



# Cowlitz County

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## News Release

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### Road Delays for the week of August 10-14, 2020

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#### Chip Sealing:

Drivers may encounter delays due to the 2020 chip sealing operations **Monday, August 10 through Thursday, August 13 in the rural Kelso 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:** Painter Roth Road, Mt Brynion Road, Brussat Road, Hageman Road, Fouch Road, Johnson Lane, Williams-Finney Road, Allen Street, P.G. Sweet Road, Dungan Road, Harris Street Road, Carroll Road and Old 99 South.

Chip sealing operations are expected to continue in the Kalama River Road area on Monday, August 17. Updated scheduling will be released next week. Maps by County area, of the roads to be chip sealed, are available on the Public Works web page.

#### White Road Culvert Replacement Project:

Advanced Excavating Specialists, under contract with Cowlitz County, are continuing a culvert replacement project on White Road in Castle Rock. One lane will remain open for travel. Project completion is expected Monday, August 17.

#### Coyote Lane / Baxter Creek Bridge Project:

Legacy Contracting, Inc., under contract with Cowlitz County, are installing a bridge to replace a culvert to improve road safety and enhance fish passage at Milepost 0.16 on Coyote Lane in Castle Rock. One lane will remain open for travel. Project completion is expected in early November.

### **Rose Valley Road / Turner Creek Culvert Replacement Project:**

Advanced Excavating Specialists, under contract with Cowlitz County, are continuing a culvert replacement / fish passage project between Milepost 3.75 and 3.83 on Rose Valley Road in Kelso. One lane will remain open for travel. Project completion is expected in early October.

### **Delameter Road Reconstruction Project:**

C & R Tractor and Landscaping, under contract with Cowlitz County, has resumed work on the Delameter Road Reconstruction Project. This safety improvement project will replace culverts, widen travel lanes and modify curves and slopes from Milepost 0.90 to 2.33 (Cline Road to Melton Road).

The contractor is responsible for maintaining safe passage, with travel delays of 20 minutes or less, through the work zone during the construction project. Inquiries and concerns should be directed to their General Superintendent for the project: Jayson Johnson, C & R Tractor and Landscaping at (360) 577-8288.

### **Road Striping:**

The road striping contractor has relocated their operations to areas outside of Cowlitz County. Painting of road markings is expected to resume within Cowlitz County later in August.

### **Pavement Overlay Complete:**

The 2020 Countywide Overlay Project is expected to be completed by Thursday, August 6. No additional delays due to overlay paving are expected this summer.

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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