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I-90 corridor e-mail update

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Thanksgiving is traditionally one of the busiest holidays for state highways. WSDOT is suggesting drivers enjoy more time with family friends by checking road reports before leaving home. WSDOT has posted the best times to travel Washington highways [Thanksgiving weekend](#).

Are you prepared for winter driving?

Is the pass open? Do I have to put chains on my tires? Educate yourself on winter driving by visiting our Web site and learning about:

[Safe Winter Travel](#)

[Your Tire and Chain Options](#)

[WSDOT's Winter Operations](#)

[Highway Snow and Ice Removal](#)

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Lane markers more visible on I-90 near Snoqualmie Pass

Just in time for winter driving, we installed inset lane stripes and reflective recessed lane markers in the pavement on [I-90 near Snoqualmie Pass](#) to help drivers see where the lanes are.

Keeping the lanes visible is a real challenge for this stretch of I-90 due to mountain weather conditions, heavy traffic, and wear from studded tires and chains. This is a pilot project to determine if inseting the stripes at different depths using different formulas will help them last longer. Adding the reflectors between each stripe should also increase the visibility of the lanes.

The \$700,000 project, done on time and on budget, improved lane visibility on 23 miles of I-90 between the Asahel Curtis/Denny Creek interchange (5 miles west of Snoqualmie Pass) and the town of Easton (18 miles east of Snoqualmie Pass).

Visit [our Web site](#) for the complete construction update report.

Drill work complete on I-90; helicopters fly south for the winter

We have completed our [geotechnical drilling work](#) for the 2008 season just as winter weather begins reaching the roadway. For the past two months, we briefly slowed traffic on I-90 over Snoqualmie Pass as helicopters delivered special drill equipment to crews collecting rock core samples on the slopes above the highway.

