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ROADWAY STRIPING

Every spring and summer the city public works department puts down over 300 gallons of yellow and white traffic paint on city streets and parking lots. Glass beads are then embedded into the paint to ensure that the traffic lines are visible at night. Striping is done annually to ensure that the street markings are visible and to ensure that our streets are safe. The ability to stripe is very depended on the weather. Striping is completed when the pavement is dry and the temperature is above 60 degrees Fahrenheit.

CAUTION-WET PAINT

When you see public works department personnel painting lines, please take extra precaution to not drive over the fresh paint. The approximate time for paint to dry is 5 minutes. Paint will dry quicker in warmer temperatures. If you drive over wet paint, paint will likely splatter onto your vehicle. If you do get paint on your vehicle rinse off the paint immediately before it has a chance to dry.

Per Washington State Law It is illegal to drive over freshly painted traffic markings. (*see below)

- **WAC 308-330-412 CROSSING NEW PAVEMENT AND MARKINGS.** *No person shall ride or drive any animal, bicycle, or vehicle across any newly made pavement or freshly applied markings on any highway when a sign, cone marker, or other warning device is in place warning persons not to drive across such pavement marking.*

TO AVOID THE WET PAINT

1. Do not pass the paint equipment when you are behind it on the road.
2. Do not change lanes behind the painting equipment
3. Do not swerve back and forth behind the painting equipment
4. If you are parked in a parking space, or in your driveway and are painted in, wait 5 minutes for the paint to dry before leaving.
5. When you see wet paint signs and flashing lights take extra caution to avoid driving on the lines.

For any questions please contact the public works department at 360-855-0771