#### Summer Schedule Effective May 1 through September 30 Tunnel is open 7 days a week from 5:30 am until 11:15 pm Direction Time 5:30 - 5:45 am Bear Valley to Whittier 6:00 - 6:15 am Whittier to Bear Valley 6:30 - 6:45 am \* Bear Valley to Whittier 7:00 - 7:15 am Whittier to Bear Valley Bear Valley to Whittier 7:30 - 7:45 am 8:00 - 8:15 am \* Whittier to Bear Valley Bear Valley to Whittier 8:30 - 8:45 am Whittier to Bear Valley 9:00 - 9:15 am 9:30 - 9:45 am Bear Valley to Whittier Whittier to Bear Valley 10:00 - 10:15 am 10:30 - 10:45 am Bear Valley to Whittier 11:00 - 11:15 am Whittier to Bear Valley Bear Valley to Whittier 11:30 - 11:45 am 12:00 - 12:15 pm Whittier to Bear Valley Bear Valley to Whittier 12:30 - 12:45 pm Whittier to Bear Valley 1:00 - 1:15 pm Bear Valley to Whittier 1:30 - 1:45 pm 2:00 - 2:15 pm Whittier to Bear Valley 2:30 - 2:45 pm \* Bear Valley to Whittier 3:00 - 3:15 pm Whittier to Bear Valley 3:30 - 3:45 pm Bear Valley to Whittier 4:00 - 4:15 pm \* Whittier to Bear Valley Bear Valley to Whittier 4:30 - 4:45 pm 5:00 - 5:15 pm Whittier to Bear Valley Bear Valley to Whittier 5:30 - 5:45 pm 6:00 - 6:15 pm Whittier to Bear Valley 6:30 - 6:45 pm **Bear Valley to Whittier** Whittier to Bear Valley 7:00 - 7:15 pm 7:30 - 7:45 pm Bear Valley to Whittier 8:00 - 8:15 pm Whittier to Bear Valley 8:30 - 8:45 pm Bear Valley to Whittier 8:55 - 9:00 pm Whittier to Bear Valley 9:00 - 9:45 pm Maintenance Closure 9:45 - 9:50 pm Bear Valley to Whittier Whittier to Bear Valley 10:00 - 10:15 pm 10:30 - 10:45 pm Bear Valley to Whittier 11:00 - 11:15 pm Whittier to Bear Valley

\* Oversize vehicles will be allowed in the tunnel only at these times Monday through Thursday. Please check the web page at www.dot.state.ak.us/creg/whittiertunnel for more detail on size limits and other restrictions.

Schedule Notes:

Every effort has been made to minimize the impact of trains on traffic, however from time to time scheduled and unscheduled trains use the tunnel and an occasional 15 to 30 minute delay can be expected. Please allow extra time in planning your trip.

Motorcycle helmets must be worn in the tunnel, and convertible vehicles must have the top in place.

It is recommended that tunnel users be in the staging area at least 10 minutes prior to the scheduled opening to help us facilitate their passage.

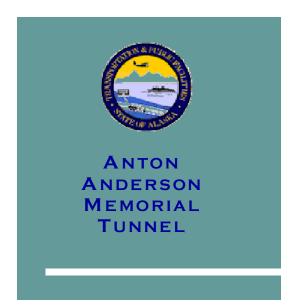
## Staging Area & Tunnel Information

### **Operations Information**

- In Bear Valley the lane for motorcycles will be designated by the toll collector. In Whittier lane 8 will be used for motorcycles.
- The order of release is as follows:
  - 1. Loaded Buses
  - 2. Cars
  - 3. RVs, Small Buses, and Vehicles Pulling Trailers
  - 4. Large Trucks, and Tractor Trailer Combinations.
  - 5. Empty Buses
  - 6. All other vehicles.
  - 7. At the end of the opening, Motorcycles.

### About The Tunnel

- Emergency phones, fire extinguishers and alarms are located every 300 feet inside the tunnel.
- There eight safe-houses located every 1600 feet.
   Emergency phones, fire extinguishers and alarms, and first aid supplies are located at each safehouse.
- Red lights at a safe-house means stop and turn off your motorcycle. Remain with your motorcycle until the light turns green.
- A white flashing strobe in addition to a red stop means leave your motorcycle and get to the nearest safe-house or exit.
- No stopping or parking is allowed in the tunnel unless a red light or white strobe is being displayed.



# MOTORCYCLE SAFETY INFORMATION & SUMMER SCHEDULE



TUNNEL INFORMATION:
1-877-611-2586
www.dot.state.ak.us/creg/whittiertunnel

# Motorcycle Safety Information

This brochure has been created with your safety in mind. It is important to us that your trip be as safe as possible. In order to help us with looking after your safety, please follow these safety tips and rules for operating a motorcycle in the tunnel.

- Due to overhead rock and the enclosed tunnel environment, helmets are required for the operator and any passengers.
- Motorcycles pulling trailers with tires less 3.5
  inches in width are not recommended to use
  the tunnel. Motorcycles pulling trailers
  through tunnel with tire widths less than 3.5
  inches risk contact with the rail.
- Motorcycles will be released at the end of the scheduled opening, a minute and a half behind other traffic. There will be no other vehicles, except motorcycles, behind you inside the tunnel.
- Motorcycles should stage in lane 8 in the
  - Whittier Staging Area, unless otherwise directed by traffic control.

Wait for the

light in your

lane to turn



Traffic lights to look for in the staging area

green before proceeding.

 Cross the rail at an angle, ride between the rails at all times and avoid any contact with the rail.

- Ride in single file. Attempts to ride by side will result in contact with the rail.
- Maintain 25 MPH throughout the tunnel
- Maintain 100 feet of separation.
- Avoid weaving.

# Watch For

In order to safely navigate the tunnel it is necessary for you to look out in front of you. To help you, we have provided a few things to look for.

- The placement of your motorcycle tires.
- Look for possible debris on the road surface.
- Be wary of target fixation that can occur when you look at the
- Watch for other riders, especially those that look like they may be uncomfortable.

end of the tunnel.

- The concrete road surface is often wet, avoid sharp or quick moves.
- 1600 feet from each end of the



Concrete road surface in tunnel

tunnel, at



safe-houses 1 and 8, you may encounter wind turbulence from the jet fans.

Jet fans inside the tunnel

# In Case Of An Accident

- Stay calm, you are on camera and help will be with you as soon as traffic is clear.
- If you are able to reach one of the emergency phones in the tunnel, pick up the phone and the answering operator will assist you. Please inform the operator of any injuries or medical conditions.
- Do not try and move the motorcycle by yourself, wait for help to arrive.
- If you are injured, do not try to move. Help is on the way.
- Have any injuries examined immediately.
   Even scratches or bruises could be signs of a more serious problem that requires greater medical attention.



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PLEASE HAVE A SAFE TRIP!