

Road Projects in the Granite Falls Area

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Marten Creek Bridge #562



Marten Creek Bridge #562 will be replaced beginning in February 2010

Marten Creek Bridge is located on the Mountain Loop Highway approximately 20 miles northeast of Granite Falls, and crosses Marten Creek, a large tributary of the North Fork of the Stillaguamish River. It is a 31.5-foot wide by 71-foot long concrete and timber structure built in 1949. It has been identified for replacement due to its narrow lanes and its deteriorating condition.

The new bridge will be constructed along the same alignment and will be supported by steel piles. When finished it will be 130 feet long, almost twice as long as the original structure, and 38 feet wide, six feet wider than the existing bridge, to accommodate two lanes and shoulders. The supporting steel piles will be planted on the banks of the creek to avoid scour action of the creek.

Advanced Construction will begin replacement of the bridge in February 2010 and is expected to finish the project by December 2010. The project, funded through federal and state monies, will cost about \$1.8 million.

During construction of Marten Creek Bridge

The new bridge will be constructed on the same alignment in order to minimize construction impacts within the stream and adjacent wetland and riparian buffers. In order to maintain traffic flows, construction will be staged and one side of the bridge at a time will be replaced. Single-lane closures will be in effect once construction begins.

Crews will begin preparing the site near the end of February, 2010. One lane of the bridge has been closed due to the condition of the bridge. Flaggers will direct traffic as needed.

One utility relocation/reconstruction will occur as part of the project. The single utility on the bridge is the telephone conduit that belongs to Timberline Telecom. During construction, the telephone wires will be temporarily relocated to the north side of the roadway. After construction, the telephone wires will be transferred to the newly constructed bridge.

Full closures may be needed on the Marten Creek Bridge project

The road may need to be closed at the bridge during certain days of the project between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. The contractor will notify the public on two electronic message signs 10 days in advance of any closure. One message sign will be located near Granite Falls on the Mountain Loop Highway. The other will be located near Darrington on the Mountain Loop Highway. Emergency access will be maintained.

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Granite Falls Truck Route



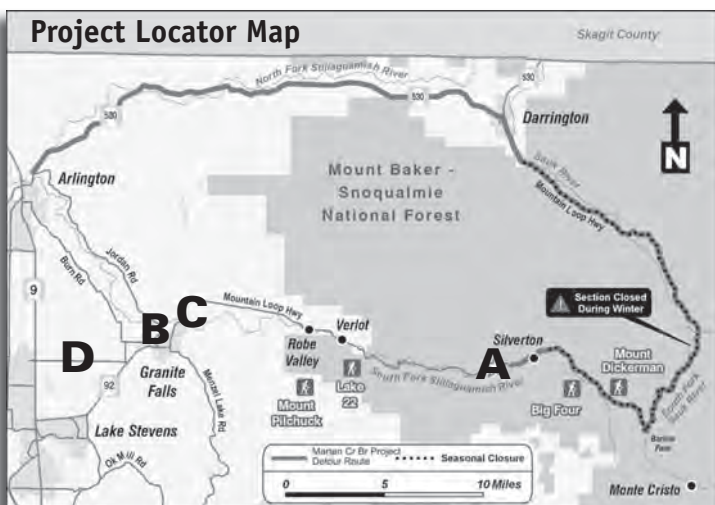
Work on the Truck Route continues into 2011

Crews have been building the roundabout at Jordan Road and expect to finish that work in March or early April, 2010. The design of the three roundabouts along the route was modified to accommodate a 112-foot long truck (see photo) that could be needed to truck equipment and materials to and from quarries and other operations near Granite Falls. The original design followed WSDOT standards.

Modifications to the roundabout design included reducing the size of the center circle and outer landscaping areas to increase the width of the "apron" areas around them and still enable the roundabouts to slow traffic through the intersections. The apron is a raised area that the wheels of long trailer trucks can traverse when extra room is needed.

Once the roundabout at Jordan/Engbretsen Road is complete, work will begin on the Granite Falls gateway roundabout at SR 92. Completion of the last roundabout at Burn Road will follow.

In April the crew will also begin excavating the portion of the new route between Jordan Road and Mountain Loop Highway. PUD will be moving poles at the Mountain Loop Highway intersection as part of the project.



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Granite Falls Bridge #102



Bridge #102 maintenance begins in May 2010

Granite Falls Bridge #102 spans the Stillaguamish River northeast of Granite Falls along the Mountain Loop Highway. It is a two-lane steel bridge, 340 feet long and 20 feet wide. The bridge was originally built in 1938 with 10-foot wide lanes.

During summer 2010 a crew will be working on preventive maintenance of the bridge that will include painting, seismic retrofitting, and replacement of expansion joints. Since the work is weather dependent, the project could extend into 2011. Details of timing and traffic revisions will be posted when the work schedule is drafted.

One lane of the bridge will be open for most of the project for vehicles of legal width and for emergency vehicles. Please call or e-mail us if you have questions about access for your oversized vehicle. See contact information below.

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Getchell Road Paving



Getchell Road paving begins in April 2010

Two sections of Getchell Road, also known as 84th Street NE in the Granite Falls area, are scheduled to be paved sometime between April 1 and April 28:

1. Between SR 9 and 99th Avenue NE, and
2. Between 131st Avenue NE and SR 92.

The work will take approximately 3-4 weeks, and single lane closures will be in effect. Drivers may experience delays of 20 minutes or more and are advised to use an alternate route if possible. Signs will be posted in advance of the work. Emergency vehicles will have access at all times.



More information

Register on the project Web pages for updates. Visit Snohomish County's Web site www.snoco.org and type **road projects** in the search box, or type the name of the project in the search box.

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