



# Cowlitz County

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## News Release

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### Road Delays for the week of July 13-17, 2020

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#### Chip Sealing:

The start of 2020 chip sealing operations was delayed due to wet weather. It is now scheduled to begin **Monday, July 13 in the Castle Rock 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, often multiple times. 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.

**Roads scheduled for Chip Sealing (in approximate order) include:** McKee Road, Cook Ferry Road, Cemetery Road, Umiker Road, Conger Spur, Conger Road, Titus Road, Ogden Spur, Ogden Road, Cline Road, Armstrong Road, Military Road, Deweese Loop, Growlers Gulch Spur, Growlers Gulch Road, Cougar Flat Road, Ferguson Road, Vaness Road, Dixon Lane, Coyote Lane, P.H. 10, Quick Road, Larsen Lane, 2<sup>nd</sup> Avenue SW, Hibbard Street SW, Aden Street SW, 1<sup>st</sup> Avenue SW, D Street SW, Mosier Road, Fair Lane, Green Acres Drive and Green Acres Way.

Chip sealing operations are expected to continue in the Castle Rock area on Monday, July 20. Updated scheduling will be released next week. Subsequent schedules will include roads in the Longview, Kelso and Kalama areas. Maps by County area, of roads to be chip sealed, are available on the Public Works web page.

#### Road Striping:

Wet weather conditions also delayed the start of road striping, though striping operations have begun. Drivers may encounter slow moving paint striping trucks the remainder of this week, and early next week, **in northern portions of Cowlitz County.** Striping operations will then shift to the Longview area.

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.

**Toutle, Silverlake and Castle Rock Area (in approximate order):** Hall Road, Streeter Road, Shenandoah Drive, Sandra Road, George Taylor Road, Wiley Road, Kerr Road, Silver Shores Drive, Paine Road, Estes Road, Carnine Road, Schaffran Road, Hinch Road, Si Town Road, South Silver Lake Road (to Headquarters Road), Schutt Road, Dahlman Road, Elwood Road, Tower Road, Stillmeadows Lane, Storm Road, Finkas Road, Toutle River Road, River View Drive, Pumice Road, Kroll Road, Studebaker Spur #2, Studebaker Road, Old Pacific Highway North, Toutle Park Road, Burma Road, Caldwell Road, Barnes Drive, Imboden Road, Dwight Road, West Side Highway (north of high school), Chapman Road, Ryderwood area, Agren Road, Olequa Heights Road, Casey Road, Beebe Road, East Beebe Road, Gasssman Road, Wren Loop Road, Sandy Bend Road, Blauser Road, Mull Road, Waters Road, Hicks Road, Hoyer Road and Cook Ferry Road.

**Lexington, Longview Hillside and West Longview (in approximate order):** Rainbow Way, Sparks Drive, Shoreview Drive, Alpha Drive, Olson Road, Inglewood Drive, Nevada Drive, Columbia Heights Road, South Nevada Drive, West Beacon Hill Drive, North Columbia Heights Road, Gorans Road, Parke Lane, Laulainen Road, Cedar Gates Road, Alpine Way, Lone Oak Road, Sunset Way, 37<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Sunset Drive, Monticello Drive, Montvale Way, Clark Creek Road, North 50<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Pacific Terrace, Coal Creek Road, Woodside Drive, Carlon Loop Road, Ragland Road, Tanglewood Drive, West Port Way, International Way and Fibre Way.

Striping is expected to resume on Monday, July 20. An updated schedule of roads will be released when it becomes available.

### **Pavement Overlay Status:**

Drivers may encounter delays due to paving for the 2020 Countywide Overlay Project. Lakeside Industries, under contract with Cowlitz County, began paving this week. Paving operations are expected to require four weeks to complete.

**Roads scheduled for Overlay Paving (in approximate order) include:** Hazel Dell Road, Melton Road, Monahan Road, Delameter Road, Parker Road, Headquarters Road, South Silver Lake Road, Dougherty Drive, Powell Road, Castle Rock Sports Complex, Martin's Bluff Road, Shirley Gordon Road, Green Mountain Road, Little Kalama River Road, Butte Hill Road, Insel Road, Finn Hall Road, Fredrickson Road, Merwin Village Road, Mill Creek Road, Oak Point Road, Cathlamet Road, Bunker Hill Road, Beacon Hill Road, Norwood Drive, Pare Drive, County portion of Tennant Way and Maple Hill Road.

Flaggers will be present as one lane will be closed. Drivers should expect delays of up to 15 minutes between 7:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m. in the active work zones.

Please use caution near construction zones and obey the directions of construction personnel and traffic control devices. Note: Both chip sealing and road striping operations are weather dependent. Moisture and temperature conditions can slow or postpone operations. Projected schedules are approximate.

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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