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News Release

**WEST CARROLLTON TRAFFIC UPDATES:
NEW TRAFFIC SIGNAL & ROAD CONSTRUCTION**

WEST CARROLLTON, Ohio -- City officials advise West Carrollton residents and visitors about two changes to local traffic patterns.

A new traffic signal on Alex-Bell Road near Appleton Papers is scheduled to begin flashing yellow on Thursday, April 10 and become fully operational on Tuesday, April 15.

The new signal will operate via traffic detecting sensor with Alex-Bell traffic having priority. "The traffic on Alex-Bell will only be stopped when there is a vehicle waiting to exit the Appleton driveway," said Maureen Parsons, civil engineer for the City of West Carrollton.

The new signal was necessary because of the current \$100 million expansion at Appleton Papers' thermal paper production plant. This expansion is expected to add up to 35 new jobs and increase truck traffic into the plant.

"The traffic signal will improve traffic flow and traffic safety at the new plant entrance," Parsons said. The cost of the traffic signal and work within the right-of-way is \$170,635. The cost of the new drive for Appleton Papers is \$201,703. The project was fully funded from the Ohio Department of Development, Montgomery County ED/GE grants, and Appleton Papers, according to Parsons.

Travelers should also be aware that Gibbons Road, located between Alex Road and Elm Street, is closed to through-traffic due to Phase 1 of a road improvement project.

Phase 1 of the project, which will continue through the summer, will include the addition of sidewalks and curbs along the north side of the road. It will also involve the stabilization of the Owl Creek bank and improve the curbs and drainage on the south side of the street. After the excavation work is complete, the road surface will be repaired.

"The project is important because it will not only repair deteriorating infrastructure, but it

will also improve pedestrian safety by completing the missing gaps of sidewalks," said Rich Norton, service department director.

"Pass through traffic is strongly encouraged to use alternate routing to avoid congestion and long delays," Norton said. Local traffic will be maintained to one lane with flag persons directing traffic.

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