



**City of Yakima**

# **News Release**

**Subject: East-West Corridor Project Open House Planned**

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## **East-West Corridor Project Open House Planned**

An open house to discuss phasing and design of the East-West Corridor Project will be held from 4:00 pm to 6:30 pm next Wednesday, April 17<sup>th</sup>, at the Yakima Convention Center, 10 N. 8<sup>th</sup> Street.

A listening session to receive public comment for the project's National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) review, the open house is hosted by the City of Yakima and Yakima County.

The East-West Corridor Project will provide an alternative Yakima River crossing transportation corridor to connect the growing neighborhood of Terrace Heights to the City of Yakima and relieve congestion along Yakima Avenue and at other intersections in the city.

"The new corridor will open up opportunity for new public transit routes, improved emergency response times, and non-vehicular transportation," said Joan Davenport, Director of Community Development for the City of Yakima. "Improvements to the transportation network are desperately needed due to the high rates of projected population growth for the Yakima area over the next 20 years."

The corridor will connect with the improvements on H Street in the City of Yakima and continue eastward under Interstate 82 and across the Yakima River. There will be access to I-82 from the new corridor. The project's eastern boundary will be at Butterfield Road.

East-West Corridor Project topics to be discussed during the open house include:

- Project development and environmental review process
- Construction staging
- Traffic impacts during construction
- Construction schedule

Representatives from the City of Yakima, Yakima County and the project team will be available to answer questions during the April 17<sup>th</sup> open house.

Although this is a cooperative project, Yakima County is the lead agency in receiving comments and organizing the documentation for the East-West Corridor Project.

For more information visit <http://cityofyakima-terraceheights.org/>