



City of Yakima

# **News Release**

**Subject: Grind and Overlay Update**

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## **Road Resurfacing Project to Impact Traffic on Major City Streets**

An ongoing project to resurface several key sections of Yakima streets this year will impact traffic on sections of 16<sup>th</sup> Avenue, 40<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Walnut Street and Tieton Drive next week.

Tieton Drive between 32<sup>nd</sup> Avenue to 40<sup>th</sup> Avenue will be closed overnight (8:00 pm to 6:00 am) to all through traffic, from Tuesday, September 3<sup>rd</sup> to Friday, September 6<sup>th</sup>. Curb lane closures will be in place during the day for concrete work.

40<sup>th</sup> Avenue between Tieton Drive and Summitview Avenue will have lane restrictions in place overnight (8:00 pm to 6:00 am) from Tuesday, September 3<sup>rd</sup> to Friday, September 6<sup>th</sup> while utilities in the area are relocated.

Work on Walnut Street between 1<sup>st</sup> Street and 6<sup>th</sup> Street and 16<sup>th</sup> Avenue from Englewood to River Road will have restricted travel lanes in place (8:00 pm to 6:00 am) for asphalt paving on Wednesday, September 4<sup>th</sup> to Friday, September 6<sup>th</sup>.

The City is spending \$5 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.

The majority of work being done on the grind and overlay project will take place overnight in order to reduce impact to traffic.

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 next week's grind and overlay project activity, contact Senior Engineer Bob Desgrosellier at 575-6228.

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