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RE 2014 MASON COUNTY OVERLAYS PROJECT SUSPENSION

The Mason County Public Works Department would like to notify motorists that the 2014 Overlay Project will be suspended until April 1, 2015, due to unsuitable weather conditions. From a total project length of 6.68 miles, approximately 3.08 miles remain unpaved, including Pickering Rd, Belfair-Tahuya Rd, and Old Belfair Hwy.

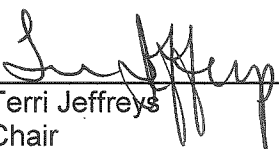
The low bidder awarded the 2014 Mason County Overlays project was Granite Construction Company of Everett, WA. Paving is a layer of road resurfacing that protects and extends pavement life with Hot Mix Asphalt. This process requires that certain weather conditions be met. If the surface is moist, the spray binder that is applied to the existing pavement does not react appropriately in order to adhere to the layer of Hot Mix Asphalt. In addition, minimum temperature requirements based on lift thickness and course layer require a minimum surface temperature of 45 degrees. With these two requirements of moisture content and minimum surface temperature, the County does not foresee suitable conditions for paving this winter.

Motorists are advised to use caution while driving through the work area. Temporary ramps have been constructed at several locations of the paving limits, but slight bumps still exist. On Belfair-Tahuya Rd, a thin layer of Hot Mix Asphalt will be applied to the eastern portion of the project that has been ground out, in order to provide a smoother riding surface and help eliminate maintenance needs during the winter. Another lift of Hot Mix Asphalt will be placed in the spring. Traffic striping on Shelton-Matlock Rd, Brockdale Rd, Craig Rd, and Cloquallum Rd will be completed prior to suspending the Work.

Motorist should take extra care once the project commences next spring.

For more information regarding the project suspension, please call the Public Works Department at (360) 427-9670, Ext. 450.

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