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WSP, WSDOT asks for patience during Sequim Lavender Festival traffic delays

Sequim – Sequim Lavender Festival is scheduled for this weekend, and the Washington State Patrol (WSP) is reminding drivers to plan early and pack some extra patience traveling to and from the event.

The annual festival begins Friday, July 20, 2018, and continues through the weekend to Sunday, July 22, 2018, attracting an estimated 3,000 additional vehicles to the Olympic Peninsula visiting various lavender farms throughout Sequim.

According to the Washington State Department of Transportation (WSDOT), an estimated 24,600 vehicles travel on State Route 101 per day in the area of Sequim during the event. The average for the same area in July and August is 21,800 vehicles per day.

Traffic impacts can be expected on State Route 101 in Clallam County, State Route 101 and State Route 104 in Jefferson County, and State Route 104 and State Route 3 in Kitsap County as vehicles travel to and from the event. WSP will have extra troopers on the roadways to help alleviate traffic congestion and respond to traffic incidents.

WSDOT is asking drivers to consider going early to avoid the extra traffic, provide plenty of time to reach their destination(s) and expect delays. Real time traveler information is available on the WSDOT mobile app and by following the WSDOT region Twitter account.

Drivers traveling over State Route 104 via the Hood Canal Bridge can view the status of non-military bridge openings online.

For additional travel information:

- WSDOT Mobile App: <https://www.wsdot.wa.gov/Inform/mobile.htm>
- WSDOT Region Twitter: https://twitter.com/wsdot_tacoma
- Hood Canal Bridge Closures: <https://www.wsdot.wa.gov/traffic/hoodcanal/>

District 8 serves Clallam, Grays Harbor, Jefferson, Kitsap, Mason, Pacific and Wahkiakum counties.

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