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East William St. Project Activity to Begin Feb. 12

DELAWARE – Tree removal along East William Street, between the Point and Lake Street, will begin Monday, February 12 and is expected to take two weeks to complete. Work will occur between 9 am and 3 pm. Traffic will be maintained by flaggers and signage.

The work is part of the Easy William Street widening project. The project will reduce congestion for motorists and neighbors, and increase safety for the 20,000 vehicles that travel the route daily. Accidents and delays occur on East William Street because of stopped vehicles waiting to make left turns. Widening the street to add a center lane will separate turning vehicles from the traffic stream and improve safety during all hours.

Tree removal must be done to relocate electric poles and gas lines later this year. New trees will be planted when construction is completed. No trees will be removed from private property at this time. However, it may be necessary to prune trees that are located directly on the right-of-way line. New landscaping will include a mix of ornamental trees, selected in collaboration with the city arborist. Consistent with City code and City Council practices, each caliper tree inch removed will be replaced in kind along the roadway, city owned property, or other nearby locations as deemed necessary.

Project information is available on the homepage at delawareohio.net

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