

News Release

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Alaska Railroad Passenger Stop in Wasilla is Moving

Rail passenger stop relocating on January 4, 2024

ANCHORAGE, Alaska – The Alaska Railroad Corporation (ARRC) Wasilla passenger stop currently located at 415 East Railroad Avenue is moving to a new location on January 4, 2024. The passenger stop's new location will be at 1105 East Depot Road.

Wasilla's passenger rail stop is moving to its new location at 1105 East Depot Road on January 4, 2024.

While less than three quarters of a mile from its existing location (415 East Railroad Avenue), the upcoming change is expected to improve traffic flow at a busy Mat-Su intersection. Currently located near the intersection of South Knik-Goose Bay Road and the Parks Highway, during the heightened summer passenger season, trains stopping for embarking and disembarking passengers impacted vehicle traffic at the busy intersection. The new location, located near the Greater Wasilla Chamber of Commerce is anticipated to improve traffic flow at the rail crossing, with the new stop sufficiently distanced from the intersection that a stopped train does not require activation of the crossing signals. Final preparations for the rail stop are near complete with a wheelchair lift onsite and safety signs and barricades in place. ARRC will



Map detailing the new Wasilla passenger stop at 1105 E. Depot Road, eff. January 4, 2024. Photo courtesy of the Alaska Railroad Corporation.

decommission the 415 E. stop on January 3, 2024, including the installation of signage directing passengers to the new East Depot Road location.

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