



NEWS RELEASE

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RE STREET CONSTRUCTION
FROM CITY OF EPHRATA
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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

WIDESPREAD STREET CONSTRUCTION Expect Delays, Detours for Week of 24-28 May 2010

EPHRATA, WA. The City is informing residents now, about next week's construction, so that the public can make plans to avoid the congested areas.

Phase-III of the Ephrata Waterline & Street Replacement Project is beginning week 9 of 24. This four-year, \$10-million dollar project will replace 24-miles of aging waterlines and failing streets. The upcoming week of 24-28 May 2010 will see noteworthy construction on several major roads in Ephrata.

The following streets and areas will be impacted:

- Nat Washington Way. Traffic on Nat Washington will be detoured to Division Street using A-Street and Alder Street while asphalt patching takes place. Expect delays due to the traffic volume and PUD/Odessa Union operations sharing the same roadway [see map]
- A-Street SW. The northbound (Middle School side) lane of A-Street will be completely blocked from the Middle School to Nat Washington Way for asphalt work. Drivers leaving the Middle School must depart south (or left), towards Highway 282. A-Street will be one-way only from Nat Washington to the Middle School. Access will be maintained to the School and Sports Complex, but congestion may be extreme during student drop-off and pick-up times. Avoid this area if at all possible [see map].
- Swanson Addition. Most streets will see some work, but the majority of effort will be on Thurston and Orchard streets as crews finish installations.
- Southwest Neighborhood near C-Street. Beginning at 16th Avenue SW and moving north towards 3rd Avenue SW. Crews will be grinding the roadway and installing water lines.

This water and street work could produce long and difficult delays for the next week or two. Please attempt to avoid these areas. Unnecessary traffic, leading to congestion, will only slow the construction process.

Crews from Advanced Excavation will generally work a 4-10 schedule; work starting at 7:00am and ending at 5:30pm, Monday-Thursday.

All cars will need to stay off of these streets until construction crews reopen the roadway. Cars not off the street shall be towed at the owner's expense.

If we all cooperate together, our new waterlines and beautiful new streets will be finished on time, and under budget. If you have questions at any time, contact City Hall at 754-4601.

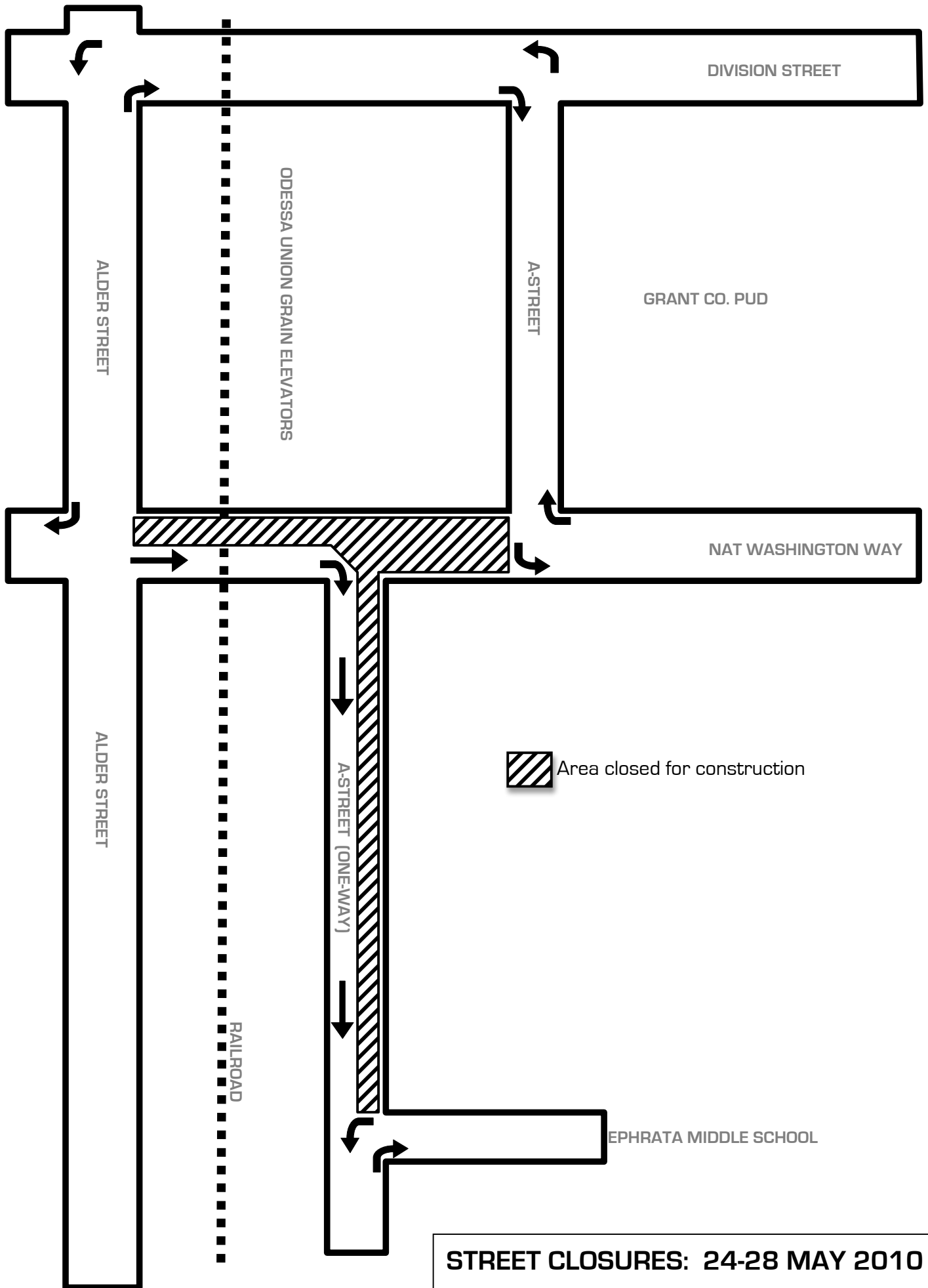
Information, construction schedules, and feedback forms, including photos of the project, are from the City's website.

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Additional Contact Information
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DIVISION STREET

GRANT CO. PUD

NAT WASHINGTON WAY

 Area closed for construction

EPHRATA MIDDLE SCHOOL

STREET CLOSURES: 24-28 MAY 2010