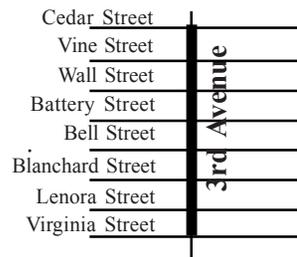


3rd Avenue to be paved Aug 19 to Sept 16

A RENEWED SURFACE

Drivers will soon enjoy a renewed surface on 3rd Avenue. A contractor working for the Seattle Department of Transportation (SDOT) will resurface and install curb ramps on:

Ten blocks on 3rd Avenue, from Virginia Street to Cedar Street.



The work will begin August 19 and must be completed by September 16.

This work is necessary to restore and maintain the pavement and improve curb ramps to meet the current requirements set forth in the Americans with Disabilities Act. Drivers, pedestrians, and bicyclists will benefit from the renewed surface.

For more information about this project, please contact:

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OR
SDOT General Information
206-684-ROAD (684-7623)

WHAT TO EXPECT

We regret the temporary inconvenience construction may cause, and have taken steps to minimize disruption:

Typical work hours will be Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. At least one southbound and one northbound lane will remain open.

During peak traffic times, weekdays from 6 a.m. to 9 a.m., and from 3 p.m. to 7 p.m., 3rd Avenue will generally be open to its full width if possible; however, lanes with concrete bus pads, and areas where the street base must be repaired, will remain closed around the clock to allow the concrete to cure.

Pedestrian Access: It is possible that one crosswalk per intersection will be closed temporarily due to maintenance being performed on curb ramps.

Weekend work: The contractor plans to work the **weekend of August 19-20** starting at 6 a.m. and continuing into the evening both Saturday and Sunday. During this weekend they will grind off the old asphalt. The contractor also plans to work nights on **Friday and Saturday, September 9 and 10**, hours to be determined. During this second weekend, the contractor will repair the base of the street and adjust street fixtures.

On-street parking, including loading zones in the construction area, will be restricted intermittently during construction.

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There will be some impact on **bus service**. Watch for Rider Alert signs at bus stops, or call King County Metro Transit's 24-hour Rider Information number, (206) 553-3000.

HOW WE CHOOSE THE STREETS WE PAVE

The following factors are considered when making decisions about which streets to resurface or rehabilitate:

- *The condition of the pavement surface.*
- *The volume and types of traffic using the street.*
- *Work planned on a particular street by other public agencies or utility companies that may require pavement to be excavated.*
- *The condition of the pavement subbase and drainage system. If costs beyond normal asphalt resurfacing are too high, a repair may not be possible under funding levels now available for City streets.*
- *Coordination with Neighborhood Plans and Sound Transit construction.*

If you have concerns or comments about the condition of Seattle streets, you may call (206) 684-ROAD (684-7623) or write to:

Pavement Management
Seattle Department of Transportation
Seattle Municipal Tower
PO Box 34996
Seattle, WA 98124-4996

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THE ASPHALT PAVING PROCESS

To resurface an asphalt street, crews first grind off the old surface and then make any repairs needed to the underlying base of the street. After the old surface has been ground off, cars are often allowed to drive over the grooved surface while waiting for repairs to be completed to the base.

When base repair is completed, the street is resurfaced with asphalt. The entire process takes approximately two to three weeks and requires fair weather.

The long-term benefits of the resurfacing work in your area will be a street with a smooth surface and a longer life. On a citywide scale, resurfacing helps to maintain a healthy street system, providing access and mobility for everyone.

The mission of the Seattle Department of Transportation (SDOT) is to create and maintain for Seattle a safe and reliable transportation system which enhances neighborhoods, the environment and the economy. The department's vision is to create a vibrant Seattle through transportation excellence.

SDOT is responsible for streets, bridges, traffic signals, bicycle routes, walkways, and other elements of the transportation system. Managing how the streets are used (such as programs to reduce commute trips) are also in the purview of this department.

General Information

(206) 684-ROAD (684-7623)

Street Maintenance

24-hour Emergencies:

(206) 386-1218

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www.seattle.gov/transportation

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