



City of Yakima

# **News Release**

**Subject: Grind and Overlay Project Update**

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## **Citywide Road Resurfacing Project Update**

A citywide street repaving project that began earlier this month and will continue until this fall will affect traffic in several areas of Yakima from August 1<sup>st</sup> through August 8<sup>th</sup>.

\*\*\* Starting Friday August 1<sup>st</sup> at 7:00 p.m. the intersection of **40<sup>th</sup> Avenue and Nob Hill Blvd. will be CLOSED TO ALL THROUGH TRAFFIC, including emergency vehicles,** until 5:00 a.m. Monday August 4<sup>th</sup>. The intersection is being excavated for the placement of a cement concrete street section.

From Monday, August 4<sup>th</sup> through Friday, August 8<sup>th</sup>, periodic lane closures will occur each day from 6:00 am to 4:00 pm

- on Walnut Street between 1<sup>st</sup> Street and 7<sup>th</sup> Avenue;
- on Lincoln Avenue from 1<sup>st</sup> Street to 10<sup>th</sup> Street;
- on 4<sup>th</sup> Avenue from Division to Walnut

Various sections of the following streets will be also be completely closed to traffic overnight from 7:00 pm to 6:00 am on different days during the week of August 4<sup>th</sup> to August 8<sup>th</sup>.

- Nob Hill Blvd from 32<sup>nd</sup> Avenue to 48<sup>th</sup> Avenue,
- 16<sup>th</sup> Avenue from Nob Hill Blvd to Englewood Avenue,
- Tieton Drive from 16<sup>th</sup> Avenue to 33<sup>rd</sup> Avenue,
- Tieton Drive from 40<sup>th</sup> Avenue to 48<sup>th</sup> Avenue,
- MLK Jr. Blvd from 8<sup>th</sup> Street to Pierce Avenue,
- Walnut Street from 1<sup>st</sup> Street to 8<sup>th</sup> Avenue,
- “D” Street from 1<sup>st</sup> Avenue to 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue,
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue from Walnut to “D” Street,
- Summit view Avenue from Yakima Avenue to 16<sup>th</sup> Avenue.

Detour routes will be in place so drivers can go around the closed portions of those streets.

A map showing the sections of roads that will be repaved during the project is posted on the City’s website at <http://www.yakimawa.gov/apps/streets/resurfacing/>. Updated travel alerts related to the resurfacing project can also be found by clicking on that link.

The City is spending about \$15 million dollars this year completing what’s known as a “grind and overlay” project in order to recondition roadway sections in different parts of Yakima. A grind and overlay project involves removing old and deteriorated asphalt and replacing it with new asphalt, which significantly improves the drivability and safety of the road surface. Over the next few months, the grind and overlay project will affect nearly every part of Yakima.

While the grind and overlay work is underway, traffic delays in the project areas will occur. Drivers should use alternate routes if possible until the work is completed.

Access to homes and businesses in the project areas will be maintained as best as possible and emergency vehicles will be allowed through the project areas if necessary.

As always, the schedule for these types of projects is subject to change daily dependent on weather, equipment failure, and emergencies.

For additional information regarding the grind and overlay project, contact Senior Engineer Bob Desgrosellier at 575-6228.