



City of Yakima

News Release

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Traffic Disrupted on Englewood and 66th Avenues During Next 2 Weeks

As City of Yakima crews work to seal cracks in the asphalt street surface on Englewood Avenue and on 66th Avenue over the next couple of weeks, traffic disruptions will occur in that area of town.

The project will begin on Monday, December 12th and will first focus on Englewood Avenue between 42nd Avenue and 66th Avenue. Crews expect work on Englewood to take about a week to complete.

The project will then move to 66th Avenue between Cowiche Canyon Road and Summitview Avenue.

Weather permitting, the project should be completed by December 23rd.

Throughout the project, short sections of streets may be closed from time to time. However, crews will help residents in the area get to their homes and will also assist school buses and Yakima Transit buses navigate through the project zone.

All other drivers are encouraged to use alternate routes while the crack sealing project is underway.

To seal a crack in the street surface, crews first blow out the crack to remove any debris. The crack is then heated with a lance and immediately filled with a hot asphalt emulsion. Crews then smooth the emulsion with a squeegee.

Crack sealing helps to extend the life of a street by preventing moisture from penetrating the roadbed. Crack sealing is a regular part of the City of Yakima's street maintenance program.

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