



City of Yakima

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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 May 26th through May 30th.

From Tuesday, May 27th through Friday, May 30th, periodic lane closures will occur each day from 6:00 am to 4:00 pm on 40th Avenue between Fruitvale Boulevard and Summitview Avenue, on Lincoln Avenue between 24th Avenue and 32nd Avenue, on Nob Hill Boulevard between 32nd Avenue and 48th Avenue, on 16th Avenue between Yakima Avenue and Englewood Avenue, on Tieton Drive between 44th Avenue and 48th Avenue, and on Yakima Avenue between 12th Avenue and 16th Avenue.

Portions of Nob Hill between 32nd and 48th will be completely closed to traffic overnight from 7:00 pm to 6:00 am from Tuesday, May 27th through Thursday, May 29th. Portions of 16th between Yakima Avenue and Englewood, as well as portions of Tieton between 44th and 48th, will be closed to traffic overnight on Tuesday, May 27th. And, portions of Yakima Avenue between 12th and 16th will be open overnight on Thursday, May 29th. 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.