



City of Yakima

NEWS RELEASE

Subject: Grind and Overlay Update

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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 from September 11th through September 12th.

16th Avenue between Englewood and River Road will be closed to crossing traffic tonight, Wednesday night, September 11th from 8 p.m. to 6 a.m. for paving one final lane of traffic. One lane of traffic will be allowed in each direction on 16th Avenue. Detours will be available. Drivers trying to cross 16th Avenue during those hours may experience significant delays. The use of alternate routes is highly encouraged.

***** NEW PAVING LOCATION & CLOSURE *****

During pavement grinding on Tieton Drive, roadway conditions arose such that force us to change paving locations with short notice.

Tieton Drive between 32nd Avenue and 40th Avenue will be closed tonight, September 11th and Thursday night, September 12th from 8 p.m. to 6 a.m. for paving. Detours will be available. The use of alternate routes is highly encouraged.

Summitview Avenue between 48th Avenue and 56th Avenue will be restricted to one lane in each direction from 8:00 pm to 6:00 am on both tonight, September 11th and Thursday night, September 12th from 8 p.m. to 6 a.m. for pavement grinding.

On Tieton Drive expect curb lane closures during the day for concrete work.

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.