

# Lockwood Road / Carter Road Transportation Projects

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## 1 Lockwood Road will be closed in February and March

Swamp Creek Bridge #505 is located on Lockwood Road at the King-Snohomish County border. The bridge will be completely closed to all traffic on February 12 (between 6 a.m. and 4 p.m.) and from 6 a.m. on February 17 until 4 p.m. March 6. Repairs will be made during those days.

Snohomish County closed one lane of the bridge after a recent inspection uncovered deterioration under the decking. The bridge, a two-lane concrete and timber structure built in 1968, is currently functioning as a one-lane bridge for approximately 3,400 vehicles daily.

The recommended detour route during the full bridge closure is as follows (see map):

- Lockwood Road / Carter Road
- 66th Avenue NE
- NE 202nd Street
- 68th Avenue NE
- NE 182nd Street
- 73rd Avenue NE
- NE 204th Street

Currently a single lane closure is in effect on the bridge. During the single lane closure emergency vehicles have access at all times.

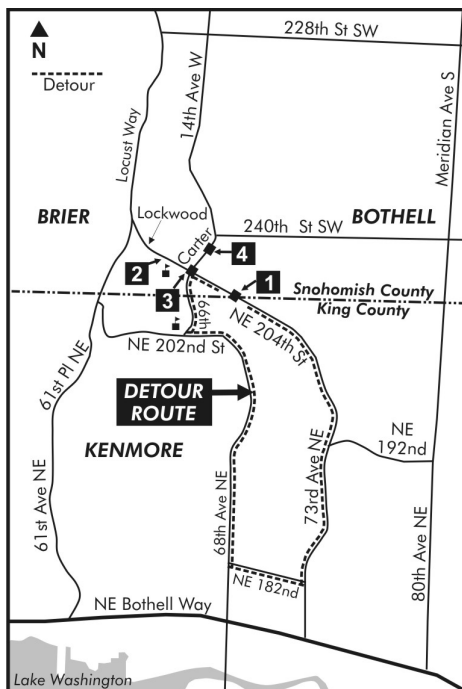
## 2 Lockwood Road will be improved in front of the school (summer 2009)

Lockwood Road in front of the elementary school has a significant dip that Snohomish County plans to modify during summer 2009. Several features of the project will improve traffic safety in the area. The road will be raised to improve sight distance and widened to include new sidewalks and bicycle lanes. This project, along with the Lockwood and Carter Rd intersection project (see 3 below), will improve the "walkability" of the neighborhood between the elementary school, Kenmore Junior High School and homes in the neighborhood. The project is currently planned for construction during summer 2009. Check the project Web page ([www.snoco.org](http://www.snoco.org)) for details.

Partial funding for these improvements is provided through the Enhanced Community Infrastructure Development Initiative (ECIDI). ECIDI is a program developed by County Executive Reardon and the County Council in 2006 to speed the delivery of road, park, and drainage projects in the County. Building sooner, in some cases 10 years sooner, helps keep costs down.



Roundabout in Marysville



## 3 A roundabout is proposed for the intersection of Lockwood and Carter Roads (2010)

The intersection of Carter Road and Lockwood Road is currently controlled by a four-way stop. Residents have expressed concern about vehicles speeding north and south through the intersection and in some cases failing to stop. The intersection is used by young people walking to and from school and other residents of the area, but there is a sidewalk on only one corner of the intersection.

The county is proposing to install a roundabout at the intersection in 2010 to improve safety for pedestrians and to moderate the flow of

traffic more effectively. Roundabouts have raised “splitter islands” at each leg of the intersection which are curved to permit only right turns into the roundabout and only right turn exits. Splitter islands separate the two lanes of traffic on each approach to the intersection. Pedestrians can check for traffic coming from the left, cross one lane, pause on the island, check traffic coming from the right and then cross the second lane to the sidewalk. Vehicles approaching the roundabout must slow down to enter.

Roundabouts are different from traffic circles. For more information visit the County’s home page [www.snoco.org](http://www.snoco.org) and search “roundabouts.”

#### **4 Bridge #546 on Carter Road will be replaced (2011)**

Swamp Creek Bridge #546 is located on Carter Road just east of the Lockwood Road/Carter Road intersection. It is a two-lane, 40-foot long timber and concrete structure built in 1966. In 2007 Snohomish County placed a weight limit of 10 tons on the bridge to maintain safety until the bridge is replaced. Emergency vehicles and school buses are exempt from this restriction. The bridge will be replaced with a longer and wider bridge in 2011. The new bridge will accommodate two lanes of traffic with sidewalks on each side and shoulders for bicycles. Federal Bridge Replacement Funding has been secured for this project with a 20% match from the County’s Road Fund.

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Check the Web pages for updates and more project information. Visit [www.snoco.org](http://www.snoco.org) and search “roads central.” You may also send questions and comments to [transportation@snoco.org](mailto:transportation@snoco.org).



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