



City of Yakima

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Citywide Road Resurfacing Project Paving Completed

An ambitious citywide street repaving project that began in May has reached a milestone now that all of the more than 90 lane miles of roads included in the project have been paved. All that remains for the \$15 million project to be completed is work involving striping some of the last road sections that were paved, adjusting utility fixtures, finishing crosswalk placements, and wrapping up other minor finishing touches. The project was originally expected to be completed by early winter and is easily on pace to do just that.

As part of the work that remains on the project, Washington Avenue between 15th Avenue and 1st Street will be closed to all traffic from 7:00 pm to 6:00 am each day from Monday, October 27th through Friday, October 31st,

Various sections of the following streets will experience periodic daytime lane closures during the week of October 27th through October 31st:

- 6th Street between Lincoln Avenue and Pacific Avenue
- Lincoln Avenue between 1st Street and 10th Street
- MLK, Jr. Boulevard between 1st Street and 8th Street
- Walnut Street between 1st Street and 7th Avenue
- Mead Avenue between 11th Avenue and Fair Avenue
- Washington Avenue between 15th Avenue and 1st Street

Sections of various other streets are also likely to have short-duration lane closures during the next week as final work on the resurfacing project is completed.

This was a significant undertaking and the City sincerely thanks the Yakima community for its patience during the project, said Communications & Public Affairs Director Randy Beehler. There were, no doubt, moments of inconvenience for most everyone over the last few months when they were trying to get around town. Our primary contractor (Columbia Asphalt & Gravel, Inc.) and subcontractors did a very good job in minimizing the impact, and we are grateful for that, said Beehler. Over the past two years, almost 120 lane miles in Yakima have been reconditioned and are now much safer to drive on and will last for many more years to come.

For additional information regarding the grind and overlay project, contact Senior Engineer Bob Desgrosellier at 575-6228.