



Cowlitz County

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Road Delays for the week of November 9-13, 2020

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(NEW) South Toutle Road Bridge Project:

Lee Contractors LLC, under contract with Cowlitz County, are repairing a bridge between Milepost 1.00 and 1.25 on South Toutle Road (shortly before Harry Gardner Park). The repairs will include expansion joint, approach pavement and guardrail ends. One lane will remain open for travel. Project completion is expected in December.

McCorkle Creek Detention Structure Project:

Nutter Corporation, under contract with the Lexington Flood Control Zone District, is constructing phase one of a three-phase project to raise the South Fork McCorkle Creek Detention Structure, located at the west end of Sparks Drive. Raising the existing water detention by 13 feet will provide the capacity to retain the runoff from a 100-year rainfall event, significantly increasing flood protection for the Lexington area. This pre-load phase will require a short-term increase in truck traffic along Sparks Drive.

An earthen dam will be constructed in phase two, scheduled for spring-summer 2021, while a new spillway will be constructed in the final phase, scheduled fall 2021 to spring 2022. For additional information, please contact Patrick Harbison, Diking Engineer, at (360) 577-3030 ext-6536.

Ostrander Retaining Wall Removal Project:

JH Kelly LLC, under contract with Cowlitz County, are removing an old retaining wall at the three-way intersection of North Pacific Avenue, Ostrander Road and Ostrander Avenue. The surface will be sloped back from the road, eliminating the need for a replacement wall. Occasional traffic control, including flagging, may be necessary however traffic impacts should be minimal. Project completion is expected in early December.

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 November.

Delameter Road Reconstruction Project:

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

C & R Tractor and Landscaping is responsible for maintaining safe vehicle passage, with travel delays of no more than 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.

Please use caution near construction zones and obey the directions of construction personnel and traffic control devices. Weather 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 and early autumn. 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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