

## News Release

Subject: North 1<sup>st</sup> Street Revitalization Project Update

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## Temporary Road Surface Planned for North 1st Street

A temporary road surface is planned for a section of North 1<sup>st</sup> Street as part of Phase 2 of an ongoing revitalization project.

Starting Monday, May 17<sup>th</sup>, the road surface of North 1<sup>st</sup> Street from I Street to N Street will consist of asphalt grindings through 5:00 pm each day. After 5:00 pm a steel plate will be used as a road surface.

Traffic, which has been reduced to two lanes since Phase 2 began in April, will be delayed further because of the temporary roadway. Drivers are encouraged to find alternate routes if possible, and extreme caution is urged for motorcycles.

Access to homes and businesses in the project area will be maintained as best as possible and emergency vehicles will be allowed through the project area if necessary.

It is estimated the temporary roadway will be in place for two to three weeks so crews can install utility services under North 1<sup>st</sup> Street.

Drivers are reminded that the speed limit through all traffic-related works zones within the City of Yakima is 20 miles-per-hour.

As always, the schedule for this type of project is subject to change daily dependent on weather, equipment failure, and emergencies.

The North 1<sup>st</sup> Street Revitalization Project is intended to improve safety for drivers and pedestrians and increase the economic development potential of the North 1<sup>st</sup> Street corridor, one of the main entrances to the city.

Click the following link to scroll through a story map created by City of Yakima Information Technology Services showing all three phases of the project - <a href="https://storymaps.arcgis.com/stories/5adf75c8a5ba4b9bad67af6dc08defc0">https://storymaps.arcgis.com/stories/5adf75c8a5ba4b9bad67af6dc08defc0</a>

Regular updates on the progress of the North 1<sup>st</sup> Street Revitalization Project will be provided through the City's various communications platforms including the City website, City social media sites, news releases and Y-PAC programming.