

CONSTRUCTION BULLETIN

Upcoming Change to HOV Lane Use Regulations

As part of improving traffic flow and reducing delays related to construction for the Port Mann/Highway 1 Improvement (PMH1) Project, High Occupancy Vehicle (HOV) lanes on Highway 1 will be open to all traffic between 7 p.m. and 6 a.m. daily. This temporary adjustment begins April 19, 2010 and applies to HOV lanes between Grandview Highway and the Port Mann Bridge (both east and westbound) for the balance of construction.

This HOV schedule adjustment is in place to minimize delays during nighttime lane closures, which are required for the widening of Highway 1 and rebuilding of several overpass and interchange structures. Currently, during the nightly lane closure period, only one lane is legally available for general traffic. Since HOV traffic is significantly lower during the night, allowing all lanes to be used by general traffic will reduce construction-related delays and improve safety and efficiency for all vehicles.

What to Expect

Beginning April 19, 2010:

- The HOV lanes will continue to be designated for high occupancy vehicles from **6 a.m. to 7 p.m.** daily. During this period, vehicles must have two or more occupants to travel in this lane.
- From **7 p.m. to 6 a.m.** daily, the HOV lanes will be open to all vehicles, regardless of the number of occupants.

This change will be in effect seven days a week for the duration of the PMH1 Project, which is on schedule for completion in 2013. HOV lanes are a valuable traffic measure for reducing congestion and encouraging carpooling. As such, the HOV lane usage restrictions will continue to be enforced during the daytime hours (6 a.m. to 7 p.m.). During this time, there must be two or more persons in the vehicle to travel in the HOV lane.

High Occupancy Vehicle (HOV) Lane

The HOV lanes were added to Highway 1 in 1998 in an effort to reduce congestion by encouraging carpooling. The Highway 1 HOV lanes run between Grandview Highway and the Port Mann Bridge, and are currently assigned to the far left lanes for both eastbound and westbound traffic. Research shows that these designated lanes are a highly effective traffic management tool, and the Highway 1 HOV lanes will be back on a full 24-hour schedule when the project is completed. Upon project completion, the HOV lanes will be extended as far as 200 Street in Langley.

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The Project

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Safety and Enforcement

Existing HOV signs on Highway 1 will be modified over a 4 night period to ensure motorists are aware of the changes in hours of operation. Additional electronic signs will be posted in key locations to alert motorists of this change in HOV status. Please exercise caution and obey posted signs throughout the corridor. Every effort is being made to minimize delays to the travelling public.



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