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Road work to slow traffic on Machias Road at OK Mill Road

Asphalt, concrete removal and repaving to cause 10 days of delays, lane closures

Construction at the “T” intersection at Machias Road and OK Mill Road will reach a critical juncture over the next week and a half, Snohomish County Public Works reports. Starting Friday, April 29 (weather permitting), crews will begin grinding and removing the old asphalt on the 900-foot-long portion of Machias Road that is being realigned at the intersection of OK Mill Road.

The asphalt removal will be followed on Tuesday, May 3 (weather permitting) by grinding and pulverizing of the underlying concrete.

The work will require lane closures and frequent delays, although no full road closures are planned. The Machias Road surface will be rough and uneven, with loose gravel throughout the project area. Flagger will be on site to assist traffic.

Motorists, particularly motorcyclists, are urged to use extreme caution, drive slowly through the construction zone and take alternate routes if possible.

Following the concrete pulverization, crews will repave the newly aligned roadway. “We hope to have the whole stretch paved by Mother’s Day (May 8),” says Project Engineer Bob Morrison. “But, of course, all the work is dependent on weather.”

The \$8-million project (which also includes replacing the OK Mill Road Bridge #44 and Dubuque Creek Bridge #423) will shift the Machias roadway 30.5 feet to the west. The project will add new vehicle turn lanes and shoulders, enhance motorist and pedestrian safety and improve sight distance.

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