

Richardson Highway 2021 Construction Season Fact Sheet

Alaska DOT&PF will be busy upgrading the Richardson Highway between Paxson and Chitina this 2021 summer season. We have three projects that will be under construction from April through October to improve safety and reduce maintenance requirements along this vital highway corridor. Each project has different potential traffic impacts for travelers. Drivers should expect up to an hour of delay if they have to travel through all three projects this summer.

Richardson Hwy MP 159-167 Reconstruction

This three-year construction project is entering its second season. This summer the construction contractor will continue to blast rock cuts along the project corridor to generate material for road construction and work on road realignments, in addition to constructing a new bridge at Haggard Creek.

Traffic impacts will be predominantly during the day and consist of flagger and pilot car operations. Anticipated delay through the project is estimated at 20-30 minutes one-way. Intermittent blasting operations will take place at night and may require longer delays than typical daytime operations.

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Richardson Hwy MP 138-148 Rehabilitation

Construction work includes rehabilitation of the failing road embankment, replacing failing culverts, grinding the existing pavement and re-paving the highway.

Traffic impacts will be during the day and consist of flagger and pilot car operations. Anticipated delay through the project is estimated at 20-30 minutes max one-way.

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Richardson Hwy MP 82-97 Resurfacing

Work on this project includes re-paving the highway and replacing some failing culverts.

Traffic impacts will be during the day and consist of flagger and pilot car operations. Anticipated delay through the project is estimated at 20-30 minutes max one-way.

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