



City of Yakima

NEWS RELEASE

Subject: Grind and Overlay Update

Contact: Senior Engineer Bob Desgrosellier – 575-6228

Communications & Public Affairs Director Randy Beehler – 901-1142

Release Date: Monday, July 15th, 2013

Citywide Road Resurfacing Project Continues to Make Progress

A major project to resurface several key sections of Yakima streets that will be underway for the rest of this summer and fall will impact traffic on sections of Nob Hill Boulevard, Fair Avenue, Washington Avenue, and 1st Street this week.

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.

As part of the project activities this week, Nob Hill Boulevard between 6th Street and Fair Avenue will be closed to all through traffic from Tuesday, July 16th at 8:00 pm until Wednesday, July 17th at 6:00 am. Fair Avenue between Nob Hill and Mead Avenue, Washington Avenue between 1st Street and 14th Street, and 1st Street between Nob Hill and Mead will all be closed to through traffic from 8:00 pm on Wednesday, July 17th until 6:00 am on Thursday, July 18th. And, 1st Street between Nob Hill and Mead, as well as Fair Avenue between Nob Hill and Pacific Avenue, will be closed to through traffic from Thursday, July 18th at 8:00 pm until Friday, July 19th at 6:00 pm.

While the grind and overlay work is underway this week, 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 this week's grind and overlay project activity, contact Senior Engineer Bob Desgrosellier at 575-6228.

- end -