

# I-82 Terrace Heights Drive westbound off-ramp traffic shift

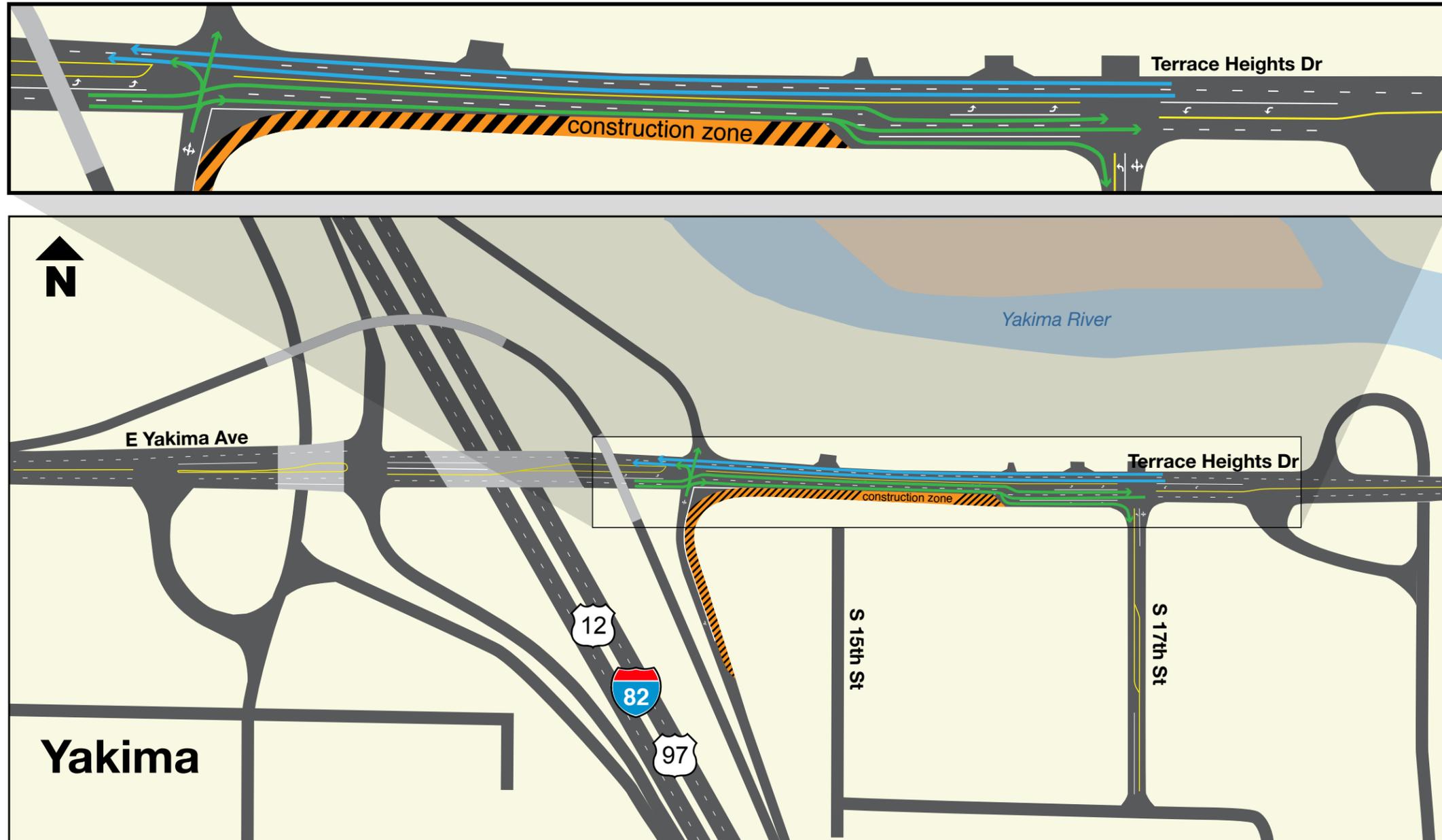
Work schedule - Early April through late May, 2010

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## WSDOT improves safety and traffic flow on eastbound Terrace Heights Drive from I-82 off ramp to 17th Street in Yakima

Traffic will flow better and collisions will be reduced by constructing an additional eastbound lane between the I-82 westbound off ramp and 17th Street intersection in Yakima. The traffic signal will be upgraded at the intersection of the I-82 westbound off ramp and Terrace Heights Drive.

Starting in early April, construction crews will eliminate the existing center turn lane on Terrace Heights Drive, between I-82 and 17th Street, so that eastbound traffic can be shifted into that lane to make room for embankment construction on the south side of the street.

The contractor will maintain two lanes of traffic in each direction on Terrace Heights Drive during daylight hours while the embankment for the new eastbound lane is constructed.

Granite NW plans to have this project completed by Memorial Day Weekend.

Drivers will need to be alert and follow directions from orange signs, cones, barrels, and electronic message boards that will guide them through the traffic shift in the work zone.

### Project Benefits

- Safety** – In the past three years (January 2007 to January 2010), there were 30 collisions at the I-82 westbound off ramp intersection with eastbound Terrace Heights Drive. Fifteen of those thirty collisions were rear end collisions at the merge point with eastbound through traffic. WSDOT is reducing the risk of collisions by improving visibility and eliminating the need to merge with eastbound through traffic.
- Improved traffic flow** – Drivers will have a free right turn onto the new eastbound lane from the I-82 westbound off ramp to the 17th Street signalized intersection.

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