



ASPHALT OVERLAY

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What work is being done?

Your street will be paved with a fresh layer of asphalt, making the surface look brand new. This preventive maintenance resurfacing treatment extends the life of the road.

Why is this work being done?

Preventive road maintenance saves tax dollars. Over the long-term, it is less expensive to maintain the road surface than to reconstruct it when it fails.

The average life of an asphalt road surface is 20 to 30 years. However, it starts to show signs of distress and deterioration much earlier. The sun's rays beating down on the pavement during hot summer months bakes the road surface and causes drying and cracking. Rain can seep into the road base and cause premature failures such as pot-holes. When the road surface has been properly maintained by sealing the surface every 7 to 10 years, then asphalt overlay repaving is necessary only every 20 to 30 years.

Who pays for the work?

Property owners in the voter-approved Urban Road Maintenance District (inside the Urban Growth Boundary, outside of cities) pay \$0.25 per \$1,000 assessed value on their property taxes for maintenance of local streets.

Who will do the work?

A private professional paving contractor will be selected to do the road work, based on a competitive bidding process. The contractor will be required to comply with Oregon Department of Transportation's specifications and with Washington County contract requirements. A Washington County Inspector will be on site, ensuring that the work is performed in compliance with the contract.

When will the work be done?

The contractor will provide us with a tentative schedule before starting work. However, the overlay must be applied when the weather is warm and dry. We expect most work to be done between May and September. The schedule may change due to weather, equipment breakdown, availability of materials, or other conditions.

What can you expect?

In the weeks prior to the overlay treatment, the contractor may do some minor patching, street cleaning, crack sealing, and other work to prepare the street for surface treatment. You will be able to use the street during this minor work.

At least 24 hours before the overlay is scheduled to begin, the contractor will deliver a notice to your front door. Signs will also be posted. You will be asked to park your vehicle(s) off the streets to be treated by 7 a.m. on the day the work is scheduled to occur. Vehicles will be towed to an adjacent street if necessary.

The contractor will notify garbage haulers and other service providers of their planned schedule.

Work will not start before 7 a.m. and will be completed by 6 p.m. During the work, your street will be closed to traffic, except emergency vehicles – police, fire, ambulance.

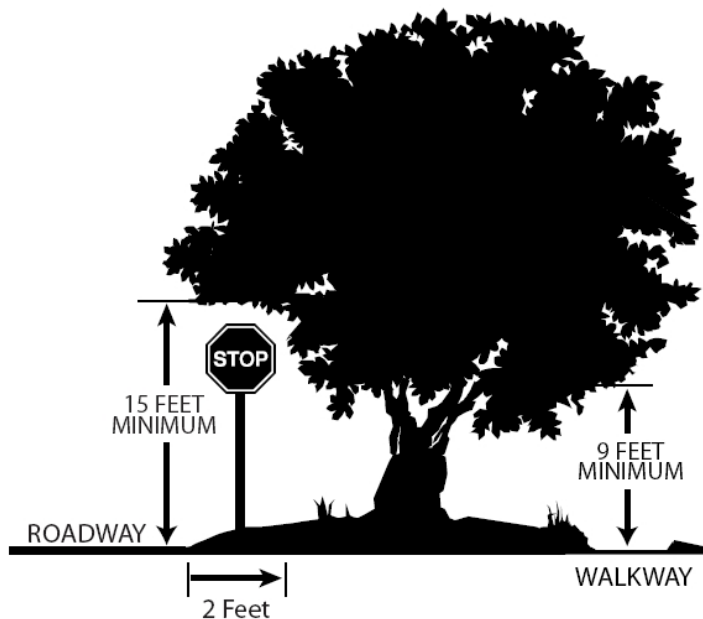
The overlay will typically be completed in one day. In the event the contractor is not able to finish your road on the same day, effort will be made to notify you of the continued work. This may include signs advising you of a “BUMP” and/or an “ABRUPT EDGE”. The work on your road will be continued as soon as possible; in most cases work will be completed the next business day.

The contractor will first spray a layer of liquid asphalt or tack coat on the road. Next, fabric may be placed on any badly broken areas for added strength. Finally hot asphaltic concrete is applied, raked and rolled to a prescribed density. Work moves quickly and you can drive on the new asphalt as soon as the rolling is complete.

The tack coat is very messy and does not clean up easily, and the asphalt itself is very hot. During this time, please keep children and pets off the road surface. Also, please do not allow water to run onto the street starting the night before the overlay. The surface must be dry.

We recognize that this road work may cause you some short-term inconvenience. Please keep in mind that the result is a long-term benefit.

How can you help?



Please help us prepare for this work by trimming your trees and pruning all plants, as shown in the graphic on the left.

It is your responsibility as the adjacent property owner or resident **to trim vegetation** in the walkway or roadway **within 30 days** of receiving a vegetation trim request.

If you do not trim sufficiently, a crew may return after 30 days from the request to trim the vegetation to comply with the clearance standards. Trimming will be done only as needed, and all debris will be removed. There is no charge or fee for this service. However, the workers performing the trimming are not professional arborists.

Where can you get more information?

Current road work schedules are posted at www.wc-roads.com.

If you have questions, please call 503-846-ROAD (503-846-7623) or e-mail wc-roads@co.washington.or.us.



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