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Road Delays for the week of July 16-20, 2018

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Chip Sealing:

Drivers may encounter delays as the 2018 chip sealing operations resume **Monday, July 16 through Thursday, July 19 in the Castle Rock and Kelso area.**

Roads scheduled for Chip Sealing (in approximate order) include:

Castle Rock: Firlane Place, Firlane Road, Davis Road, Elwood Road, Dahlman Road, Silver Lake Acres Road, Rink Road, South Silver Lake Road, landfill roads and Headquarters Road.

Kelso: Madera Drive, Brighten Place, Michels Drive, Hilltop Drive, Hilltop Spur, Vision Drive, Brookside Drive, Grade Street, Western Lane, Crestwood Lane, Grimm Road, Alma Drive, North Alma Drive, East Terrace Way, Valley View Drive, Clinton Street, Douglas Street, Hazel Street, Virginia Street, Hawthorne Street, Olive Street, Willow Street, South 6th Avenue, Rosewood Street,, South 5th Avenue, South 4th Avenue, Nella Street, South 4th Avenue, Graham Drive, Hillview Drive, Ivy Lane, Pauli Drive, Greeley Drive, Miller Drive, Hamilton Heights Road and Mt Brynion Road.

After the Kelso area roads have been completed, chip sealing operations are expected to move to the Kalama area.

Chip sealing is the primary surface type throughout Cowlitz County. Crews place a thin layer of oil, followed by specific rock chips. Sweepers ensure an even rock application while a roller packs the rocks into the oil. Within a week crews will return to sweep any excess rock that has not bonded to the oil surface. The treatment is applied approximately every seven years to keep roads in good quality. Chip seal is a cost-effective preservation treatment. Flaggers will direct traffic during chip sealing operations.

Road Striping:

Kalama and Kelso - Drivers may encounter slow moving paint striping trucks Monday, July 16 through Friday, July 20 in the Kalama and Kelso areas. Once the list of roads has been completed, striping operations will move to roads that were chip sealed this summer.

Roads scheduled for striping (in approximate order) include:

Kalama: South Cloverdale Road, Cloverdale Road, Confer Road, Todd Road, Old Pacific Hwy South, Toteff Road, Kilkelly Road, Vincent Road, Sauer Road, Jaeger Road, Gore Road, Spencer Creek Road and Vivian Road.

Kelso: Old 99 South, Mt Pleasant Road, Kingsbury Road, Harrison Road, Kool Road, Olsen Road, Fish Pond Road, Cornwell Road, Duncan Road, Rose Valley Road, Bodine Road, North Bodine Road, Goble Loop Road, Zillig Road, Mahaffey Road, North Maple Hill Road and Norwood Drive.

Motorists encountering the lead buffer truck are asked to wait until the last truck has passed before entering the roadway. Drivers behind, or travelling opposite of the painting operation, should not cross the paint lines.

Per WAC 308-330-412, it is unlawful to drive across freshly applied markings. If vehicles do need to exit the roadway, they should proceed slowly at a 90 degree angle. Paint drying times will depend on weather, but it is generally dry within five minutes.

Road Construction Projects Underway (previous press releases):

Drivers may encounter delays as contractors **conduct repair projects in both the 200 and 300 blocks of Rose Valley Road** this summer. The first project, to replace a retaining wall in the 300 block (MP 0.45 – 0.46), **began Thursday, July 5th**. A second project, to repair an embankment that is undermining the road in the 200 block (MP 0.21 – 0.34), is expected to begin in early August. Both repair projects will require the closure of the westbound lane in that portion of Rose Valley Road. One lane will remain open and traffic will be alternated through the work zones via the use of an automated, portable traffic light system.

A waterline repair project by Clark & Sons Excavating, Inc., a contractor for the City of Castle Rock, will require the **closure of a portion of Powell Road at the overpass over I-5, beginning at 7:00 am, Monday, July 16**. The project, and the overpass closure, is expected **to be completed by 7:00 pm Friday, August 3**. Signs will be posted to direct travelers through a detour route.

For additional project information, contact Castle Rock Public Works Department at (360) 274-7478.

Please use caution near construction zones and obey the directions of construction personnel and traffic control devices.

Paint striping, chip sealing, overlay paving, culvert replacements and road improvements are scheduled throughout the summer. For up-to-date information please call the Department of Public Works at (360) 577-3030, or visit our website at www.co.cowlitz.wa.us/publicworks, or the Cowlitz County Department of Public Works Facebook page.

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