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Roadway projects to impact students' commutes

THE COLONY, Texas — Improving and maintaining the city's transportation infrastructure is an ongoing priority for city leadership, especially in light of unprecedented growth taking place in the community. From side streets to Main Street, there's no shortage of critical roadway reconstruction projects currently underway in The Colony.

Safety, however, is another priority – none more so than that of students traveling to and from school with the start of the new school year on Monday, Aug. 24. Parents, students, and motorists are encouraged to read through the following sample of road construction projects and the ways in which they will impact students' travels in the short term:

- **Nash Drive** – This roadwork is part of the city's Phase V Street Reconstruction initiative, and includes Nash Drive between John Yates Drive and Paige Road. Currently, the contractor is focusing on the portion of Nash between John Yates and Miller in front of Peters Colony Elementary School. Work is expected to be completed on the westbound side of the roadway by the time school starts. This will provide one-way traffic on Nash so that parents and busses may utilize the pickup and drop-off pattern that they have used in years past. However, upon leaving the parking lot onto Nash, they will have to proceed west as there will be no eastbound traffic on that portion of Nash until the eastbound section is complete.

- **Main Street at Cougar Alley** – Cougar Alley has been fully closed at FM 423 since mid-July so that a new sewer line can be installed and the roadway restored. However, unforeseen delays have pushed back the estimated completion date to Aug. 31, one week after school will have begun. Not only with the road be closed, but pedestrian traffic to The Colony High School will also be discouraged from crossing at this intersection. As was the case last year, Lewisville ISD's bus service, First Student, will provide service to students who reside in the Ridgepointe subdivision so that they will not have to cross Main Street on foot. This service will be continued until Main Street construction is complete in 2017. A police officer will be at the intersection on the first day of school to assist students who may be attempting to cross at the intersection and to advise them about bus service. This officer will only be on site Monday, Aug. 24. As a reminder, the city has never posted a crossing guard at this intersection.

- **Main Street at North Colony** - Students who live in the “W Streets” behind City Hall and attend either Stewart’s Creek Elementary School or Lakeview Middle School on the west side of Main Street are also impacted by construction as there is no longer a crossing guard at this intersection. As in the case at Ridgepointe, First Student will be providing bus service for these students in the W-Street area until the project is complete in 2017.

The city’s Government Relations Department has made contact with all of the principals at affected schools, who have been encouraged to send out notices to their students. The city will also be sending notice to the Ridgepointe Homeowners Association.

For more details about bus service, visit Lewisville ISD’s website, www.lisd.net, and click on “Bus Routes” under the “Schools” tab along the top of the page, then input your address using the Street Index tool to see eligibility and route information.

For additional questions or information, please contact Director of Government Relations Brant Shallenburger at bshallenburger@thecolonytx.gov or 972-624-3108. Or, contact Lewisville ISD East Zone Communications Coordinator Brittany Whitacre at 469-948-8152.

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