



City of Yakima

# **News Release**

**Subject: Road Repair and Grind and Overlay Project**

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## **Project Will Close Streets Near Astria Regional Medical Center**

Beginning on Monday, May 21<sup>st</sup>, three streets north of Astria Regional Medical Center will be closed during daytime hours while a road repair and grind and overlay paving project is underway. The project is expected to take about two weeks to complete.

During the project, 8<sup>th</sup> Avenue, 9<sup>th</sup> Avenue, and 10<sup>th</sup> Avenue between Yakima Avenue and Chestnut Avenue will be closed from 6:00 am to 3:00 pm each day. Detour routes around the project areas will be in place and flaggers will be on site to assist in directing traffic. Access to the Astria emergency department entrance and the main hospital entrance will be maintained. Drivers are encouraged to use Walnut Street to access the hospital's parking areas.

In addition to road repairs, the project will include grinding and overlaying roads. Grinding and overlaying a road involves removing old and deteriorated asphalt and replacing it with new asphalt. Once the process is completed, the drivability and safety of a road surface is significantly improved.

During the project, traffic delays in the area are likely to occur. Drivers should use alternate routes if possible until the project is completed.

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

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

For additional information regarding these projects, contact Streets and Traffic Manager Joe Rosenlund at 576-6430.