



# Cowlitz County

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## News Release

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### Road Delays for the week of July 26-31, 2021

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#### Road Striping:

Drivers may encounter slow moving paint striping trucks **continue working daily next week on roads in rural Cowlitz County**. Due to the typically short notice of specific roads to be painted by the contractor on a given day, we are unable to provide a list with this notice. Please monitor the Department of Public Works Facebook page for updates. The 2021 Striping program is expected to continue into mid-August, and should generally progress from south to north through Cowlitz County.

Motorists encountering the lead buffer truck are asked to wait until the last truck has passed before entering the roadway. **Drivers behind, or travelling opposite of the painting operation, should not cross the paint lines. Per WAC 308-330-412, it is unlawful to drive across freshly applied markings.** If vehicles do need to exit the roadway, they should proceed slowly at a 90 degree angle. Paint drying times will depend on weather, but it is generally dry within five minutes.

#### Chip Sealing:

Chip sealing operations are currently on hold due to equipment problems. There will be no chip sealing on Monday, July 26, 2021. A projected schedule will be released once repairs have been completed.

Maps of County roads scheduled to be chip sealed in 2021 are available on the Public Works web page.

Road striping and chip sealing operations are weather dependent. Moisture and temperature conditions may slow or postpone operations. Projected schedules are approximate.

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

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](http://www.co.cowlitz.wa.us/publicworks), or the Cowlitz County Department of Public Works Facebook page.

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