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Rainier Avenue North reopens one lane in each direction to traffic

Road has been closed since Wednesday afternoon due to a sinkhole

RENTON, WA – City of Renton Public Works crews have re-opened one lane in each direction in the 900 block of Rainier Avenue North that had been closed since Wednesday afternoon due to a sinkhole. Crews are working on opening the entire roadway in about an hour. Motorists are asked to drive carefully and use caution. The sinkhole was approximately 25’x30’x15’ deep, stretching across the entire five-lane roadway.

“Our Public Works staff are to be commended on the way they responded to this emergency,” said Renton Mayor Denis Law. “They worked tirelessly around the clock to ensure the sinkhole was repaired and the roads were safe in a timely manner.”

Crews worked non-stop since late Wednesday morning to remove and replace a 36” drain pipe and reposition catch basins and vaults. They then backfilled the section and reapplied asphalt.

Traffic was detoured during the repairs, but businesses remained open and accessible.

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About the City of Renton

The City of Renton, Washington, with a population of 102,700 (2017), is located on the southeast shore of Lake Washington, just south of Seattle. Renton's strong economic base, diverse marketplace and favorable business climate have attracted the attention of nationally recognized companies that are providing employees and their families an outstanding quality of life. Renton is the home of Boeing, PACCAR, IKEA, the Seattle Seahawks, and the eternal resting place of Jimi Hendrix. More information can be found on our [website](#), or [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#), and [Nextdoor](#) pages.

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