

NEWS RELEASE

Subject: Grind and Overlay Update

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Citywide Road Resurfacing Project Continues

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, 40th Avenue, and Summitview Avenue and Tieton Drive from September 16th through September 19th.

The intersection of 40th Avenue & Tieton Drive will be closed Monday, September 16th at 8:00 pm until mid morning on Tuesday, September 17th for a complete dig out and placement of an asphalt base. Detours will be in place. The use of alternate routes is highly encouraged.

Summitview Avenue between 48th Avenue and 56th Avenue will be closed at night to all through traffic beginning at 8:00 pm on Tuesday, September 17th through 6:00 am on Wednesday, September 18th and again on Wednesday from 8:00 pm until 6:00 am on Thursday, September 19th. Detours will be in place. Again, the use of alternate routes is highly encouraged.

40th Avenue between Tieton Drive and Nob Hill Blvd. will be restricted to one lane each way beginning at 8:00 pm on Tuesday, September 17th until 6:00 am on Wednesday, September 18th and again on Wednesday beginning at 8:00 pm through 6:00 am on Thursday, September 19th.

Walnut Avenue between 1st Street and 7th Street will be closed at night to all through traffic from 8:00 pm on Wednesday, September 18th until 6:00 am on Thursday, September 19th. Detours will be in place.

16th Avenue between Englewood Avenue and River Road will have lane restrictions in place beginning at 8:00 pm on Tuesday, September 17th until 6:00 am on Wednesday, September 18th while utility work is underway.

Tieton Drive between 32nd Avenue and 40th Avenue will have lane restrictions at night for raising utilities Wednesday, September 18th through Thursday, September 19th between the hours of 8:00 pm to 6:00 am.

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.

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.