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New 2.6-Mile Ship Creek Trail Opens to Expand Trail System Anchorage's Newest Trail Connects Downtown to Mountain View Neighborhood

The newest addition to Anchorage's 250-mile trail system – the new Ship Creek Trail – will officially open to the public with a ribbon cutting ceremony at 11 a.m. Tuesday, August 5. The 2.6-mile trail is an extension of the popular Tony Knowles Coastal Trail and connects downtown with the Mountain View neighborhood.

Participating in the ribbon cutting ceremony will be Mayor Mark Begich, Department of Transportation (DOT) Commissioner Leo Von Scheben and DOT Central Region Director Gordon Keith, Alaska Railroad Corporation (ARRC) Vice President, Jim Kubitz, USKH President Tim Vig, and Brian Marsh with Wild Construction.

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Note: To reach Ship Creek, take E Street from 3rd Avenue and continue down the hill. Turn right onto Ship Creek Avenue (across from the Alaska Railroad Headquarters). Drive past the Comfort Inn and look for parking at the Bayview Building – large white building on the left side of the road. Parking is available across the street from the Bayview Building, on the far side (east side) of the Bayview Building and across the street from the Comfort Inn.

The ceremony will take place on the trail bridge across Ship Creek, which is directly behind the Bayview Building.