

## Kennedy Hill Road Closure Communications Plan As of May 1, 2018

### Quick Facts and Project Benefits

(Source: Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure)

How long is the project expected to last?

- Construction is expected to last approximately **two years**, beginning in spring 2018 and ending in 2020.

Why is the road work taking place?

- Wider shoulders will **improve safety** for all users of the highway, including vehicles, cyclists and pedestrians.

Where is the road work taking place?

- The project is located **adjacent to Kennedy Lake** approximately 14 kilometers northeast of the Tofino/Ucluelet Hwy 4 junction. The project starts at the bottom/south end of Kennedy Hill at the TR19 Creek culvert and continues up the hill towards Port Alberni for a distance of approximately 1.5 kilometers.

How should we plan our trip to the West Coast?

- Travelers should plan for the trip between Port Alberni to the Tofino/Ucluelet junction to take 2 hours during the day.

What are the expected delays?

- 30-minute travel delays due to single-lane alternating traffic at the construction site are expected each day
- Complete road closures for 1-3 hour periods overnight are planned (between the hours of 1am-4am, 5am-7am and 10 pm-midnight.)
- It is advised that all travelers along Highway 4 plan to complete their journeys before 9:00pm to avoid possible 2-3 hour road closure periods overnight.

Where can I find up-to-date information and the status about the highway?

- Visitors are encouraged to check current road conditions and travel delay information before setting out on the drive between Port Alberni and the West Coast (126 kilometers/78 miles along Highway 4) so that they can plan their travel accordingly. Current information can be found at two British Columbia Ministry of Transportation's websites:
  - [www.drivebc.ca](http://www.drivebc.ca)
  - [www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/transportation/transportation-infrastructure/projects/highway4kennedyhill/traffic-advisories](http://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/transportation/transportation-infrastructure/projects/highway4kennedyhill/traffic-advisories)

- Twitter: Tourism Tofino @tourism\_tofino

- Additional travel and destination information will be available from both Tourism Tofino ([www.tourismtofino.com](http://www.tourismtofino.com)) and Tourism Ucluelet ([www.discoverucluelet.com](http://www.discoverucluelet.com))

What should I have in the car on our journey to the West Coast?

- Visitors are encouraged to prepare for travel delays by ensuring that they have enough fuel, water and food prior to leaving Port Alberni.

Will I have cell service?

- Cell phone coverage is typically unavailable along most of Highway 4 between Port Alberni and the Tofino/Ucluelet junction.

Are there washrooms along the way?

- Washroom facilities along Highway 4 are also intermittent. Taylor Arm pullout and Kennedy River pullout.

What happens in the case of an emergency?

- Emergency vehicles will be prioritized to pass through the Highway 4 construction site with minimal delay via advanced notice given direct to the site from dispatchers.
- Alternative modes of transportation (commercial airlines, float plane charters etc.) can be presented.

What time should we be leaving Port Alberni?

Visitors leaving Port Alberni after 7:30pm should be encouraged to prepare for travel delays by ensuring that they have enough fuel, water and food.

## **NOTE**

Tourism Tofino, Tourism Ucluelet, Pacific Rim National Park Reserve and the area governments will display a homepage bulletin, advising all website users of the roadwork. A landing page will contain links to current information and recommended travel timing. Regular updates will be posted on our social media channels, principally Twitter and Facebook, and members are urged to amplify this messaging to your followers.

***This information is current as of May 1, 2018, as Tourism Ucluelet receives more information we will update the website and FAQ.***