



City of Yakima

News Release

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Crack Sealing Project to Impact Traffic on 1st Street

A project involving "crack sealing" will impact traffic along a portion of 1st Street from Monday, February 3rd through Friday, February 7th.

City of Yakima crews will be filling cracks along the section of 1st Street between Pacific Avenue and Lincoln Avenue from February 3rd through February 7th. Work on the project will take place from 7:00 am to 3:30 pm each day.

Traffic restrictions will be in place in the northbound lanes of 1st Street while the project is underway. Traffic will be restricted to one northbound lane at times.

Crack sealing is one of the most inexpensive forms of road maintenance and is an effective method of preventing water from penetrating the roadbed and causing further damage including, most notably, potholes. Cracks caused by fatigue, changes in temperature, regular traffic use, etc. are first cleaned using pressurized air. Cracks are then filled with an asphalt emulsion, thereby preserving not only the roadbed, but the pavement adjacent to the cracks.

Drivers are reminded that the speed limit through all traffic-related works zones within the City of Yakima is 20 miles-per-hour.

During the project, traffic delays in the area are likely to occur. Drivers should use alternate routes until the project is completed.

Access to homes and businesses in the project area will be maintained as best as possible.

As always, the schedule for this type of a project is subject to change daily dependent on weather, equipment failure, and emergencies.

For additional information about this project, contact Streets and Traffic Operations Manager Joe Rosenlund at 576-6430.