



# Cowlitz County

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## News Release

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### Road Delays for the week of August 3-7, 2020

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#### Chip Sealing:

Drivers may encounter delays due to the 2020 chip sealing operations **Monday, August 3 through Thursday, August 7 in the rural Longview and 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:** Haryu Road, Brock Creek Road, Ferncrest Road, Shamrock Road, Jackson Road, Grassetth-Poston Road, Eufaula Heights Road, Don Martin Road and Harmony Drive in Longview. Then moving to Kelso roads Thursday beginning with Collins Road, West Stock Road, Pleasant Hill Spur, Kismet Place, Nob Lane Washburn Road, Dahlquist Road, Eddie Place, Bellevue Place and Randa Road.

Chip sealing operations are expected to continue in the rural Kelso area on Monday, August 10. Updated scheduling will be released next week. Subsequent schedules will include roads in the Kalama River Road area. Maps by County area, of the roads to be chip sealed, are available on the Public Works web page.

#### 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 in approximately two week

#### Pavement Overlay Status:

Drivers may encounter delays due to paving for the 2020 Countywide Overlay Project. Lakeside Industries, under contract with Cowlitz County, is scheduled to pave in the Longview and Kelso areas next week. If weather allows overlay paving operations to remain on schedule, paving is expected to be completed at the end of next week.

**Roads scheduled for Overlay Paving (in approximate order) include:** 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.

**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 in mid-August.

**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.

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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