

NEWS RELEASE

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TO: KMAS, KRXY, SHELTON-MASON COUNTY JOURNAL, THE OLYMPIAN, SHELTON CHAMBER OF COMMERCE, NORTH MASON CHAMBER OF COMMERCE, CITY OF SHELTON, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL, THE SUN

RE COUNTY ROAD CHIP SEAL AND RESTRIPIING IN THE MONTHS OF JULY AND AUGUST

The Mason County Public Works Department would like to notify motorists that the annual road maintenance chip seal and restriping program will be running through the months of July and August (weather permitting). Approximately forty-eight segments throughout the County will receive treatment during this project (Ten City Roads will also be chip sealed by the County through a inter-local chip seal agreement).

Chip sealing is a thin layer of road resurfacing that protects and extends pavement life. First the road surface is prepared by patching or crack filling and surface cleaning, then a spray binder is applied, a thin layer of gravel chips is placed, followed by several passes with a roller and the sweeping of excess chips. The final step will be re-establishment of traffic striping.

Most of our County Roads are restriped every year to improve deteriorated night reflective striping. This year, Road Runner Striping Incorporated out of Puyallup, Washington has been contracted to complete the restriping work.

During chip seal and restriping, delays should be expected. Motorists are advised to use caution while driving through the work area and not to cross the painted lines.

The County Sheriff's Department will be providing traffic safety during chip seal and restriping.

The County appreciates motorist taking extra care while chip seal and striping are in progress.

For a complete list of County roads being chip sealed or restriped please visit the County Web site at www.co.mason.wa.us or call the Public Works Department at (360) 427-9670, Ext. 450.

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