

West Shore road work to be around-the-clock

Construction work on Highway 89 on the West Shore is switching to around-the-clock work this week.

The \$41 million project from Tahoma to Tahoe City includes drainage treatment facilities for stormwater runoff, curb and gutter, shoulder widening and new pavement throughout the 9-mile project limits.

The contractor is working on rebuilding the highway in 3-mile stretches, with the first phase from Wilson Avenue in Tahoma to Cherry Street in Homewood to be completed this construction season. The second phase is scheduled to be built in 2015 and the project will be completed in 2016.

Road and Highway Builders will be working around the clock this week until noon Friday in the McKinney Creek area and will also be working daytime from 6am-6pm Monday through Thursday and until noon Friday in Tahoma.

In addition, Southwest Gas' contractor continues work on the north end of the project limits to relocate and replace gas lines that are in conflict with Caltrans' project. Gas work this week is overnight from 6pm-noon through Friday from Middle Sequoia Avenue to Cathedral Drive. The gas work will go up to Granlibakken Road.

Motorists should expect 5-10 minute delays at each one-way traffic control stop, with total delays not to exceed 20 minutes. No work is allowed between noon Friday and 10pm Sunday.