

Plan ahead for increased drive times on US 101 near Shelton

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SHELTON, Wash. - Drivers traveling through Purdy Canyon on US 101 can expect delays for the next several months as contractor crews working for the Washington State Department of Transportation stabilize the hillside adjacent to the highway.

Starting at 7 p.m. Monday, Aug. 19, WSDOT contractor crews will begin work to remove approximately 7,600 dump truck loads of dirt and material from the hillsides. To keep drivers safe, and give crews the space they need to complete this work, crews will reduce US 101 to a single lane during the day, and completely close the highway at night through November.

Closure details

Monday, Aug. 19 – November 2013

• Contractor crews will close US 101 between East Brockdale Road and Skokomish Valley Road from 7 p.m. to 6 a.m. each Monday through Friday night starting Monday, Aug. 19. Depending on progress, crews may also close the highway during nights on weekends. A signed detour will be in place to direct northbound and southbound traffic along State Route 106 back to US 101, adding 10.5 miles to the trip.

• From 6 a.m. to 7 p.m. each day starting Tuesday, Aug. 20, US 101 will be reduced to a single lane between East Eagle Point Drive (milepost 340) and Skokomish Valley Road. Drivers can expect one-way alternating traffic controlled by a traffic signal.

The purpose of this project is to reduce the potential of slide-related closures of US 101. It also will increase motorists's protection from hazards caused by falling debris.

More information about this \$3.5 million project can be found on WSDOT's [project web page](#).