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## Situation Report



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### Earthquake Damage Situation Report, Thursday, November 07, 2002

Project work to repair and restore 3,200 feet of the Northway airport began today. The Northway airport is an important customs airport for small carriers coming from Canada into Alaska. Repairing 3,200 feet of the runway will enable the airport to operate this winter. Further upgrades will occur next summer.

Mentasta road is open and has been restored to full width.

DOT is reminding the public to watch for truck traffic and flaggers in all areas affected by Sunday's earthquake.

Highway Status:

**Richardson Highway: Road Open.**

DOT crews continue to make repairs on areas affected by the earthquake. Please watch for truck traffic and flaggers from mile 196 to mile 216.

**Alaska Highway: Road Open.**

The Alaska Highway was damaged at Milepost 1269. DOT made emergency repairs and the drivers are asked to reduce speed and watch for loose gravel in this area.

**Tok Cutoff: Road Open via pilot car during daylight hours 8am-4pm. Expect one hour delay.**

The Tok Cutoff Highway received extensive damage during the earthquake from Milepost 74-84. Single lane traffic is allowed only from 8am-4pm. Pilot cars will escort traffic, expect one hour delays. Alaskans traveling between Tok and Glennallen are being asked to coordinate their travel during the daytime or use the Richardson and Alaska Highways to detour the area during the evening.

**Mentasta Road: Road is Open.**

Mentasta Road was damaged during the earthquake. DOT has restored it to full width.

**Parks Highway: Road is Open.**

Southbound lane was damaged at Milepost 258. DOT has made temporary repairs to the road. Please reduce speed and watch for loose gravel in this area.

**Northway Road: Road is Open.**

Northway road was damaged in areas. DOT made emergency repairs. Please reduce speeds through these areas and watch for loose gravel.

Airport Status:

**Northway Airport Closed.**

Contractor began work on Northway Airport today to restore 3,200 feet of runway in order to allow community and pilots to use airport this winter.

For more information contact Shannon McCarthy, DOT Northern Region information officer, at (907) 451-2240.