



City of Yakima

# **News Release**

**Subject: Traffic Signal Maintenance on Yakima Avenue**  
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## **Traffic Signal Maintenance to Impact Intersections**

This Wednesday and Thursday, May 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup>, drivers will encounter routine traffic signal cabinet maintenance along Yakima Avenue:

- The signal at the intersection of 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue and Yakima Avenue will be without power on Wednesday during project work hours of 9:30 am to 11:30 am.
- Signals at the 4<sup>th</sup> Avenue and Yakima Avenue, as well as 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue and Yakima Avenue intersections will be without power on Thursday during project work hours of 9:30 am to 11:30 am.

Maintenance crews will post stop signs in all four directions at the intersections while each traffic signal is dark. While undergoing maintenance, each signal will flash red in all directions for one to five minutes before normal operation resumes.

Drivers are reminded to always pay attention to the current status of traffic signals.

“When normal operation resumes, drivers often remain focused on the previous flashing red status and treat the intersection as a 4-way or all-way stop,” said Traffic Operations Supervisor Dan Nickoloff. “They can fail to notice that normal operation has resumed and that opposing traffic may now have a green light and continued right of way.”

Drivers are reminded that the speed limit through all traffic-related work 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.

For more information, contact Traffic Operations Supervisor Dan Nickoloff at 509-576-6746.