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New Pedestrian Crossings on Gateway Street and Harlow Road

*Tips for Motorists and other Travelers
along Gateway EmX Route*

Traffic May Need to Stop at New Pedestrian Crossings

Beginning this week, motorists will be alerted to stop when people are using one of two new pedestrian crossings on Gateway Street and on Harlow Road. The crossings and associated beacons are located on Gateway Street near the U.S. Post Office and on Harlow Road near Pheasant Blvd. In partnership with the City of Springfield, LTD installed the new pedestrian crosswalks and beacons as part of the Gateway EmX project to help transit customers and other people to safely cross these busy streets.

When not activated, the beacon remains dark, allowing traffic to proceed as usual. Pedestrians activate the beacon by pushing the designated button. The overhead traffic beacon begins by flashing yellow then changing to solid yellow, advising drivers to prepare to stop. The beacon then displays a solid red and shows the pedestrian “Walk” indication.

Finally, an alternating flashing red beacon indicates that motorists may proceed after having come to a full stop and after pedestrians have crossed their lane and the adjacent lane.

Pedestrians are shown a flashing “Don’t Walk” with a countdown indicating the time left to cross.

Correct Use of Travel and Turn Lanes along Gateway EmX Route

From now through December, EmX vehicles will travel along the Gateway EmX route as Lane Transit District (LTD) tests the vehicle detection and traffic signal systems, trains EmX operators, and provides training for customers with disabilities. The extended EmX service will open to the public on January 9, 2011. LTD has posted information on its website at ltd.org to help motorists, bicyclists, and pedestrians to travel safely along the Gateway EmX route. Below are more details.

Motorists will travel in their normal traffic lanes along much of the EmX route, and EmX vehicles will travel in EmX-only lanes. There are a few exceptions where motorists will cross or temporarily merge into EmX lanes to reach their destinations.

- **Pioneer Parkway East and Pioneer Parkway West, South of F Street:** In this section, motorists will travel in two through-lanes adjacent to a left-hand EmX lane. Motorists who wish to turn left onto one of the A through F cross streets should use the EmX lane. First, they should yield to an EmX vehicle if present, then move into the EmX lane within the block that precedes their turn, and then make their left turn. **Visit ltd.org to see a three-minute video** on how to safely use the EmX lane where permitted to make a left turn.
- **International Way:** Motorists on International Way will travel in the right-hand lanes and EmX will travel in the two center lanes. To turn left along International Way, motorists should yield to EmX vehicles if present, then move into the nearest EmX lane, and then make their left turn.

Please contact LTD at 541-682-6100 (7-1-1 TTY) for more information.