

Long closures at Last Chance Grade are ending

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Long closures at Last Chance Grade will soon come to an end, according to a Tuesday press release from CalTrans.

“We have met our goal and will soon put an end to four-hour closures at Last Chance Grade. Beginning Monday, August 30, you can expect up to 30-minute delays in the area at all hours,” according to the release.

The small stretch of Highway 101 between Crescent City and Klamath known as Last Chance Grade has been hampered with long work closures since a landslide swept over the road in February. In July, CalTrans extended daily closures from two to four hours in an effort to speed up the clean up operation.

“All excavation and slide material removal operations are scheduled to be completed by August 30. Crews will be wrapping up the installation of anchored mesh covering the slope next week and throughout September. Depending on helicopter and pilot availability (as many are busy battling wildfires), we may require a couple of days with 1 to 2-hour closures in September to complete the remaining mesh installation. All future full closures will be planned around bus and commute schedules.”

Until August 30, the closure schedule at Last Chance Grade will remain the same with four hour closures occurring Monday-Thursday 8 a.m. to noon and 3 p.m. to 7 p.m. and on Fridays from 8 a.m. to noon. At all other times motorists should expect 30-minute delays.

“One-way traffic control is expected to remain in effect at Last Chance Grade until the fall of 2022 as crews are also still completing adjacent retaining wall work. After that, we anticipate the area will see two-way traffic for the first time since 2014.”