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Iditarod XLV Fairbanks restart fans encouraged to utilize shuttle service to Pike's Waterfront Lodge

Fairbanks, Alaska - In an effort to accommodate race fans and spectators and to minimize traffic congestion, the Fairbanks North Star Borough, in conjunction with the Iditarod Trail Committee, is offering shuttle bus service from the Carlson Activity Center to the Iditarod Trail Sled Dog Race restart on Monday, March 6, 2017.

The restart will begin at 11 a.m. AKST on Hoselton Road, near Pike's Waterfront Lodge.

The public can view the Iditarod restart from several locations. Taking the shuttle bus from Carlson Center to Pike's Landing, there will be limited spectator viewing areas near the race start. Other public viewing areas will be at the Chena Wayside Campground, located past the Pump House on Chena Pump Road. Official Iditarod merchandise will be available for sale at Pike's Landing beginning on Friday, March 3, through Monday, March 6, and also at the Carlson Center on Monday, March 6.

Below is an overview of shuttle service for the restart, as well as additional information on traffic control changes for the public to be aware of when traveling in Fairbanks.

Complimentary Iditarod shuttle bus schedule from the Carlson Center

Departures: Volunteers needing transportation to Pike's Landing are strongly encouraged to catch a ride from the Carlson Center beginning at 7 a.m. Spectator shuttle bus service will then begin at 8 a.m. The shuttle buses will be in the front parking lot of the Carlson Center and will depart when full. Boarding the buses will be on a first come, first serve basis. The Carlson Center will open at 7 a.m. with an espresso stand and restroom facilities will be available while spectators wait to board the buses.

Returns: It will take the shuttle buses approximately 45 minutes to make the full run from the Carlson Center to the Pike's Landing and return to the Carlson Center. The shuttle buses will run from until 3:30 p.m.

For volunteers and spectators that choose to travel to Fairbanks in personal vehicles, please note that parking is extremely limited. **Public parking will only be allowed at Journey Christian Church.** Once the lot there is full, there will be no additional access. Parking will be strictly enforced on Hoselton Road. Transportation options include:

- Parking in the back parking lot at the Carlson Center, Growden Memorial Park and the Moore Street Ball Field Parking. The front parking lot at the Carlson Center will be restricted to the staging of the shuttle buses.
- FNSB's MACS Transit Service's Yellow Line runs on the hour from Fred Meyer West along Airport Way, passing Pike's Waterfront/Pike's Landing from 7 a.m. to 6 p.m.
- Regular taxi cab service with limited parking near Pike's Landing

Airport Way west traffic control changes on Monday, March 6

Beginning at 7 a.m., Airport Way west will be closed to all traffic until approximately 3 p.m. Passengers departing on flights out of the Fairbanks International Airport after 7 a.m. will be able to access the airport via University Avenue

South to the Mitchell Expressway and continue on University Avenue South to Airport Perimeter Road and on to Airport Industrial Road. This route goes around the airport runway to the airport post office and to the cargo/industrial businesses before reaching the airport terminal area. **Passengers are encouraged to plan ahead and give extra time to get to the Fairbanks International Airport.**

When leaving the terminal, visitors will travel on Airport Way east (passing Pike's Landing) to continue towards Fred Meyer West, Walgreens and University Safeway shopping area. There will be no parking along Airport Way east near Pike's Landing.

The only vehicles allowed through the traffic control points will be shuttle buses, Fairbanks North Star Borough MACS Transit buses, Fairbanks North Star Borough Van Tran and taxi cabs. Before the race day, look for electronic sign boards located near Geist Road on/off ramp from the Parks Highway, between Sportsman Way and on Chena Pump Road near Chena Wayside.

More information about the Fairbanks restart can be found on www.FNSB.com and www.ExploreFairbanks.com.

For additional details regarding Iditarod XLV, please visit www.iditarod.com.

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