



City of Yakima

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Citywide Road Resurfacing Project to Impact Traffic on Arterial Sections

An ongoing project to resurface several key sections of Yakima streets this summer and fall will impact traffic on sections of 16th Avenue, Walnut Street, Tieton Drive, 40th Avenue, and Summitview Avenue from September 9th through September 12th.

Between Englewood Avenue and River Road, 16th Avenue will be closed to all but local traffic from 8:00 pm to 6:00 am on both Monday, September 9th and Tuesday, September 10th. Only one lane of traffic in each direction on 16th Avenue will be open. Detours will be available. Drivers trying to cross 16th Avenue during those hours will experience significant delays. The use of alternate routes is highly encouraged.

Tieton Drive between 32nd Avenue and 40th Avenue will be restricted to one lane in each direction from 8:00 pm to 6:00 am on both Monday, September 9th and Tuesday, September 10th.

Walnut between 1st Street and 7th Street will be closed from 8:00 pm to 6:00 am on both Wednesday, September 11th and Thursday, September 12th. Detours will be available. Drivers trying to cross Walnut during those hours will experience significant delays. The use of alternate routes is highly encouraged.

40th Avenue between Tieton Drive and Summitview Avenue will be restricted to one lane in each direction from 8:00 pm to 6:00 am on both Wednesday, September 11th and Thursday, September 12th.

Lane closures may also occur on Tieton Drive during the day from Monday, September 9th through Thursday, September 12th while concrete work is underway.

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 is taking place overnight in order to reduce impact to traffic.

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 current grind and overlay project activity, contact Senior Engineer Bob Desgrosellier at 575-6228.