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County to repave 125 miles of roadway

Snohomish County and partnering cities will begin resurfacing about 125 miles of roadway as part of an annual resurfacing project.

While some work already has begun, the majority of the program will begin in mid-June at various locations throughout the county.

Each year, the county evaluates its entire roadway network in an effort to develop a plan for maintaining county roads in the most cost-effective way.

The 2008 Overlay and Chip Seal programs will use about 84,000 tons of asphalt to repair, preserve or resurface approximately 121 miles of county roadways and about 4 miles of city streets in Woodway, Marysville, Monroe and Lake Stevens. Cities pay the costs of repaving their own roads.

A thick overlay will be applied to 22.6 miles of the county network, while a chip seal or thin overlay will be used on 98.1 miles.

Typically, the county resurfaces roads in one of three ways:

- **Thin overlays**: County Road Maintenance crews put about an inch of asphalt on residential streets marred by potholes and minor deterioration.
- **Thick overlays**: The county's contractor applies 2 to 3 inches of asphalt on moderately to severely deteriorated arterials and residential streets in need of "structural" overlays.
- **Chip Seals**: County Road Maintenance crews repair weathered arterials and residential streets by pre-leveling with hot asphalt, then applying a layer of asphalt oil, followed by a layer of crushed rock. This extends the usable life of a road by seven to 10 years and at a minimal cost.

For more information on the annual repaving project, including a list of locations, go to www.snoco.org and search "resurfacing," or contact Joyce Barnes at 425-388-3488, ext. 4530.

For specific information about the thick overlays schedule, contact Pete Michael at 425-388-6662. If you have a question or comment about the construction phase of the work, contact Hamid Aslani, (425) 388-3488, ext. 4294.

For information about the chip seal schedule, contact Duane Myers, Snohomish County Public Works Road Maintenance, at 425-388-7500 or 1-800-562-4367, ext. 7500.

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