UPDATE ON 2ND STREET (SR14) SURFACING

The current condition of 2nd Street is the result of a project that WSDOT (Washington State Department Of Transportation) performed throughout the county along SR14 last year. This project is called a chipseal, and consists of gravel applied to the road surface along with oil to adhere to the surface to prolong the life of the asphalt. They used a new technique that was, unfortunately, a failure. WSDOT is responsible for the surfacing of SR14 along the entire route, including the roadway within City limits. With the high temperature as well as the unusually high amount of traffic on Friday, June 3rd, the oil that was used in the chip seal started to liquefy and created the unfortunate condition.

WSDOT plans to correct the situation by grinding out the entire roadway from curb to curb throughout downtown Stevenson, then inlaying new asphalt. The project will take place during the evening hours so as to minimize disruption of traffic and businesses. All traffic will be rerouted to First Street during construction activities. The project is expected to take two nights to complete. The exact date has not yet been determined by WSDOT, but they are hoping to complete the project by the second week in July.