



Cowlitz County

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Road Delays for the week of August 17-21, 2020

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Chip Sealing:

Drivers may encounter delays due to the 2020 chip sealing operations **Monday, August 17 through Thursday, August 20 in the Kalama River Road 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: Greenwood Road, Kelly Road, Weyerhaeuser Road, Kalama River Road (MP 9.17 – 16.95) and Gobar Creek Road.

Weather permitting, chip sealing operations are expected to be completed by Friday, August 21. Updated scheduling, if needed, will be released next week. Maps by County area, of the roads to be chip sealed, are available on the Public Works web page.

Delameter Road Reconstruction Project:

C & R Tractor and Landscaping, under contract with Cowlitz County, are constructing 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).

C & R Tractor and Landscaping is responsible for maintaining safe vehicle passage, with travel delays of up to 20 minutes, 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.

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.

Mahaffey Road Culvert Replacement Project:

Advanced Excavating Specialists, under contract with Cowlitz County, are scheduled to begin a culvert replacement project Monday in the 600 block of Mahaffey Road in Kelso. The road will be closed beginning 7:00 AM Monday, August 17th at the project location with a signed detour using North Mahaffey Road and private roads. A map of the detour route is available on the press release page of the Public Works website. Project completion is expected in late September.

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, or the Cowlitz County Department of Public Works Facebook page.

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