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UPDATE-Bridge Damage from Truck Halts Train Traffic *Railroad crews continue working on temporary fix to open bridge*

ANCHORAGE, Alaska-Alaska Railroad (ARRC) crews are working to repair a railroad bridge damaged yesterday after being struck by an excavator loaded on a lowboy tractor-trailer. Barring any delays, ARRC crews expect the bridge to be open to rail traffic within the next 24 hours.

The bridge at ARRC milepost 346.7/ Parks Highway milepost 236.7 is located about a quarter of a mile south of the Denali Park entrance. The Parks Highway remains open to vehicle traffic but drivers may experience intermittent delays at the bridge as crews' complete repairs.

As a precaution, passengers booked for travel on both the north and southbound Denali Star on Thursday August 10 may travel by bus between Talkeetna and Denali to avoid the bridge repairs.

The Northbound passenger train leaving Anchorage bound for Fairbanks will travel as far as Talkeetna on its regular schedule. Those passengers traveling beyond Talkeetna will travel by bus to Denali Park. Passengers needing to continue to Fairbanks will meet the southbound train and continue north to Fairbanks by rail, on schedule.

The Southbound passenger train leaving Fairbanks and bound for Anchorage will travel as far as Denali Park. Those passengers traveling beyond Denali Park will travel by bus to Talkeetna. Passengers needing to continue to Anchorage will meet the northbound train and continue south by train, on schedule.

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