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Whittier Special Passenger Service ends with Tunnel Openings

ANCHORAGE, Alaska – The Alaska Railroad Corporation (ARRC), at the request of the Alaska Department of Transportation (DOT), will end the special passenger shuttle between Portage and Whittier with the last day of special service on May 14. Normal scheduled summer passenger service begins to Whittier on Saturday, May 16.

Shuttle and bus service will continue through Thursday, May 14. Passengers will be charged \$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+round-trip=\$32). 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 /Whittier Access or www.dot.alaska.gov/comm/jcc-pgh/**

Whittier PASSENGER Service Schedule through Thursday, May 14, 2009			
	Bus Service		Train Service
Morning	Depart Anchorage	7:30 a.m.	Depart Whittier
	Arrive Portage	8:45 a.m.	Arrive Portage
	Depart Portage	9:00 a.m.	Depart Portage
	Arrive Anchorage	10:15 a.m.	Arrive Whittier
Mid-Day	No mid-day bus service		Depart Whittier
			Arrive Portage
			Depart Portage
			Arrive Whittier
Evening	Depart Anchorage	4:30 p.m.	Depart Whittier
	Arrive Portage	5:45 p.m.	Arrive Portage
	Depart Portage	6:00 p.m.	Depart Portage
	Arrive Anchorage	7:15 p.m.	Arrive Whittier

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