



City of Yakima

# **NEWS RELEASE**

**Subject: Walnut Street Road Repairs**

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## **Road Repairs to Impact Traffic on Walnut Street**

Beginning on Thursday, August 1<sup>st</sup>, traffic will be disrupted on the section of Walnut Street between 1<sup>st</sup> Avenue and 2<sup>nd</sup> Avenue through Thursday, August 8<sup>th</sup> while road repairs are made.

On Thursday, August 1<sup>st</sup> from 6:00 am to 4:00 pm, traffic on that section of Walnut will be limited to one lane in each direction while old asphalt is removed. The roadway may be closed to all traffic intermittently throughout the day.

On Monday, August 5<sup>th</sup>, the section of Walnut between 1<sup>st</sup> Avenue and 2<sup>nd</sup> Avenue will be closed to all traffic from 5:00 am until 5:00 pm to allow crews to remove railroad tracks that are no longer being used. There will be no access to Walnut between 1<sup>st</sup> Avenue and 2<sup>nd</sup> Avenue, including for emergency vehicles. While the road is closed, traffic will be detoured to Yakima Avenue.

On Thursday, August 8<sup>th</sup>, traffic on the section of Walnut involved in the project will again be limited to one lane in each direction from 6:00 am until 4:00 pm while new asphalt is laid.

While the road repair work is underway, traffic delays in the project area will occur. Drivers should use alternate routes if possible until the project is complete.

Access to homes and businesses in the project areas will be maintained as best as possible during the project.

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 this project, contact Streets & Traffic Operations Manager Joe Rosenlund at 576-6430.

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