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Series of fish passage, paving projects kick off this summer on SR 302 in Pierce County

Initial work starts Aug. 26 near Minter Creek; 2020 work includes three full weekend closures of Purdy Spit Bridge

PURDY – Weekday daytime construction is beginning on a series of projects along State Route 302 near Purdy, which will lay the groundwork for some major work – and a three-weekend closure of the Purdy Spit Bridge – next summer.

Contractor crews working for the Washington State Department of Transportation will combine the following projects into one large [cumulative construction project](#) in an effort to minimize the effects on traffic:

- Replacing a culvert identified as a fish barrier on SR 302 at Minter Creek with a concrete girder bridge
- Replacing two small culverts on SR 302 at Little Minter Creek to improve fish passage
- Repaving nearly 8 miles of SR 302 from Elgin Clifton Road to SR 16
- Repairing the deck on the SR 302 Purdy Spit Bridge
- Rebuilding sidewalks and ramps at the intersection of SR 302 and SR 302 (Spur) through the intersection of SR 302 and 94th Avenue to comply with the Americans with Disabilities Act and improve access for all travelers

Initial work on the project begins Monday, Aug. 26, with crews clearing vegetation and creating a work zone near Minter Creek to build a two-lane bypass. The work zone and bypass will allow traffic to continue traveling through the area while also protecting workers. The most significant effect to travelers – the Purdy Spit Bridge deck repair – is not scheduled until summer of 2020. Any additional highway closures will be announced in advance.

Project details Summer 2019

- Beginning at 7 a.m., Monday, Aug. 26, contractor crews will begin work to clear and establish a work zone near Minter Creek to build the bypass.
- Drivers should expect weekday daytime lane and shoulder closures as work

progresses.

- Work will continue throughout the fall and winter to address the culvert site and construct the bridge at Minter Creek.

Summer 2020

- The exact date of the 2020 Purdy Spit Bridge deck repairs have not yet been scheduled, but the work will take three weekend closures to complete.
- During the weekend deck repairs, a [signed detour](#) will take traffic along 94th Avenue Northwest, Sidney Road Northwest, Southeast Pine Road, Bethel-Burley Road Southeast and 66th Avenue Northwest.
- Paving and deck repairs will require warm, dry weather conditions. Paving operations will occur overnight, when there is less traffic.
- Work to replace two Little Minter Creek culverts also will occur during summer 2020 weekends.

Once complete in fall 2020, the SR 302 work will open up nearly 25 miles of potential fish habitat as part of WSDOT's ongoing efforts to improve fish passage barriers identified in a [federal court injunction](#).

Travelers are encouraged to sign up for [email alerts](#). Real-time traveler information is available from the [WSDOT app](#) and by following the [WSDOT regional Twitter feed](#).

Hyperlinks within the release:

- Cumulative construction project: www.wsdot.wa.gov/projects/sr302/elgin-clifton-sr-16/home
- Signed detour: www.wsdot.wa.gov/projects/sr302/elgin-clifton-sr-16/detour-map
- Federal court injunction: www.wsdot.wa.gov/Projects/FishPassage/CourtInjunction.htm
- Email alerts: public.govdelivery.com/accounts/WADOT/subscriber/new?topic_id=WADOT_565
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