

## Repairs to Pioneer Road begin



George Williams of Quigg Bros. Inc., operates earthmoving equipment along Pioneer Boulevard on Monday. The roadside area is being repaired after a slide.

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Work began Monday on Pioneer Boulevard near Fairfield Street in Aberdeen to shore up a portion of the curvy road after a slide washed it out early last winter.

“The road has been out of service for six months but now we’re going forward,” Public Works Director Rick Sangder said.

Though only a portion of roadway was actually washed out, Sangder explained continuing to allow people to drive over it at all “would have made the roadway unstable.”

Adding to the lengthy closure was the road not being busy enough to be considered a collector or arterial street, which meant no Federal Emergency Management or other emergency money was available to Aberdeen to repair Pioneer, even though winter weather caused the washout, said Sangder. So the city will foot the \$113,000 price tag.

Residents who live near the portion of the road they would normally use to travel into town have been going the long way around, said Rhonda Fink, who lives on along Pioneer on Think of Me Hill.

“I’m really shocked someone wasn’t out here fixing it,” Fink said. “This is a tsunami route.”

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Fink remembered the same stretch of road washing out in the past, and hoped the work would keep the road secure long-term.

Other than that, the road being closed has been “an inconvenience because it’s not like we can’t get out,” she said.

Sangder said the work should be done in a couple weeks.

“It’s a pretty straight-forward job,” he added.