Federal funds bring sidewalks and jobs to Grays Harbor

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Hoquiam, WA - Sidewalk-improvement work begins this week on US 101 from Myrtle Street to Endresen Avenue and on SR 109 from Emerson Avenue to West Emerson Avenue. New concrete sidewalks, ADA ramps, lighting and pavement improvements will be added during a $1.8 million project.

The over three miles of new-and-improved sidewalks increases safety and mobility for pedestrians within Hoquiam.

Beginning today, Oct. 12, motorists will notice shoulder closures and new contractor signs within the project vicinity. Work hours are 7 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Thursday.

Funding for this project comes from American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (federal stimulus). This funding is helping WSDOT deliver projects, create jobs and help revitalize the Grays Harbor economy. The project is expected to support an estimated 15 direct and indirect jobs.

WSDOT award the project to Granite Construction in September. The project is scheduled for completion March 2010.

During the five months of construction, pedestrians should use extreme caution while navigating around work zones and over temporary ramps and structures.

Washington State is administering the Recovery Act investments with an unprecedented level of transparency and accountability. Gov. Gregoire has created a new website, http://www.recovery.wa.gov/ http://www.recovery.wa.gov/" href="http://www.recovery.wa.gov/">www.recovery.wa.gov, enabling every Washingtonian to see where their tax dollars are going and hold government accountable for the results. On the federal level, President Obama has appointed Vice President Biden, a proven and aggressive Inspector General, to oversee all state’s recovery efforts and root out waste and fraud. This combined oversight will ensure taxpayer dollars aren’t wasted.

To follow construction and maintenance activities throughout the seven-county Olympic Region, please visit www.wsdot.wa.gov/Regions/Olympic/Construction/.