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MEDIA RELEASE | Progress Continues as Crews Work on Traffic Detour | Update 12

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KETCHIKAN, Alaska – Crews continue to make steady progress in clearing debris from the landslide area, but a newly discovered crack has shifted the response strategy. This area is now under close watch, and a two-lane shoofly detour is being implemented to keep traffic off the main road throughout the response and upcoming construction project.

The goal remains to restore normal traffic flow by Wednesday morning, with 24/7 two-lane access on the detour once emergency work is complete.

For Tuesday, the plan is to begin with single-lane, flagger-controlled travel in the morning. During the daytime, crews will focus on constructing the two-lane shoofly, with a targeted opening of the detour in the evening. Traffic will be directed through a single lane between 6:30 and 8:30 AM, with the new detour expected to be ready for use from 6:00 to 7:30 PM, pending readiness and will close until Wednesday morning when 24/7 access is scheduled to start.

The water shuttle service will stop operations after tomorrow, so travelers are encouraged to plan accordingly for their journeys. Motorists are urged to travel only if essential and to expect delays until the two-lane bypass is complete. The community is thanked for their patience and cooperation as crews work diligently to restore normal traffic flow.

In response to the Wolfe Point landslide, the Ketchikan Gateway Borough has ratified the Mayoral Declaration of Disaster Emergency this evening. This declaration allows for the allocation of additional resources to support response and recovery efforts, emphasizing the importance of maintaining vigilance in the affected areas.

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