

Frequently Asked Questions

Why is line-of-sight distance important?

Line-of-sight distance is how far a person can see in any direction before a tree, hill, or house is in the way. It is important in road engineering because drivers use line-of-sight to determine if there is enough distance to turn onto or off of the road. Improving line-of-sight distance on South Silver Lake Road should improve overall driver safety.

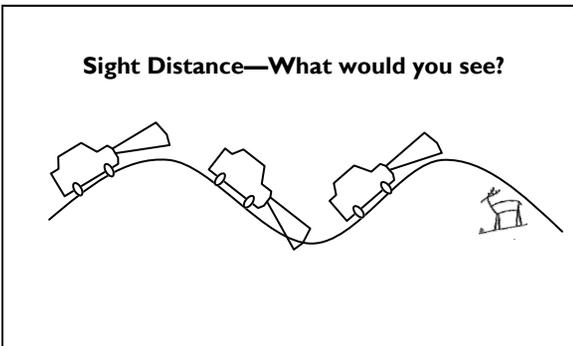
The intersection projects will also improve line-of-sight. Perpendicular, or 90 degree, angles are the most effective layout for intersections, reducing confusion, increasing visibility and safety. Shoulders will be widened and obstacles removed from the clear zone adjacent to the roadway.

How will the project benefit the area?

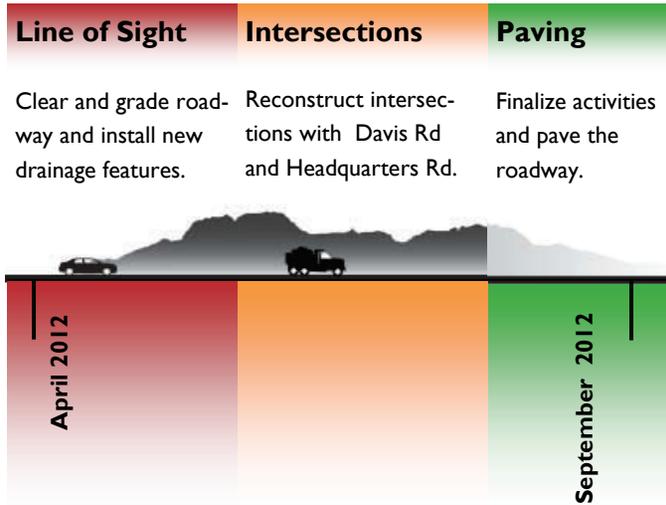
In addition to the safety improvements several new or replacement culverts are being installed. The new culverts will improve drainage through the County right-of-way and reduce moisture on the road surface.

What kind of delays should I expect?

You should expect delays of approximately 15 minutes. Most of the time we anticipate the contractor will be able to keep traffic going with minimal delays. Check the weekly traffic delay website or project website at www.co.cowlitz.wa.us/publicworks to get the most up-to-date information on expected delays and work zones.



CONSTRUCTION TIMELINE



Where can I find information about this project?

www.co.cowlitz.wa.us/publicworks/Engineering/CurrentProjects

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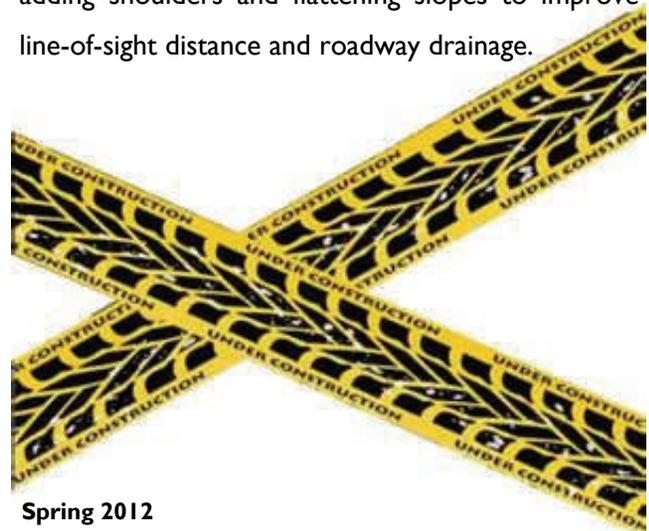


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South Silver Lake Road Reconstruction



The South Silver Lake Road Reconstruction Project will improve safety by realigning two intersections, adding shoulders and flattening slopes to improve line-of-sight distance and roadway drainage.



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South Silver Lake Road Reconstruction Project Map

Project area and new roadway alignments.

Existing slopes and curves limit line-of-sight distance in several locations, reducing safety.



Davis/Headquarters and South Silver lake/Headquarters intersections are confusing and have poor visibility.



South Silver Lake Road

Davis Road

Headquarters Road

