



City of Yakima

News Release

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Intersection Safety Improvements to Impact Traffic on 40th

The northbound and southbound inside lanes along a section of 40th Avenue will be closed from Friday, December 1st through Monday, December 4th while a project involving several intersection safety improvements is underway.

The northbound and southbound inside lanes of 40th Avenue from just north and just south of the 40th and Chestnut Avenue intersection will be closed from December 1st through December 4th as a result of the project. Elements of the project include centerline curbing to prevent vehicles from making left-hand turns at the intersection from Chestnut onto 40th, two new, marked east-west crosswalks across 40th, and pedestrian crossing signals.

The project resulted from safety concerns expressed by people who live in the neighborhood near the 40th and Chestnut intersection and the high volume of accidents that have occurred at the intersection. Input received during a public meeting earlier this year contributed to the design of the intersection safety improvements.

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

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

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 Construction Supervisor Bruce Floyd at 575-6138.