

NEWS RELEASE

Subject: Grind and Overlay Update

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<u>Citywide Road Resurfacing Project to Impact Traffic on Arterial Sections</u>

An ongoing project to resurface several key sections of Yakima streets this summer and fall will impact traffic on sections of Fair Avenue, Washington Avenue, and 64th Avenue from July 22nd through July 25th.

Washington Avenue between 1st Street and 14th Street will be closed to all through traffic from Monday, July 22nd at 8:00 pm through Tuesday, July 23rd at 6:00 am and again on Wednesday, July 24th at 8:00 pm until Thursday, July 25th at 6:00 am. Fair Avenue between Nob Hill Boulevard and Pacific Street will be closed to all through traffic from 8:00 pm on Tuesday, July 23rd until 6:00 am on Wednesday, July 24th. And, 64th Avenue from Occidental Road to Washington Avenue from 8:00 pm on Wednesday, July 24th through Thursday, July 25th at 8:00 pm.

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