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Main Street is closed to one lane traffic while crews work to resurface pavement. (Tony Duncan / Johnson City Press)

## Main Street resurfacing expected to take several weeks

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Resurfacing work began on Main Street Wednesday as part of road work contracted by the Tennessee Department of Transportation.

Crews from Summers-Taylor began milling on West Main Street as part of the TDOT contract, which calls for resurfacing to be completed along Main and Watauga and Unaka avenues.

The work along Main Street will include the areas from John Exum Parkway to Legion Street, Legion Street between Main and East Market streets, and Market Street from Legion Street back to John Exum Parkway.

Harold Martin, TDOT special assistant to the regional director, said work along Main could take several weeks. Once crews mill off the old road surface, new surface will be placed. Minor repairs also are part of the contract, he said.

Once work is complete along Main, resurfacing will begin on Watauga and Unaka avenues between North Broadway Street and West Main Street. Martin said the projects together will cost \$1.7 million, and per the contract must be completed on or before Nov. 15. However, he doesn't expect it to take that long.

"Them starting out this quick, they won't be out there nowhere near November," he said.

Work also continues nearby as part of the Tennessee Street expansion project. Work on that \$ 4.8 million project began in July 2008 and is expected to be completed by January.

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