



City of Yakima

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Subject: Grind and Overlay Project on 8th Avenue

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8th Ave Closure for Grind and Overlay Extended Again

The closure of the one-block section of 8th Avenue between Mead Avenue and Logan Avenue will remain in effect most likely through the first week of June while a grind and overlay paving project is being completed.

The closure, which began on May 8th, has been extended because additional work on utility lines in the area needs to be completed and because crews have had to deal with unforeseen groundwater and weather issues.

As the 8th Avenue grind and overlay project continues, the street will remain closed between Mead Avenue and Logan Avenue. The street is being opened to local traffic only during evenings and overnight.

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

Access to homes and businesses in the area is being maintained and emergency vehicles are being allowed through the project area when necessary.

The work on 8th Avenue marks the start of several grind and overlay projects that will be taking place throughout Yakima the rest of the year. Grinding and overlaying a street involves removing old and deteriorated asphalt and replacing it with new asphalt. Once the process is completed, the drivability and safety of a road surface is significantly improved.

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

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

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