



Cowlitz County

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Road Delays for the week of July 12-16, 2021

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Road Striping Postponed:

The 2021 road striping project that was scheduled to begin in the Woodland area on Wednesday, July 7 is on hold. The contractor has notified Public Works that they are currently unable to obtain the specialized yellow paint required for striping. It is anticipated that this will delay the start of the striping program by several weeks. The revised schedule of roads to be striped will be released when it becomes available.

Chip Sealing:

The 2021 chip sealing project is scheduled to begin **Tuesday, July 13 in the Castle Rock 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 over several weeks. 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: Storm Road, Coyote Lane, Bush Loop, Suthard Road, Leonard Loop, Delameter Lane, Oller Road, Crimmins Road, Shulke Road and Bosler Loop.

Chip sealing operations are expected to continue in the north County area on Monday, July 19. Updated scheduling will be released next week. Subsequent schedules will include roads in the Longview, Kelso, Kalama and Woodland areas. Maps by County area, of roads to be chip sealed, should become available next week and will be posted on the Public Works web page.

Please use caution near construction zones and obey the directions of construction personnel and traffic control devices. Note: Road maintenance operations are weather dependent. Moisture and temperature conditions may slow or postpone operations. Projected schedules are approximate.

Paint striping, chip sealing, 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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