



City of Yakima

News Release

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Project to Impact Traffic on Nob Hill for Several Months

A project that will run from mid-July until some time around Thanksgiving will result in significant improvements being made along Nob Hill Boulevard from 49th Avenue to 64th Avenue.

The project, which gets underway on Wednesday, July 18th, will include some street widening, removing and replacing curbs, gutters and sidewalks, reconstructing commercial and residential driveway approaches, improving the storm drainage system, and upgrading street lights.

Granite Construction is the primary contractor for the project, which will cost just over \$2 million. Most of the funding for the project came from the Washington State Transportation Improvement Board (TIB). In addition to the TIB money, a portion of state gas tax revenue allocated to the City is also paying for the project along with a contribution from WalMart Stores, Inc., which was used to purchase right-of-way.

The City imposed several environmental mitigation conditions on WalMart as part of the permitting process that allowed construction of a WalMart store near 64th and Nob Hill that opened in 2009. One of those conditions was that WalMart pay the cost of constructing an additional westbound lane on Nob Hill from 48th Avenue to 72nd Avenue. The additional westbound lane project was completed prior to the new WalMart store opening. Another condition was that WalMart help pay the cost of buying right-of-way so that sidewalk, curb and gutter, lighting, and other improvements could be made along Nob Hill from 49th to 64th Avenue. Those improvements are part of the project that will begin on Wednesday.

Work on the project is expected to be underway from 7:00 am to 4:00 pm Monday through Friday. Lane closures and other traffic delays can be expected while the project is ongoing. If possible, drivers are encouraged to use alternate routes until the project is completed.

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