



# Cowlitz County

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## News Release

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### Road Delays for the week of July 30 – August 3, 2018

#### Chip Sealing:

Drivers may encounter delays as the 2018 chip sealing operations continue **Monday, July 30 through Thursday, August 2 in the Kalama area.**

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

**Kalama:** Bates Road, Modrow Road, Old Spreadborough Road, Laverne Drive, Fallert Road, Hanson Road, Mountain View Road, Woolford Road and Kalama River Road (from approximately Greenwood Road (MP 9.17) to the Kalama City limits (MP 0.74) at Norris Pit Road).

Note: Depending on the rate of completion, chip sealing operations may continue Friday, August 3 or Saturday, August 4 to complete 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 Construction Projects Underway (previous press release):

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 late August (Note: This was revised from the previous estimate of 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.

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

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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](http://www.co.cowlitz.wa.us/publicworks), or the Cowlitz County Department of Public Works Facebook page.

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