



KETCHIKAN GATEWAY BOROUGH
CITY OF KETCHIKAN



Joint Media Release: Third Avenue Landslide Update 12 | Transportation Update

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For Immediate Release

Our main transportation corridor through town has been drastically impacted by the Third Avenue Landslide. Traffic flow is slower than normal due to the ongoing ADoT Tongass Avenue Improvement project. Dawson Construction is working to improve the road surface. While the contractors on site have worked efficiently, and the flaggers move traffic effectively, there are significant delays.

On August 28 local officials met with tour operators and transportation companies to seek solutions for improving the traffic flows through town. Tour companies are working on proactive solutions to reduce the number of vehicles using the main thoroughfare. In addition, options are being pursued for:

- Park and rideshare locations north and south of town;
- Parking solutions in the downtown city corridor;
- Additional traffic control;
- Consolidated and alternate tour routes.

Emergency Response: The traffic delays have increased emergency response significantly.

It is critical that when emergency vehicles have lights on, vehicles must keep moving through the construction zone until there is a safe and large enough space to pull over to let the responder safely pass.

Safe Transportation of Students: The safe transportation of children to and from school is a top priority. Beginning Tuesday, September 3rd, school buses will be operating from 7:00 a.m. to 9:30 a.m. and again from 2:00 to 5:00 p.m.

Request to Citizens:

1. Keep moving through construction zone when emergency vehicles need to get through.
2. Consider using the Borough Transit Bus for transportation. Bus information available at: <https://www.kgbak.us/145/Transit>
3. Consider carpooling or ride sharing opportunities.
4. Consider remote work options.

We want to thank our citizens for their support, cooperation, and for working together to help our community get through this difficult time.

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