.m.
	Arrive Anchorage	10:15 a.m.	Arrive Whittier	10:00 a.m.
<b>Mid-Day</b>	No mid-day bus service		Depart Whittier	10:30 a.m.
			Arrive Portage	11:15 a.m.
			Depart Portage	Noon
			Arrive Whittier	12:45 p.m.
<b>Evening</b>	Depart Anchorage	4:30 p.m.	Depart Whittier	5:00 p.m.
	Arrive Portage	5:45 p.m.	Arrive Portage	5:45 p.m.
	Depart Portage	6:00 p.m.	Depart Portage	6:00 p.m.
	Arrive Anchorage	7:15 p.m.	Arrive Whittier	6:30 p.m.