

Alyeska Freight Around the Clock

ANCHORAGE, ALASKA, June 17, 1975 — Vitally needed freight for the trans Alaska pipeline was to resume traveling north from Fairbanks around the clock this week as repairs were completed on the Elliot Highway.

The road suffered substantial damage after spring thaw and traffic dispatched by Alyeska Pipeline Service Company was restricted last week to allow road repair equipment to operate. Alyeska halted traffic between 6 a.m. and 6 p.m. for several days.

Even with curtailment, however, more than 400 loads were sent north during the week and double joints of 48-inch pipe were shipped to a field storage site at Wickersham Dome at Mile 28 on the Elliott Highway.

Shipment of the 80-foot long double joints was to continue this week to Livengood, and to Pump Station 8, east of Fairbanks.

The highway movement center at the Fairbanks pipe storage yard reported traffic was moving smoothly across the Air Cushion Transporter ferry system at the Yukon River, although there had been a disruption of service Thursday due to an equipment malfunction.

The center delayed traffic bound north of the Yukon until the ferry returned to service.