

## **Media Advisory – June 5, 2009**

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### **Resurfacing program targets 110 miles of roadways**

Snohomish County and partnering cities will soon begin their annual resurfacing and road repair program, this year focusing on 110 miles of county roadways.

Each year the county evaluates its entire roadway network in an effort to develop a multi-year plan for preserving and maintaining county roads in the most cost-effective way possible. The 2009 Overlay and Chip Seal programs will repair, preserve or resurface 108 miles of county roadways and about two miles of city streets in Arlington, Woodway and Brier. Work within cities is paid for by the municipality.

A thick overlay will be applied to almost 13 miles of the county network while a chip seal or thin overlay will be used to repair and preserve more than 95 miles. Road Maintenance crews will use about 20,000 tons of asphalt to patch rough or failing pavement in preparation for chip sealing.

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: A county contractor applies 2-3 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 where necessary, 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.

Chip sealing is scheduled to begin in north Snohomish County on July 6. South county work will begin mid-August. Overlay work should begin by July 1. All work associated with the 2009 contract has been awarded to Lakeside Industries.

When the contractor has finished work on a particular road, county crews add striping and place crushed rock along the shoulders where needed.

Snohomish County works with cities in an effort to reduce costs, especially for the purchase of asphalt.

In the past, crews would grind and haul away old asphalt, but this year, crews will now reuse ground material as part of the new road base to save money and time.

The 2009 Resurfacing Program includes work on approximately 198 county roads. Work schedules are weather dependent as paving activities require sufficiently warm and dry weather. Typically, crews are in and out of any given location within a week to lessen impacts on residents and businesses.

The 2009 Road Resurfacing Program will focus on the following Snohomish County areas:

<b>County/City Areas</b>	<b>Number of Road Locations</b>	<b>Total Road Miles</b>
Arlington	9	13.53
Bothell	3	0.39
Brier	8	0.74
Bryant / Grandview	23	21.46
Cicero	9	4.05
Darrington	20	7.77
Everett	23	0.28
Getchell	1	3.95
Gold Bar	1	1.8
Gold Bar / Sky Valley	1	6.4
Granite Falls	7	8.00
Lake Roesiger	6	7.05
Lake Stevens	32	4.25
Lakewood / Lake Goodwin	6	5.37
Lynnwood	1	0.34
Maltby	8	2.12
Marysville	3	3.74
Mill Creek	1	0.78
Monroe	11	6.40
Snohomish	8	3.05
Stanwood	1	0.37
Three Lakes	4	1.75
Tulalip	12	6.06
Brier	6	0.77
Woodway	3	0.90
Arlington	1	0.44
<b>Total</b>	<b>208</b>	<b>109.94</b>

For more information on the annual repaving project, including a list of locations, go to [www.snoco.org](http://www.snoco.org) and search “resurfacing,” or contact Joyce Barnes at 425-388-3488, ext. 4530.

For information about the Thick Overlays schedule, contact Charlie Mathison, (425) 388-6673. 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 (800) 562-4367 ext. 7500.

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