Speed Limit to Lower on Portion of SR109 West of Hoquiam

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HOQUIAM, Wash. - Driving to and from Hoquiam will get a little slower later this month, starting Tuesday, March 20, the posted speed limit for State Route 109 will be reduced from 50 mph to 40 mph on the 1.8-mile stretch from the Hoquiam city limits west to Grass Creek Loop Road.The new zone will begin two-tenths of a mile north of Grays Harbor Road at milepost 3.20 (two miles north of Hoquiam High School) and continue north 1.8 miles, ending at Bay Ridge Lane, milepost 5.The speed zone reduction begins just prior to the first curve to the right as drivers head out of town, and where SR 109 no longer runs adjacent to the bay and continues north 1.8 miles. This stretch of highway includes vertical and horizontal curves in addition to a number of private driveways, county roads and school bus stops that will benefit from a speed zone reduction. The reduction is for northbound and southbound traffic and will be signed accordingly.The speed reduction is the Washington State Department of Transportation’s response to community comments and concerns about increased traffic on the route.The 1.8-mile section of SR 109 runs adjacent to Grays Harbor, and heads up a winding hillside where a number of private driveways and school bus stops are located. The 40 mph speed limit reduces the potential for collisions, and is more consistent with the 35 mph limit on SR 109 in Hoquiam.To learn more about WSDOT maintenance or construction activities that may impact traffic, please visit www.wsdot.wa.gov/Regions/Olympic/Construction/.