



STATE OF WASHINGTON  
OFFICE OF GOVERNOR JAY INSLEE

**EMERGENCY PROCLAMATION BY THE GOVERNOR  
AMENDING PROCLAMATION 21-12**

**21-12.1**

**WSDOT Heat Damage**

**WHEREAS**, beginning June 24, 2021, Washington State experienced an unprecedented heat event, with excessive heat causing damage to road infrastructure in Adams, Asotin, Clark, Cowlitz, Douglas, Ferry, Grant, King, Kittitas, Okanagan, Pacific, Pend Oreille, Pierce, Snohomish, Spokane, Whatcom, Whitman, and Yakima Counties; and

**WHEREAS**, the unprecedented heat caused failures to concrete panels, bridge expansion joints, and asphalt, as well as electrical damage requiring repairs over a large geographic area; and

**WHEREAS**, the damage affects the transportation network and the people who depend on it throughout wide areas of Washington State; and

**WHEREAS**, the estimated cost to repair the damage to affected roadways to alleviate impacts to public safety exceeds \$2,600,000; and

**WHEREAS**, in response to this unprecedented heat event, on July 16, 2021, I issued Proclamation 21-12, proclaiming a state of emergency in Adams, Asotin, Clark, Cowlitz, Douglas, Ferry, Grant, King, Kittitas, Okanagan, Pacific, Pend Oreille, Pierce, Snohomish, Spokane, Whatcom, Whitman, and Yakima Counties due to the above-described heat related damage to transportation infrastructure; and

**WHEREAS**, the unprecedented heat beginning on June 24, 2021, also caused damage to asphalt requiring repairs in Chelan County; and

**WHEREAS**, the damage affects the transportation network and the people who depend on it in Chelan County; and

**WHEREAS**, the estimated cost to repair the damage to affected roadways to alleviate impacts to public safety in Chelan County is estimated at \$2,000,000; and

**WHEREAS**, the Washington State Department of Transportation is coordinating resources to repair the roadway and is working to implement repairs; and

**WHEREAS**, the roadway damage and its effects continue to impact the life and health of our citizens, as well as the property and transportation infrastructure of Washington State, all of

