



NEWS ADVISORY

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MISSOULA'S ANNUAL CHIP SEAL PROGRAM AT WORK

City of Missoula Street Division crews are hard at work applying oil and chips to city streets in the City's annual Chip Seal Street Maintenance Program.

Missoula annually seals the surface of about 100 blocks of its streets using the chip seal method. The oil and chip seals the asphalt surface from weather erosion and extends the life of the pavement in the same way as painting a home. Sealing streets delays reconstruction, reduces the number of potholes and saves dollars and disruption for Missoula's residents. The City initiated this annual program in 1987. In the 29 years of the street maintenance program, the City has sealed a majority of the eligible streets and has started the next phase of street preservation by returning to many of the streets sealed and protected early in the program.

The chip seal project takes a little more than one week to complete and should wrap up on Aug. 2. Drivers and cyclists will see loose chip rock left on the streets for two to three weeks, when street sweepers can clean up the chips. Motorcyclists and bicyclists should go slowly during this period to avoid sliding. For the next year, the street will have a rough surface due to the rock chips and will also have some loose rock that will be cleaned up when streets are cleaned.

Street Division crews will place barricades on streets with on-street parking in advance of the chip seal operation. The streets benefiting from this year's chip seal surfacing are listed below in a tentative order in which they will be completed. Weather and/or workload could change the schedule.

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George Elmer Drive	ALL
I-90 On & Off Ramps	West Broadway & North Reserve Street
Rattlesnake Drive	Tulip Lane – City Limits
South Third Street West	Russell Street – Reserve Street
Ronald Avenue	South Sixth Street East – Connell Avenue
Hilda Avenue	South Sixth Street East – Eddy Avenue
Connell Avenue	South Higgins Avenue – Arthur Avenue
Daly Avenue	South Higgins Avenue – Arthur Avenue
University Avenue	South Higgins Avenue – Arthur Avenue
McLeod Avenue	South Higgins Avenue – Arthur Avenue
Keith Avenue	South Higgins Avenue – Arthur Avenue
East Beckwith Avenue	South Higgins Avenue – Madeline Avenue
Evans Avenue	South Higgins Avenue – Madeline Avenue
Hastings Avenue	South Higgins Avenue – Madeline Avenue
Beverly Avenue	South Higgins Avenue – Madeline Avenue
Woodworth Avenue	South Higgins Avenue – Mansfield Avenue
North Avenue East	South Higgins Ave – Maurice Avenue
East Kent Avenue	South Higgins Avenue – Maurice Avenue
East Central Avenue	South Higgins Avenue – Maurice Avenue
East Sussex Avenue	South Higgins Avenue – Maurice Avenue
Cardinal Drive	Gharrett Street – Country Club Lane
Briggs Street	23 rd Street – West to cul-de-sac
Barbara Lane	ALL