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PRESS RELEASE

Roads with Closures / Traffic Limitations

The Whatcom County Public Works Department wishes to inform the public that the following roads will have Closures or Traffic Limitations due to construction activities. Please see the detailed information listed below. This press release will be in effect until further notice.

Road Closures:

Baker Lake Road / Sulphur Creek Bridge No. 422

Located approximately 2.05 miles north of the Skagit County line

This is a bridge replacement project stemming from a storm event in December of 2007 that undermined the abutments of the existing bridge.

- **Bridge closure will remain in effect until October 2010**
- The bridge closure is for all vehicles including emergency.
- A signed detour route is in effect via a forest service road.
- Hours of work are from 7:00 AM to 5:00 PM, Monday through Friday.
- Occasional Saturday work may be necessary.

Clearbrook Road / Johnson Creek Bridge No. 302

Located southwest of the city of Sumas

This is a federally funded bridge replacement project involving removal of the existing structurally deficient bridge and replacement with a 50-foot single span prestressed voided slab on new piles and abutments. Bridge rails, guardrail, drainage structures and approaches will also be installed.

- **Bridge closure began July 22nd and is scheduled to run through mid-October 2010**
- The bridge closure is for all vehicles including emergency.
- Signed detour routes are in effect.
- Hours of work are from 7:00 AM to 3:30 PM, Monday through Friday.

Mosquito Lake Road / Porter Creek Bridge No. 141

Located approximately 11 miles south of Mt Baker Highway (SR 542)

County crews will be performing needed deck repairs to the bridge. Please direct questions regarding this project to M&O-(360) 676-6759 or (360) 380-8111.

- **The closure will be in effect on August 24 at 7:00 AM and continue through Monday, August 30th until approximately 8:00AM.**
- This is a twenty-four hour a day closure and applies to ALL traffic including emergency.

Northwest Drive Culvert Replacement at Bear Creek Located .10 mile south of Slater Road

This is a federally funded replacement of a culvert damaged during the flood event of January 2009. The road closure is necessary to replace the culvert with a 10'x16' fish passable pipe arch.

- The closure will be in effect beginning Monday, August 30th until approximately October 1, 2010.
- The closure is 24 hours a day and for all vehicles including emergency.
- Signed detour routes will in effect via Aldrich & W. Smith Roads

Traffic Limitations:

West Illinois St / Timpson Way Located northwest of the Bellingham city limits- in the vicinity of Bennett & Marine Drives

This new roadway construction project runs from the intersection of Marine Dr. & Timpson Way to the east side of the Bellingham Technical College campus. While most of the job will be away from the existing streets, there will be:

- Trucks turning in and out of the Marine Drive project end.
- Occasional lane closures with flaggers on hand to direct traffic.

Yew Street Road Located approximately 1.80 mile south of Lakeway Drive.

Project limits are from Kingsmill St. to Tacoma Ave. (approximately 1,500 feet)

This roadway reconstruction project includes the following improvements: road widening, curb, gutter, sidewalk, wall construction, detention pond, a turn lane and illumination. Please be advised that:

- Hours of work are 7:00 AM-7:00 PM, Monday through Friday.
- Occasional Saturday work may be necessary.
- **One lane flagged traffic will be on-going.**
- **Delays can be expected for up to 20 minutes.**
- The project is scheduled to continue through early Fall 2010.

Questions should be directed to Whatcom County Public Works at 360-715-7450
On the web - <http://www.co.whatcom.wa.us/publicworks/roadclosures/>
Engineering – Road Construction Projects, select Press Release.