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Alaska Railroad to begin work on Ship Creek Railroad Bridge

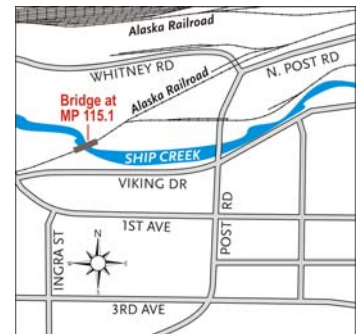
Residents in Ship Creek Basin area may hear pile driving noise

ANCHORAGE, Alaska – The Alaska Railroad Corporation (ARRC) Starting the week of February 21, Alaska Railroad bridge crews will begin work to replace the railroad bridge over Ship Creek, just north of Viking Drive and just east of Ingra. (see map). During the first phase, existing timber and steel piles will be replaced with 16-inch steel pipe piling and sheetpile will be used to retain the bridge abutment at either end of the bridge. Nearby residents may notice a pounding noise as pile and sheetpile are driven into the ground with pile-driver equipment.

Pile driver work will take place between 8:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. seven days a week for about four weeks. Afterward, crews will continue other site preparation work for a few more weeks. Crews will be on site working from 7:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. This first phase is scheduled to be complete by mid- to late-April.

Bridge work will cease during the May-to-September rail passenger season, and then resume again in the fall. The final phase of the work entails construction of a new bridge top. The new timber open deck top will look similar to the existing bridge open deck design. Once the new bridge is constructed, the old one will be dismantled and removed.

This bridge project is estimated to cost about \$500,000 and is funded internally by the Alaska Railroad.



Existing bridge timber open deck top.

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