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Passenger Service Scheduled for Whittier after Rock Slide

ANCHORAGE, Alaska – The Alaska Railroad Corporation will provide scheduled passenger service to Whittier in response to a rock slide blocking road access to vehicle traffic. Rail service will include two round-trips between Anchorage and Whittier with stops in Portage and Girdwood each day until the road opens.

For Monday April 13 only, the train will leave Anchorage at noon. A different schedule for the remainder of the week is under development.

Passengers going to Whittier can reserve and purchase tickets at the Anchorage Historic Depot or by calling 907-265-2494 or 1-800-544-0552. Passengers in Whittier can pay for tickets on the train or by calling passenger reservations. Vehicle-on-flat car service will not be provided to shuttle cars because the Federal Administration revoked the permit years ago after the road was opened to vehicles.

Rail service is expected to run twice daily until the road is open and will originate in Anchorage. For more information riders can contact Passenger Reservations at 907-265-2494 or 1-800-544-0552 or on-line at www.alaskarailroad.com. Tickets will be sold at half-price and are as follows:

Anchorage-Whittier or reverse one-way: \$33; \$40 round-trip
Portage-Whittier or reverse one-way: \$11; \$20 round-trip

For Monday April 13, 2009 ONLY:

(Times are approximate)

Leave Anchorage	Noon
Arrive Whittier	2:15 p.m.
Leave Whittier	2:45 p.m.
Arrive Anchorage	5:00 p.m.
Leave Anchorage	5:30 p.m.
Arrive Whittier	7:45 p.m.
Leave Whittier	8:15 p.m.
Arrive Anchorage	10:30 p.m.

Clean-up of the rock slide is expected to continue over the next few days. The ARRC track is not affected by the slide and does not impact freight service.

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