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Snohomish County Reduces Traffic Loads on Pilchuck Creek Bridge

Single lane revision and weight restrictions extend bridge life and help ensure safe travel for residents

EVERETT, Wash., July 9, 2021 – To lessen the impact of heavy truck loads and other oversized vehicles, Snohomish County Public Works will reduce traffic to one lane and add new [weight restrictions](#) on Pilchuck Creek Bridge 626. The bridge is located just north of 236th NE on Pacific Highway (Old SR 99), approximately 2.5 miles northeast of Silvana and 8 miles southeast of Stanwood.

Construction on the single lane modification is scheduled to begin in mid-July and will take approximately one day. During this time, the bridge will remain open, but drivers may experience delays up to 15 minutes. Drivers are encouraged to use Interstate 5 as a convenient detour route. Once the construction of the single lane is complete, only minimal delays are expected during peak travel periods.

“Safety is our top priority,” said Snohomish County Public Works Bridge Engineer Tim Tipton. “By reducing traffic and weight loads on some bridges, we extend their life and keep traffic flowing safely until a replacement or rehabilitation project can be funded and scheduled. All county bridges are routinely evaluated and maintained.”

The county will be seeking federal funding for a bridge rehabilitation or replacement during the next bridge funding cycle in 2023. A major repair or replacement project will be scheduled when funding is available.

For more information about Pilchuck Creek Bridge, including weight limits, please visit the project website at <https://www.snohomishcountywa.gov/5837>.

About Snohomish County Public Works

Snohomish County Public Works is responsible for approximately 1,600 miles of county roads, more than 200 bridges and manages about 200 traffic control signals. The department also processes nearly 600,000 tons of garbage per year. Its mission is to focus on safety and mobility while practicing fiscal responsibility and preserving the environment. Public Works has won numerous state and national honors for its work and is the largest department within Snohomish County government with approximately 500 employees plus seasonal staff. Its main office is located at 3000 Rockefeller Ave., Everett, WA 98201. Visit www.snohomishcountywa.gov/PublicWorks for more information about Snohomish County Public Works.

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